

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

Present: Kelly Dyck, Marlin Metcalf, Bill Vanderveen, Dean North, Mark Peters, Tracey Enns, Faye Harms, Trish Middleton, Tyler King, Jodi Winkler, Richard Dyck, Wayne Hanks, Tim Doerksen, Nancy Cooke, Taya O'Brien, Marni Harrison, Corey Lessard, and Louise Carduner

1. Call to order:

Kelly Dyck called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made by all in attendance

3. Approval of Agenda

Marni Harrison moved to accept the agenda as circulated – Tim Doerksen seconded - Carried

4. Approval of Minutes:

Marni Harrison moved to accept the minutes of the January 8th, 2019 minutes as circulated. Tim Doerksen seconded - Carried

5. Financial Report:

Jodi Winkler presented the financial report. The balance in the ACU chequing account as of February 12th, 2019 is \$4529.54

Marni Harrison moved to accept the financials as presented. Dean North seconded – Approved
Marni Harrison made a motion to increase the wage of the Executive Director to \$650 bi-weekly and implement a bonus structure of 10% of the expanded income from the previous year. Tim Doerksen seconded – Carried

6. New Business:

Carman Minor Ball has begun fundraising for the development of 8 new ball diamonds in Carman. They are currently at \$200 000 in donations and are looking to reach their goal of \$500 000 by March 1st. This will allow the committee to begin phase one of the diamonds this spring.

7. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee met in January to discuss membership increase. The committee will work on attracting farms in the area to join the Chamber.

The next meeting will be held on February 26th.

Meet and Greet Committee:

Carman Golf and Curling Club will be hosting an After Hours Curling Mixer on Thursday, February 21st from 5:30-6:30 at the curling club. All members are encouraged to attend.

Awards Committee:

The Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, March 14th at the Active Living Center in Carman. Nominations for the awards are being accepted until March 1st. Tickets are available by contacting Jodi. Ticket prices are \$25 for members and \$30 for future members.

The committee is looking for sponsors for the Gala in the following categories: Title Sponsor - \$1000, Awards Sponsor - \$500, Wine Sponsor - \$500, Entertainment Sponsor - \$500 and Food Sponsor - \$500. If your business is interested in any of these sponsorships, please contact Scott or Jodi for more information.

8. Community Reports:

Community Economic Development- Tyler King

- Manitoba Tourism Awards will be held on April 25th, 2019. Nominations are now being accepted. Tyler and Jodi will put together a nomination for Syl's and the Carman Fair.
- Tyler will be at various trade shows this month, promoting Carman and the Pembina Valley.

Town Rep- Richard Dyck:

- The last reading of the snow removal by law will take place at the next council meeting.
- The 2019 budget will be announced soon.
- The Town shows a surplus from 2018. Upon completion of the audit. these funds will be allocated to the Valley Fiber FION.

RM Rep- Harvey Takvam

- Everything is going very well in the RM.

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Taya O'Brien

- **International Cooking Class** – Will begin in March 5th
- **Babysitting Course** - Being offered on March 23rd.
- **No School Day Camps and Spring Break Day Camps** – March dates will be announced soon.

Dufferin Ag Society Report- Trish Middleton

- The DAS is looking for ways for the Chamber to become more involved with the fair. Thoughts of an event in Ryall Park were discussed.

GPAC- No Report

9. President's Report:

-See February report

10. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

-See February report

11. Business Arising –

- Carman Curling Club will be hosting a Family Cash Bonspiel on March 15th and 16th. Cost is \$50/team. Contact Dean for more info or to register.
- CAFA has started a chapter in Carman. The next meeting will be held on February 20th at 7:20 am at the Breakaway Restaurant. This organization works at bringing individuals together to work with local farmers.

12. Correspondence – None

13. Round Table Discussion

14. Next Meeting – March 12th, 2019 12:00 pm – Lower Level of Memorial Hall (AGM to follow)

15. Motion made by Tim Doerksen to adjourn the meeting at 12:30pm

Presidents Report February, 2019

I trust that everyone is finding a way to stay warm this month! I know I am looking forward to warmer weather; however, until then, I will be focusing my energy on helping to prepare for our Annual Awards Evening, and getting plans in place for our 2019 Golf Tournaments!

I am always looking for Chamber members that have ideas to improve our tournaments, or members who would like to be involved in these events as a business, volunteer or sponsor. If you fit into any of these categories, please let myself or Jodi know.

Thank you for continuing to be involved in the local community and the life of the Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you to each of you for all you do to help build our Chamber.

Kelly Dyck

President,

Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce

Executive Director Report – February 2019

I promise I won't open with a line about the weather. But really???, how cold does it have to get!???

2019 membership invoices have been mailed out, and I trust that you are all proudly displaying your Chamber Member window stickers! Thank you to those of you who have already sent in your membership fees. I look forward to the rest of our members sending them in this month. The membership committee looks forward to increasing our membership numbers, as we look for new and existing businesses to join our chamber. If you have any suggestions on current, or new businesses, that aren't already Chamber members, please let me know and I would be happy to contact them and let them know about all of the wonderful benefits of being a part of our Chamber.

SAVE THE DATE! The Annual Awards Gala will be held on **Thursday, March 14th** at the Active Living Center in Carman. Cocktails will begin at 6:30pm with the awards presentation at 7:30pm. We will feature the music of Water and Wood and we are VERY excited to have Colton Toews, our local comedian, Emcee the evening for us.

Tickets for the event are \$25 for members and \$30 for future members.

The Gala Committee is looking for a few sponsors to make this evening a success. We are looking for sponsors in the following areas:

Title Sponsor: - \$1000

Awards Sponsor - \$500

Wine Sponsor - \$500

Entertainment Sponsor - \$500

Food Sponsor - \$500

If your business is interested in sponsoring in any of these categories, please contact myself or Scott Johnston and we can provide you with further details in regards to the benefits of your sponsorship.

Don't forget to send in your nominations for Business of the Year, Chamber Member of the Year, Volunteer of the Year and Agricultural Business of the Year. Nominations will be accepted until March 1st. I look forward to hearing who you nominate!

The Annual General Meeting of the Chamber will NOT be held at the awards evening, but will take place following the monthly meeting in March. We felt that the word "Meeting" deterred guests from attending the awards evening. We will get the business out of the way on Tuesday, and celebrate the business community on Thursday. (And yes, we have already looked into showing the Jets game at the Gala, for those fans that hate to be away when there is a game!)

If you are not currently a director on the Chamber board and would like to join, please let me know, as we are looking to fill 5 open directorships.

If you ARE a director, please let me know your intentions for next year ASAP, as we will need to find someone to replace you on the board.

Carman Golf and Curling Club will be hosting an After Hours Curling Mixer on Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at the Curling Club. Invitations will be sent out next week, so watch your inbox.

As always, I am looking for suggestions on topics for Lunch and Learns. If you have any topics that you would like to see presented, please let me know and I will do my best to find a presenter.

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