

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

Present: Kelly Dyck, Bill Vanderveen, Dean North, Mark Peters, Tyler King, Jodi Winkler, Richard Dyck, Nancy Cooke, Taya O'Brien, Marni Harrison, Marilyn Smith, Scott Johnston, Lee Brayden, Ashley Froese, Jason Rheault, 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

Jason Rheault moved to accept the agenda as circulated – Ashley Froese seconded - Carried

4. Approval of Minutes:

Lee Brayden moved to accept the minutes of the February 12th 2019 minutes as amended. Marni Harrison seconded - Carried

5. Financial Report:

Jodi Winkler presented the financial report. The balance in the ACU chequing account as of March 12th, 2019 is \$8401.87. The Chamber Buck account balance is \$3075.00.

Jason Rheault moved to accept the financials as presented. Marni Harrison seconded – Approved

6. New Business: Nothing to Date

7. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee met on February 26th. The committee will work on attracting farms in the area to join the Chamber as well as reaching out to businesses that are not currently Chamber members. The committee will also look at the possibility of adding more community reports to the monthly meetings by requesting the presence of the RCMP, Library, Community Health Center to name a few.

The next meeting will be held on April 16th at 11:30 at Crazy Lady's Cafeteria.

Meet and Greet Committee:

Carman Golf and Curling Club was host to a Meet and Greet on February 21st and it was a great success. Thank you to the Golf and Curling Club and McGee's for hosting this event and thank you to those members that were able to attend.

Awards Committee:

The Awards Gala will be held on Thursday, March 14th at the Active Living Center in Carman. Cocktails at 6:30, awards presentation at 7:30. Water and Wood will be the musical entertainment. Ticket prices are \$25 for members and \$30 for future members. We look forward to seeing many members at this event.

8. Community Reports:

Community Economic Development- Tyler King

- 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 trade show in Fargo, ND, representing Manitoba Tourism. He also attended the RV show in Winnipeg, representing the town of Carman.
- The Province of Manitoba announced last week that they will give full support to the construction of a new personal care home in Carman.
- Valley Fiber is currently working with the town of Carman on the installation of the FION in Carman.

Town Rep- Richard Dyck

- 2019 Financial Plan continues to be processed by the council. They are looking at a one or two mill increase with the public hearing set for April just before our council meeting. They plan to continue street work repairs, as well as add more infrastructure in the industrial park. The surplus from last year will go towards the first installment for high speed internet from Valley Fiber. Final installment will come from 2020 budget year.
- The Town council have been receiving feedback from affected business owners on the proposed snow clearing bylaw. This feedback is both positive and negative.

RM Rep- Harvey Takvam- No Report

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Taya O'Brien

- **Babysitting Course** - Being offered on March 23rd.
- **Spring Break Day Camp** - March 27th
- The Ice will be removed from the arena starting this week. The B side ice will be removed starting today (March 12th) and the A side ice will be removed starting on March 29th.
- Swimming Lesson registration and Campground registration will be open online on Wednesday, April 10th starting at 7:00 am.

Dufferin Ag Society Report- Jodi Winkler

- The Chamber shuttle will not be running again this year due to liability reasons.
- The Parade committee will start meeting towards the end of June, but the parade route and application forms will be available soon.

GPAC- Marilyn Smith

- GPAC is currently looking for board members.
- Sweet Southern was in concert on Friday, March 8th. This was a great event and a wonderful band.
- Casati will be performing on April 5th.
- Art Kids Exhibit will be displayed at the art gallery starting April 1st, 2019.
- Season tickets will be available for the 2019/2020 concert season. More information on this will be available soon.

9. President's Report:

-See March report

10. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

-See March 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.
- The Community Full Color Grant is available through Homestead Co-op. Applicants can apply directly to Co-op.
- Lee Brayden reported on the closure of the Manitoba Education Library.
- Syl's opens on March 20th, 2019

12. Correspondence – None

13. Round Table Discussion

- Ashley Froese brought forth the topic of Social Media and the import role it can play for your business. The idea of forming a social media committee through the Chamber was discussed and will be tabled to the April meeting.

14. Next Meeting – April 9th 12:00 pm – Lower Level of Memorial Hall

15. Motion made by Jason Rheault to adjourn the meeting at 12:45pm

Presidents Report- March, 2019

Spring is near! I can feel it. Golf season is gets closer every day! Planning for our 2019 Golf Tournaments begins next week. That is a sure sign of spring.

The golf committee will be meeting on Tuesday, March 19th to begin planning the Chamber Golf Tourney, as well as the Access Credit Union Tournament. The dates for these tourneys are June 20th and August 23rd respectively. If you would like to be a part of the golf committee, please let myself or Jodi know and we will be happy to provide you with the meeting details.

The annual Chamber Awards Gala will take place on Thursday, March 14th at the Active Living Center. If you or your business is interested in attending this event, please contact Jodi to reserve your tickets. I look forward to this evening, as it is a chance to showcase some of the great people and businesses we have in our community.

Thank you, once again, 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 – March 2019

Happy Spring!

February has been a busy month with the planning of the Annual Awards Gala. This event 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. Book your table today!

The Gala Committee would like to thank the following sponsors, who have helped to make this evening possible.

Title Sponsor: - MMJS

Awards Sponsor – Royal Le Page – Kelly and Terry Dyck

Wine Sponsor - Walinga

Entertainment Sponsor – Access Credit Union

Food Sponsor - Postmedia

I look forward to seeing you at this event. It is set to be a wonderful evening of networking and recognizing our award winners.

Thank you to Carman Golf and Curling Club who hosted an After Hours Curling Mixer on Thursday, February 21st, 2019 at the Curling Club. It was a great evening of curling, laughter and fellowship. Thank you to Dean, Richard and Robyn for your hospitality.

The Golf Committee will begin meeting on Tuesday, March 19th at McGee's. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, a tournament sponsor, or would like to contribute in any way, please contact Kelly or myself and we will be happy to assist you!

2019 membership invoices have been mailed out and thank you to those of you who have already sent in your membership fees. I look forward to the rest of our members sending in your fees this month. The membership committee looks forward to increasing our membership numbers, and our focus for the spring will be on farmers in our area. If you have any comments or suggestions on this topic, please contact myself, or anyone on the membership committee, as we are finding this a bit of a challenge.

Plans for April include a Lunch and Learn on the topic of "Millennials in the Workplace". We also look forward to a Meet and Greet at Walinga. Details on these events will be sent out as they become available.

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