

SMITHS FALLS & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

September 14th, 2016

Council Lounge

7:30 am

Present: Barbara Black, Cy Wells, Sean Lawrence, Heather Whiting, Therese Dinelle, Chris Saumure, Tina Hughes, Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Council Reps: Jeff Banks

Regrets: Dawn Quinn, Kristine Fair

Absent: Ann Knowlton, Dale Hilton, Jay Brennan

Guests: Paula Inglis, Metroland Media, Jean Sherman, LG&CC

Call to Order

Barbara Black called the meeting to order at 7:31 am and read the mission statement aloud.

New Business to Add Next Meeting to Agenda

1. Clean up absent members. Moved to September 28th, 2016 meeting.
2. Bylaw Amendments for AGM. Moved to September 28th, 2016 meeting.

No Motion made to Accept Agenda.

Changes to the Minutes from July 13th, 2016

None

Motion made to accept the Minutes from July 13th, 2016.

Moved: Sean Lawrence

Seconded: Cy Wells

Motion carried.

Disclosure of Monetary Interest

None

Council Report Town of Smiths Falls

No council in attendance.

Council Report – Township of Rideau Lake

Jeff Banks – A survey for restructuring is on Rideau Lakes website. Asked all to take the survey. All publicizing is done in the Review-Mirror for Rideau Lakes.

Administrator/Bookkeeper Update

Therese reported no changes.

Marketing Coordinator Update

Heather reported that post cards were given to the Chamber from the Town of Smiths Falls.

Jackie's Gift Guide – not at this time. Advised that an advertising budget needs to be made up so Heather knows what is available.

Golf Tournament Update

Heather reported that the Tournament made \$12,908.93.

Strategic Plan Update

Not addressed.

New Board Members

Jean Sherman, LG&CC, Paula Inglis, Metroland Media Manager, Kristine Fair, Owner/Manager, Mike Fair Buick Chev GMC.

Board members voted and all three are new members.

Committee for Campground

A budget needs to be prepared before January, 2017. It needs to be presented to Art Manhire, Town of Smiths Falls, in order for the Chamber to receive funds. The committee members are Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan, Jeff Banks, Tina Hughes, Chris Saumure, Cy Wells, Gail Moore-Barrie and Therese Dinelle

AGM

Tina and Therese where thank for the work already put in without having all the information. AGM will be a breakfast meeting. Heather will call to see what restaurants are available to offer breakfast to our members and cost. The AGM will be hosted on November 16th, 2016 at 7:30 am, Breakfast served at 8:00 am and have the meeting.

Gala

A Gala to take place sometime in the new year. Around February or March. Tina Hughes will head the committee and Therese Dinelle will assist. Talk of a Black tie bingo, a casino night, murder mystery – something different.

AGM committee for board nominations

Chris Saumure, Past President, will take care of the board nominations.

Sens Night Out

5 Chambers involved – West Ottawa, Orleans, Smiths Falls, Carleton Place and Perth. Event is on Thursday, November 17th, 2016, Ottawa vs. Nashville, Canadian Tire Centre – 4th level. Cost \$75. Taxes included. Bus will be supplied at an additional cost.

Canada 150 – Golf Tournament along with the Town of Smiths Falls

All members are in agreement that the Gala after the golf tournament don't coincide. Would like a "memorandum of understanding" from the Town of Smiths Falls before we commit fully. All will be based on funding, etc.

Group Benefits – Sean Lawrence

Sean Lawrence presented an alternate group plan from the one provided by OCC & CCC. The plan will provide the Chamber with a 2% fee for any members that sign on with Certika & BBD.

Motion to add Certika & BBD to the Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce Program.

Moved: Chris Saumure

Seconded: Jean Sherman

Motion carried.

Employee Group Benefits

Therese Dinelle, Heather Currie-Whiting, Gail Moore-Barrie received quotes from Sean Lawrence to obtain group insurance that they would pay 100% but required the Chamber to authorize in order for them to obtain a group plan. Sean Lawrence removed himself from the vote, a conflict of interest.

Motion to allow the staff to obtain a group plan in the chambers name and the staff pay 100% of the premiums.

Moved: Chris Saumure

Seconded: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Motion moved.

Hydro Ombudsman, Fiona Crean

The event was held on September 13, 2016 and went well. Approximately 50 attended. Didn't get the numbers we thought we would. Wondering what other avenue could have been done to bring in more attendance. All members were called, Perth and Carleton Place Chambers advised, a mass mailing to all members as well as the Legion handing out information.

Remaining items on agenda to be moved to the next meeting on September 28th, 2016 at 7:30 am at the Valley Heartland board room.

1. Absent Board members
2. Bylaw amendments
3. Joint committee for Victoria Park to include Town of Smiths Falls, Parks Canada and Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce

Motion to Adjourn

Moved: Tracy Gallipeau-Nolan

Seconded: Cy Wells

Motion carried.

Upcoming Board Meetings

September 28th, 2016

October 12th, 2016

November 16th, 2016

Mission Statement

The Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce is the Voice of Commerce dedicated to the promotion of economic development and the prosperity for the enrichment of our community.