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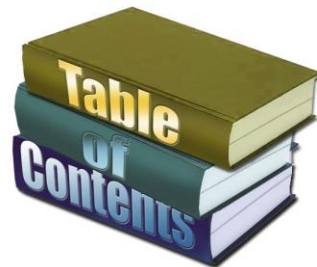


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General Meeting Update

January 15, 2014

The first General Meeting for the Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce was held on January 15, 2014 at 7:30 am at the Valley Heartland Boardroom.

During the meeting the 2014 Board of Directors were acclaimed and the changes to the by-laws were voted on.

Amendments to the By-Laws are as follows.

All changes are in RED.

Article III Executive and Board of Directors

Section 3.1

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1. EXECUTIVE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS - The Executive of Smiths Falls and District Chamber of Commerce shall be a President, Vice President, Past President and Treasurer who, together with ~~[Not less than 4 and no more than 8 other members]~~ **not less than 6 and no more than 12 other members, shall constitute the Board of Directors.**

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Articles IV Power of the Board of Directors

Section 4.3

QUORUM - ~~[Fifty percent of the Board of Directors]~~ **Five Directors**, lawfully met, constitutes a quorum and a majority of the quorum may do all things within the powers of the Board of Directors.

Also during the meeting a plan to create an updated strategic plan was set in motion. A survey link was sent to all members and past members to get an idea of where our members would like the Chamber to be heading. To take the survey follows the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5PHMQ8>

Members are always welcome at the Board Meetings which are held on the second Wednesday of the month. Normally at 7:30 am. To attend and get the location for information call the office anytime at 613-283-1334.

Next Board Meeting will be on February 12, 2014 at Valley Heartland.

2014

Executive

President- Chris Saumure
Vice President and Past President -Dave Lawrence
Treasurer -Eileen Crosbie

Directors

Kristine Fair -Clemmens
Cy Wells
Sean Lawrence
John Gray
John Maloney
Anne Shropshire
Joe Gallipeau
Jim Pankow
Barry Webster
Tracey Pankow



Welcome to The Chamber Of Commerce

Best Inn
Falls Lawn Bowling Club
Bamoral Insurance Brokers Ltd.
<http://www.balmoralinsurance.com>
Smiths Falls Nurse Practitioners Led Clinic
<http://www.smithsfallsnplc.com>



February 2014

Saturday 1st-Travellers Tankard

- 9 am- Tie Breaker if Needed
- 2 PM-Page game or Tie Breaker if needed
- 5:20 PM Special Olympics Provincial Finals
- 7 PM-Page Games



Sunday February 2nd- Travelers Tankard

- 9-am -Semi Finals
- 1:30 PM
Finals

Tuesday February 4th

- Community Pot Luck
- 44 Abbott St. Smiths Falls
- Doors open at 5 PM and Dinner starts at 6 Pm
- Community partners Mills Community Support
- Smiths Falls Local Immigration Partnership
- Smiths Falls & District
Chambes



For other events you can see them on our Calender.<http://smithsfallschamber.com/calendar/>

2014, is upon us, with that way too much snow. We have been busy at Chamber working on several projects.

Visitor Guide

- The work on the guide is coming along great; we are very excited for the public to see this. We are planning to go to print in early March.



Workshops & Seminars

- The Chamber is holding a half day workshop on March 27th about Customer Service Excellence; the facilitator is from (OHTO) Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization. Contact the Chamber to sign up.

Information Updates

- With your invoices this year, you will be receiving a form to update your business information with the Chamber, current information helps when the Chamber is sending out invitations or any type of information that may be beneficial to your business.

Rideau Waterway Guide

- January 10, 2014 Melissa and Liz attended the Toronto Boat show and personally handed out over 2000 guides to potential visitors to Smiths Falls. During the 10 day show Brelyn Enterprises continued to distribute the Waterway Guide which Smiths Falls is featured on the front cover. -Copies will be available at the Chamber office and the Victoria Park Campground as well as the information offices along the Rideau Canal beginning in April.

The Smiths Falls & District Chamber of Commerce will be going through the Accreditation process again this year.

What Is Accreditation?

- In 2004, representatives from all levels of the chamber network formed the Chamber Accreditation Council of Canada (CACC) and launched a national accreditation program designed to recognize chambers that satisfy a set of high standards and practices - chambers that seek to stand out, who look to the future.

Accreditation is a formal acknowledgement that member chambers of commerce/boards of trade have been successfully evaluated by the CACC against rigorous national standards of policy, service, and performance.

Networking

- A great way to meet fellow business owners and potential connections is networking. If you would like to host a networking session in 2014 contact the office and we will start the process. We have several months open at this time. The Chamber would like to have a networking session every other month along with other events planned.

Mel's Farm All Animal Rescue Sanctuary

Mel's Farm became a member of the Chamber in November 2013. This is a non-profit volunteer organization.

Mel's is a "no kill" rescue center.

They take all animals no matter the age, temperament or health.

Mel and her team firmly believe that all living creatures deserve a chance to live with love and respect.

All rescues are fully vetted, spayed / neutered, micro-chipped and then placed in foster homes until they are adopted by their forever family.

Mel's Farm has no paid staff and operates solely on volunteers, donations and fundraising.

Most recently Mel's Farm was featured on the CTV Morning Live show.

Other events for Mel's Farm have included a bake sale at Smiths Falls Pet Valu, and pet photos with Santa, by WMD Photography.

Mel and Tess from Mel's farm took the plunge on New Year's Day in Perth with all the proceeds going to Yak (Youth Action Kommittee) Mel firmly believes in community support.

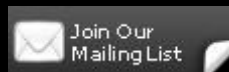
Mel's Farm is currently looking for volunteers to assist a various community events and fundraisers. High school student looking for their required volunteer hours must be at least 16 years old.

For more information and to fill out a volunteer form please visit Mel's Farm website at

www.melsfarm.ca

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