

Minutes of the Meeting
April 9th, 2019 12:00pm
Lower Level of Memorial Hall

Present: Kelly Dyck, Dean North, Jodi Winkler, Richard Dyck, Nancy Cooke, Taya O'Brien, Marni Harrison, Scott Johnston, Louise Carduner, Alex George, Rachelle Siemens, Marlin Metcalf, and Tyler Friesen

1. Call to order:

Kelly Dyck called the meeting to order at 12:05pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made by all in attendance

3. Approval of Agenda

Marlin Metcalf moved to accept the agenda as circulated – Nancy Cooke seconded - Carried

4. Approval of Minutes:

Nancy Cooke moved to accept the minutes of the March 12th 2019 minutes. Louise Carduner seconded - Carried

5. Financial Report:

Financial Report was not available for the meeting, as there were technical difficulties with the accounting program. Marni and Jodi are working with Alex George to have this situation rectified for the May Meeting.

Jodi reported that Alex George had filed the taxes to date.

6. New Business:

- Broscht and Pie fundraiser at the Mennonite Church in Carman was very well attended and they were able to donate \$2000 to the Library Renovation Committee and \$2000 to The Back-Door Youth Center.
- Scott Johnston attended the Morden Chamber AGM. He would like to see the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce work towards partnerships with the Town and the RM.

7. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The Membership committee will meet again on April 16th at 11:30 at Crazy Lady's Cafeteria. The committee will be focusing on attracting new members.

Meet and Greet/ Lunch and Learn Committee:

Theresa Cronin of CIBC will be presenting on Multi-Generational Management on April 25th from 12-1 in the Co-op Boardroom. Members are encouraged to attend.

The committee is also working on a Meet and Greet/ Lunch and Learn with Walinga. The tentative date for this event is May 8th. More information will be sent to members once the date is confirmed.

Awards Committee:

The Awards Gala was held on Thursday, March 14th at the Active Living Center in Carman. It was a very successful evening and the committee has had a very positive response from this event. With the help of our sponsors for the evening, there will be a profit of approximately \$800.

Golf Committee:

The dates for the 2019 golf tournaments are: Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce Golf Tournament- June 20th and Access Credit Union Pro Am Golf Tournament - August 23rd.

The committee has made changes to the sponsorship, in hopes of enticing new sponsors.

Access Credit Union has been confirmed as the Major Sponsor for this event.

The committee is now meeting weekly and is hoping to acquire 36 hole sponsors this year.

Social Media:

Jodi will look into the formation of a committee and the possibility of working with a summer student.

8. Community Reports:

Community Economic Development- Tyler King (Presented by Richard Dyck)

- Manitoba Tourism Awards will be held on April 25th, 2019 in Morden, Mb. Syl's and Carman Country Fair have been nominated for awards. Tickets to the awards Dinner will be available for purchase soon.
- Tyler attended the home show in Brandon distributing visitor guides and promoting the town of Carman.

Town Rep- Richard Dyck

- The Town will be signing final agreements with Valley Fiber including Development Agreement, Right of Use and Rights of Way, Rights of Way consent and access, and a service level agreement.
- In addition, the town will be signing an agreement with Bell MTS for their upgrades.
- 2019 Financial Plan to be approved on Thu. One mill increase which includes the School Division portion.
- Boil Water advisory in effect. Waiting for the ice to break up with water moving through town to allow for clean tests on water quality.
- The town council has agreed to form a Strategic Plan with the help of a professional facilitator. A steering committee has been formed and meets on Wednesday to begin the process. There will be focus groups organized and the chamber of commerce will be invited.

RM Rep- Harvey Takvam- No Report

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Taya O'Brien

- Hall walking and pickleball are finished for the season
- Badminton will wrap up at the end of May
- Arena is closed; the ice is being taken out right now
- Ball diamonds and soccer pitches will open as soon as weather permits
- Pool is open first week of June.
- Campground reservation and swimming lesson registration opens tomorrow morning at 7:00am!!

Upcoming programs:

- Early dismissal paint party with Meaghan Canart from Morden
 - o May 15th from 2:30 – 4:30
 - o Carman Community Hall
- Slo Pitch
 - o Every Monday night from 6:30 – 9:30, game time 7:00 on the ball diamonds
 - o We are hoping to get 8 teams, but only have 2 at the moment so if you know of anyone wanting to play, have them sign up!
- Babysitters Course
 - o June 9th
 - o 10:00 – 4:00
 - o Carman Community Hall
 - o Ages 11+
- Dog Obedience
 - o Starts April 16th in the Community Hall for 6 weeks.
 - o From 7:30 – 8:00
 - o We have already filled this program
- Hockey Camp
 - o Very excited to team up with The RINK Player Development from Winnipeg!!
 - o August 26th – August 30th at the Carman Dufferin Arena and the Carman Dufferin Pool.
 - o Its an all-day camp for 5 days.
 - o Three age groups
 - Novice Major/Atom Minor
 - Atom Major/Pee Wee
 - Bantam/Highschool
 - o Registration opens April 15th at 8:30am online.

Dufferin Ag Society Report- Jodi Winkler

- The Parade committee will start meeting towards the end of June, but the parade route and application forms will be available May 1st.
- The DAS would appreciate a Chamber committee formed for the possibility of hosting a downtown event.

GPAC- No Report

9. President's Report:

-See April report

10. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

-See April report

11. Business Arising

- Communities in Bloom will be holding an information meeting on April 30th at 7:30 pm. The committee would appreciate a representative from the Chamber of Commerce. Scott Johnston and Jodi Winkler will attend on behalf of the Chamber.
- DAS mental health committee will be hosting a presentation at Carman Collegiate on Wednesday, April 10th. The title of the presentation is “When the Voices Fell Silent” All are encouraged to attend.

- The Back Door Youth Center will be hosting their annual golf tournament on June 13th, 2019. Contact Tyler Friesen for more information regarding sponsorship or to enter a team.
- The Back Door is looking to expand their current location. They hope to have raised \$1 million in funds by 2021. They are currently at \$400 000 raised.

12. Correspondence – None

13. Round Table Discussion

- It was suggested that the Chamber host a lunch in which the mayor presented the 2019 budget for the town.
- The Chamber would like to look into the possibility of hosting a luncheon with the town and RM council and the members of the chamber.
- The Ball diamond expansion committee has successfully raised \$500 000 and will hopefully be breaking ground this spring.

14. Next Meeting – May 14th 12:00 pm – Lower Level of Memorial Hall

15. Motion made by Dean North to adjourn the meeting at 1:12 pm

Presidents Report April, 2019

Hi Everybody,

I hope that you are all doing well and enjoying a busy spring within your business.

We have a lot of events on the go at this time, and we have had some great Meet and Greet events as well as some very informative lunch and learns over the last few months. I would strongly encourage all members to attend, as we are gaining great knowledge and involvement with our local business community through these events. As always if you would like to participate or promote your business through an event such as these, we, as a chamber, would love to assist you with this.

We are gearing up for the Chamber golf tournament to be held on June 20th at our beautiful Carman Golf Course. If your business is interested in sponsorship for this tournament, it is not too late and we would love to have join our growing list of sponsors. Registrations for the tournament are now being accepted and we would like to see your business enter a team to participate in this fun filled event!

If you have any questions on any of this please contact Jodi or myself.

Thank you for all you do for our town and our business community.

Kelly Dyck

President,

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Report – April 2019

CONGRATULATIONS to the very deserving award winners who were announced at the annual Chamber of Commerce awards gala held on Thursday, March 14th at the Active Living Center.

The evening was a great success, aside from the terrible March storm that had to come through Carman that evening. Unfortunately, there were a few members that were not able to make it to the gala due to road conditions, including our emcee for the evening. Thank you to Kelly Dyck for stepping in to take this role. Water and Wood, the band from Winnipeg, braved the horrible road conditions and did a fantastic job of entertaining for the evening.

The 2019 Chamber of Commerce awards were presented to the following outstanding recipients.

Volunteer of the Year – Lyle Myers

Ag business of the Year – Vanderveen Commodities

Business of the Year – KiDDance

Chamber Member of the Year – Tim Doerksen

The evening would not have been possible without our sponsors. Thank you to MMJS, Royal Le Page – Kelly and Terry Dyck, Walinga, Postmedia, Access Credit Union, Homestead Co-op and Carman Florist and Gift Boutique. We appreciate your commitment to the Chamber.

I would also like to thank all of the members that were able to attend and support the evening. Without members like you, these events could not happen. Thank you for your support.

And on with the year!

We will be hosting a Lunch and Learn on April 18th at 12:00 at the Homestead Co-op Boardroom. Theresa Cronin, Human Resources Facilitator from CIBC, will be presenting on Multi-Generational Management. This will be a very informative session and I encourage all members to attend. There is no cost for Chamber members, and future members may attend for a \$10 charge. Please RSVP to myself, so that I can confirm numbers for the lunch that will be provided.

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, May 8th! Walinga will be hosting an open house for Chamber members. Lunch will be served from 12-12:30, along with an intro on Walinga. Following that, there will be a shop tour. Thank you to Cor and his staff for allowing our members an inside to the daily operations at the plant. Watch for your invitation, as more information will be distributed soon!

The 2019 Chamber Golf Tournament and the 2019 Access Credit Union Pro Am Golf Tournament are in full planning mode.

The golf committee is looking for sponsorship for these events, so if you have not been contacted by a committee member and are interested in a sponsorship, please let myself or Kelly know and we will be happy to provide you with the sponsorship info.

2019 membership fees are NOW DUE. If you have not submitted your membership fees, please do so immediately!

Thank you, once again, for your continued support of the Chamber and I look forward to seeing all of our members at the awards evening. Reserve your tickets today (ccchamber@gmail.com)

Sincerely,

Jodi Winkler

Executive Director

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce

