

ATHABASCA DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

General Meeting

Thursday, 02 March, 2006

Elsa's Restaurant

APPROVED: 06 April, 2006

Attending: Dena Angus, Leroy Overacker, Marion Kostyk, Doug Kariel (Guest Speaker), Eileen Chamberlain, Frits Pannekoek, Frank Ponto, Marianne McKee, Rosaleen Gregory, Patti-Lynn Griffiths, JJ Nash, Vicki Stafford, Laurie Bissell, Cyndie Black, ??? Cody, Ron Gordon, Bill Steinkie, Peggy Baker, Judy Gauthier, Darlene Zelman, Michelle Plante, Maxine Speers, Ida Edwards, Tova Schwede, Carol Epp, Ron Laframboise, Ty Hart, Jan Overacker, Michael Neville

1.0 OPENING

- 1.1 Ty Hart, President, called the meeting to Order.
- 1.2 Members introduced themselves.

2.0 AGENDA & MINUTES

- 2.1 Two items were added to the agenda: Career Fair and River Break-up Raffle.

MOTION 020302-01: MOVED by Ty Hart, seconded by Dena Angus that the Agenda be approved with the above additions.

CARRIED

- 2.2 The minutes were circulated.

MOTION 020302-02: Moved by Michael Neville, seconded by Leroy Overacker, that the minutes be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

- 3.1 Bill Steinkie reported he has not removed the sign from the Greenspot, nor obtained a key for the tourist booth yet as he has been away, but that he would look after these items as soon as possible

ACTION: BILL

4.0 CORRESPONDENCE

- 4.1 Secretary Michael Neville reported on the two items we had received to date. Members asked if copies of this correspondence could be posted on the website. Michael will look into this.

ACTION: MICHAEL

5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 5.1 The Treasurer's Report was circulated at the meeting. Jan Overacker answered the questions that arose.

MOTION 020302-03: Moved by Jan Overacker, seconded by Frank Ponto that the Treasurer's report be approved as circulated.

CARRIED.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 President's Report – Nothing to Report

6.2 Promotions and Marketing

6.2.1 This was circulated with the agenda. Vicki answered any questions that arose.

MOTION 020302-04: Moved by Vicki Stafford, seconded by Marianne McKee that the Promotions and Marketing report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

6.3 Membership

6.3.1 Laurie gave an oral update on her activities over the past month. She stated that the membership drive was now underway.

MOTION 020302-05: Moved by Laurie Bissell, seconded by Bill Steinke that the membership report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 Retail

6.4.1 Cyndie gave an oral report at the meeting.

MOTION 020302-06: Moved by Cyndie Black, seconded by Ron Gordon that the retail report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.5 Welcome Neighbour

6.5.1 Marianne McKee advised that she still has packages available for distribution and encouraged members to send new neighbours to her so she could hand them out. She also suggested that all members include something in the package, even if it is just a letter of invitation.

MOTION 020302-07: Moved by Marianne McKee, seconded by Frank Ponto that the welcome neighbour report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.6 Canada Day

6.6.1 Cyndie reported that the Canada Day celebration plans were just beginning. She invited any interested member to contact her.

MOTION 020302-08: Moved by Cyndie Black, seconded by Carol Epp that the Canada Day report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.7 Tourism

6.7.1 Cyndie Black also reported on the activities of the Regional Tourism Committee.

MOTION 020302-09: Moved by Cyndie Black, seconded by Michelle Plante that the Tourism Report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.8 Maintenance – Nothing to Report.

7.0 NEW BUSINESS

7.1 Transfer of Tourist Booth Responsibilities

7.1.1 Cyndie Black reported that the Regional Tourism Committee was interested in taking over the Tourist Booth. Members all agreed this was a good move. However, we ran into problems into just how to accomplish this, given that the Chamber has applied for a STEP Grant to pay the wages of employees for the tourist booth.

MOTION 020302-10: Moved by Michael Neville, seconded by Maxine Speers that the Chamber of Commerce turn over the operation of the tourist both to the Regional Tourism Committee.

CARRIED

7.1.2 We were unable to come up with suitable wording that would allow the Chamber to apply the STEP Grant we expect to receive to the tourist booth personnel.

MOTION 020302-11: Moved by Michael Neville, seconded by Jan Overacker that the Executive, with members from the Regional Tourism Committee, review this issue and bring it back to the next meeting.

CARRIED

ACTION: EXECUTIVE

7.2 Budget – Carried over to the next meeting.

7.3 Farmers' Market

7.3.1 Darlene Zelman gave a presentation on the Farmers' Market. She outlined the steps they have taken to ensure their budget is more accurate.

MOTION 020302-12: Moved by Eileen Chamberlain, seconded by Frank Ponto that the Chamber of Commerce continue to sponsor the Athabasca Farmers' Market.

CARRIED

7.4 Career Fair

7.4.1 Michael Neville advised that the Chamber Executive was considering putting on Career Fair and was looking for someone to spear head the event. More information will be presented at the next meeting. Members asked that we see if the event can be held somewhere other than the high school and possibly before the end of the current school year.

7.5 River Break-up Raffle

7.5.1 Michael Neville reported that this in the works. Trevor Martin had agreed to spearhead this project.

8.0 GUEST SPEAKER

8.1 Doug Kariel was present to provide a information about our local library resources.

9.0 Adjournment

MOTION 020302-13: Moved by Jan Overacker, seconded by Cyndie Black that the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED.

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