

Chamber of Commerce meeting and Annual General Meeting

- 1.) **AGM** - Opened at 7 p.m.
- 2.) **Agenda approved** – Mark Watson
- 3.) **Minutes from last year's agm** – adopted as circulated by Val Whitelaw
- 4.) **Financial statement** – George Nylan

Invoices from current members were in the box presented by George –
“I'm pretty sure you'll find yours in there”

Some names are missing from membership list – if you realize someone is missing, please let George know. If you know anybody in this pile, please pass it on so the Chamber can save some postage

2018 financial report was there for members to take a look at

Income statement passed around as well as balance sheet

Michelle Wright – asked about audit protocol

George – confirmed that two members should be looking it over

George said we have fallen behind in corporate reporting and tax returns need to be put together.

Audit will be done once everything is finished.

Membership application form is completed.

Current Balance: \$10,873.53, as of Jan. 21, 2019

Michelle Wright moved to accept report for information.

NOMINATIONS

Penny Fox ran nominations.

Ed boothman nominated Noel Simpson for president.

Noel accepted

Called for more nominations; none given.

Michelle Wright moved that nominations closed

Ed boothman nominate Michelle Wright for vice president.

Michelle accepted.

Penny Fox called a second time and a third time.

Cathy Goulet motioned that nominations close.

Noel Simpson nominated George Nylan for treasurer.

George accepted.

Penny called a second and third time.

Beth Kydd motioned to close nominations.

Secretary – Debbie Palichuk

Noel said Debbie would allow her name to stand

Second and third call for secretary.

Motion to close nominations by Noel

Leon Boychuk, Ed Boothman, Val Whitelaw, Mark Watson, Board of Directors

Five directors needed but the executive members (Noel) can also be a member as it is a non-profit and he does not own any shares.

George motioned to close AGM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REGULAR MEETING

- 1.) **Call to order** at 7:16 p.m.
- 2.) Beth Kydd motioned to **approve agenda**
- 3.) Michelle Wright motioned to **approve minutes** as presented
- 4.) Noel gave an **overview of light-up 2018**, saying there was a good turnout. He gave kudos to the Kinettes, Lions, Kinsmen, and other groups that assisted.
- 5.) **Christmas Light-Up 2019** – Sharon Boychuk offered the Complex to run the next Christmas Light-Up.

Thoughts for next year: have public skating included and Santa in the foyer with all other activities available downstairs. A silent auction could be held upstairs in an adults-only area, while kids can enjoy a Christmas movie after the fireworks.

Noel will make a presentation to the Agricultural Society as everything needs to be approved by the Board. Suggestion: pay \$100 for the facility to cover cleaning expenses. Last year's cost to rent the hall was \$200. (Will present at the next meeting)

Marianne Boychuk said hay wagons could be used again next year and Palichuks offered the use of a tractor to pull it.

6.) Meetings

The Chamber meetings are conflicting with Town Council meetings, and some councillors want to attend. Decision: meetings will be changed to Mondays on trial basis with further details to come. Format of meeting to remain the same as before.

7.) Parade 2019

Bottom line: should keep it simple this year. Looking at handing out parade coins instead of certificates. Ribbons should be handed out beforehand for winning floats.

8.) DELEGATION: ATB

Chris Johnston and Jenny Smith presented information regarding the deals through the Alberta Chamber of Commerce for ATB's business banking package. Questions about what is available re: banking rates, pricing, and point-of-sale machines should be directed to Chris and/or to the helpful representatives at the local ATB branch. As well, there are incentives from ATB available if a business is locked into a contract and will face cancellation penalties if they switch.

Keep an eye out on the website for merchant services information

9.) GUEST SPEAKER: Cathy Goulet

Gave a presentation entitled "Ready, Set, Focus" to help tie in self-help and business-help in a time when many people are suffering through the winter and Christmas blues.

Goulet is not just a part of the Smoky Lake Grows Entrepreneurs project, but also a certified personal coach as she has completed a master's degree in work leadership and organization.

Ready – building your why

Set – putting the tools in place

Focus – holding yourself accountable

Noel – thanked everyone for coming out and participating.

10.) Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.