

SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes of Meeting – January 23rd, 2017

Valley Heartland Board Room

7:30 am

**Present: Barbara Black, Sean Lawrence, Chris Saumure, Mike Fletcher, Cy Wells,
Heather Currie-Whiting, Therese Dinelle, Jean Sherman**

Regrets: Paula Inglis

Absent: Eileen Crosbie, Kristine Fair, Tracy Gallepeau-Nolan

Call to Order by President, Barbara Black, at 7:30 am

Agenda:

All directors in attendance discussed possible events and dates. They are listed as follows:

Planning Succession and Events:

1. **Via Rail** – has been postponed. New date to be announced.
2. **March 15th – Chili Spiel** at the Smiths Falls Curling Club. There are 3 entries for the chili cook-off so far – we need a minimum of 5 entries in order to feed the curlers. Chris Saumure sponsored the “Tums” portion of the event. Directors in attendance were asked if they were curling. **If you are curling and haven’t registered please do so asap.** Please spread the word.
3. **April ? – Is your business prepared for Canada 150?** The chamber will approach Valley Heartland to partner with this event. **Heather to get more details.**
4. **May 2nd – Hiring and Firing, the Basics of Employment Law:** The chamber will ask to partner with Valley Heartland. This is an idea and concept stage with possible speakers. (Karl Baldorf, – OCC). **Heather to get more details.**
5. **Annual Golf Tournament – Set up for June 28th, 2017,** deadline for signing up for sponsorship or golfing or dinner and payment – June 1st, 2017. The town received funding for music and asked if we would like a band at the golf tournament. The directors in attendance agreed with a background music person and/or group through our dinner and then after the auction. This is an added feature to the golf tournament for those who don’t want to golf but would like the dinner and music. **Heather to find out number of golfers the course can handle and the chair/person capacity for the hall as well as share all details with Smiths Falls Golf & Country Club.** Jean Sherman was asked if she would be able to handle additional golfers if required and Jean said yes. The only problem would be having fundraising events at both golf courses.
6. **Meet & Greet – July 19th at the Chamber office – 7:30 to 9:00 am pending renovations**– to have coffee, tea and snacks.
7. **Victoria Park Barbeque – August 11th at the park.** Campers and Chamber members to be invited. Sean and Chris volunteered to barbeque.
8. **September 20th – Breakfast with speaker on Planning Succession** – Venue to be determined.
9. **October 18th – AGM, Awards, and Gala** – Kristine Fair to be asked if this date will work.
10. **October – Sens Night** – **date to be announced by Heather**

Planning Succession and Events:

11. **November 22nd – Breakfast with speaker** – Speaker to be announced and venue to be determined.
12. **December ? – Santa Claus Parade** – Need to contact David and Lori Lawrence and invite to a meeting to get more details. Chris Saumure thought the Chamber board needs to be more involved.
13. **December 20th – Christmas Social** – Venue to be determined.

Signing Authority:

Barbara Black advised Mike Fletcher, Sean Lawrence and Chris Saumure that she forgot the papers for signing authority. They picked a date to meet to get this completed.

Walking Map:

Walking map with coupons and sponsors. A budget of \$1000 was given to Heather for the Map. The map to be 3 fold or more as required. BIA are to be asked to partner and help with map and costs. Heather is the co-ordinate and bring back costs and other pertinent information.

Motion: Walking map for the promotion of Victoria Park Campground. Heather Whiting to provide costs, incorporate coupons around the border, incorporate sponsors and work with Carl at Impression Printing. To approach BIA to see if they will partner with us re: cost and work.

Moved: Sean Lawrence
Seconded: Cy Wells
Carried

Meeting setup for February 22nd, 2017 for the Strategic Planning. All executive and directors to attend.

Bylaws:

Sean Lawrence and Mike Fletcher to go through the bylaws and bring back to the meeting on laws that need refurbishing or removed.

Meeting adjourned.