



January 23, 2023 7pm Annual General Meeting Agenda
Upstairs Meeting Room, Smoky Lake Complex

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

- 1) Approval of AGM Agenda - Renee Cherniwchan approves the agenda.
- 2) Introductions and welcome guests and members - Noel welcomes all guests. Deb Billey attended in Debbie Palichuk's place as secretary.
- 3) President's 2022 Report - Noel talked about the Street Fair, the Parade, the Silent Auction and the Chamber role in the community.
- 4) Minutes from March 22, 2022 AGM - Ross Whitelaw approves the minutes.
- 5) Business Arising from Minutes - No Business
- 6) Financial Statements for 2022 - Stephanie presents the financial statements from 2022. In our bank account as of December 31, 2022, we have \$21567.17. Renee approves the financial statement.
- 7) Election of 2023 Executive
 - a. President - Noel Simpson
 - b. Vice President - Michelle Wright
 - c. Treasurer - Stephanie Popel
 - d. Secretary - Debbie Palichuk
 - e. Directors - Diane Ellis, Val Whitelaw, Sean Wood, Del Huchulak
- 8) Keynote Speakers:
 - **Jacob Fox – Resilience and Mental Wellness -**
 - Jacob talks about mental health and the importance of self care. He demonstrated various ways to reduce stress. A great presentation!! Everyone enjoyed it.
- 9) Old Business
 - a. Chamber benefits – handout available, link to website - Noel talked about checking into the Chamber website with regards to health benefits, point of sale machines and credit card rates.
[Chamber Member Benefits | Alberta Chambers of Commerce \(abchamber.ca\)](https://abchamber.ca)
- 10) New Business
 - a. Centex sign - Ross Whitelaw talked about how it's a malfunctioning sign, its currently not working, he is going to check into how much it will cost to repair. He will also ask the Town for some financial help.
 - b. Website and Sign resource - Ross talks about how the website needs to be updated. Possibly get a marketing committee together.

- c. Membership Rate Proposal – home based businesses \$50 per year, all others \$150 per year - Diane Ellis will check into changing our Membership rates and see what the per-requisites are for home based versus all other Business units.
- 11) 2023 Projects for discussion
- a. Newsletter – collaborate with other organizations - Project for the future, we need a group or volunteers to spearhead, put on hold for now.
- 12) 2023 Events
- a. Street Fair – 2x per year, May and August - Michelle talks about having 2 Street Fairs this year. It's the 100th Anniversary of the Town this year.
 - b. Parade – discuss requesting Town take responsibility for Parade - Michelle is going to ask the Town to take over the Parade.
 - c. Cookie Walk - We pay for the cookies and then the Businesses hand them out.
 - d. Passports for Businesses - Each customer that participates will get a stamp on their passport, either stamp with purchase or certain items bought, whatever the Business decides to do. The customer with the most stamps or completed Passport will receive a prize. The Businesses let us know what they want written on the passport - example spend \$10 dollars and get a stamp.
 - e. Annual Silent Auction - Noel explains how the Silent Auction is done in each Business with a sign up sheet for bids. We do items and baskets in each Business that wants to participate. The Business provides the Silent Auction items and collects the money to give back to the Chamber. We normally run the Auction for the month of December ending about Dec 21st before Christmas.
 - f. Light Up - A huge success!! Everyone loved the street hockey!! A lot of young families enjoyed the event being free. A lot of people attended even though the streets were icy from the rain the day before. It was chilly, but not -40. More clarification for the Horses for the rides. Going to try next year a Night Light Parade.
- 13) Budget 2023 - The Executive needs approval of items to be purchased and discussed. We need to know amounts before we can make any decisions. Example the sign, the website for now. At the next meeting, these will be looked at.
- 14) Other? - Michelle mentions a possible Awards night for recognizing Businesses and Volunteers. A Christmas dance, a bulletin board in Devonian park by Spring. Community Futures information to be discussed.
- 15) Roundtable - Hank was talking about the rig update, oil drilling in our area. The hockey tournaments that were going on are an economic plus to the community. The dance competitions were a great success as well!! A lot of money is spent here on those weekends.
- 16) Meeting adjourned at 925pm, next meeting will be either end of February or March.