

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 14, 2014**

OFFICERS PRESENT: Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti, Julie Stoeckel and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete & Sherri Logan, Alicia Burgers, Su Ugstad, Ted & Cherri Frick, Kristian Myers, Howard Prushek and Marty Alger

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Bob Stoeckel
- Additions and approval of agenda: 4) Sherri – Thrifty, Nifty & New & 5) Harvest Fest Meeting
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P J Stoeckel/S Logan/Passed

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
- Motion to accept minutes

M/S/P S Ugstad/J Stoeckel/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- Julie submitted the financial report
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P S Logan/P Logan/Passed

THRIFTY NIFTY & NEW REPORT:

- Alicia submitted the report
- Motion to accept the Thrifty Nifty & New Report

M/S/P S Ugstad/J Stoeckel/Passed

- **LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Library was meeting and requested to submit their report at the end of the Chamber meeting

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Dog Sled Races:** Will start in Remer at 10 am, go to Outing and end in Remer about 3 pm
- **Need Volunteers:** At the intersections, someone will be here soon to mark the route
- **Chili Cook off:** Michelle Tessin has been in charge of that for the past two years, but is stepping down so we need someone to be in charge, there are hats left over, 4 employees from the First National Bank in Remer have volunteered to help, along with Bob & Julie Stoeckel, Pete & Sheri Logan, Su Ugstad and Kim Archer.
 - Sheri Logan volunteered to take charge. There will be flyers and posters to put up, advertising, getting people to make chili, set up, take money, serve chili and tear down and clean up
 - Starting at: 1:30 ish
 - Sled rides: begin 2pm
 - Bonfire
 - Kids Games
 - Finnish Ski Races
 - Vintage snowmobiles at the Pub
 - Dance at the Pub – a 50's sock hop
 - **Meeting again Tuesday, January 28th – 5 pm at the Depot**
- **Membership Dues are due by February 1, 2014**
- **Update on the Christmas Crawl:** All the businesses reported that they did well and will participate next year.
- Motion to accept Old Business:

M/S/P J Stoeckel/S Logan/Passed

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Caboose:** Chambers 2014 renovation project
 - Train Museum in Duluth: check it out
 - Paint the inside: Pete Logan is willing to paint the inside
 - There is a good start on the furniture; what we have has to be re-finished
 - Will it have Electricity?

- Cannot make it handicapped accessible
- The Committee Members: Bob & Julie Stoeckel & Pete & Sheri Logan
- **Flyers:** Remer used to have a flyer and the First National Bank would like to bring it back
 - They need updated member information
 - It would include all Chamber Members
 - It will be good for one year
 - Promoting Remer Chamber and area businesses
 - They will be distributed at the Depot and from the businesses that are current members
- **Maintenance:** of the Depot
 - The exterior is in need of painting
 - Everybody would like to see it brought back to the original colors
 - Open for bids
- **Sherri Logan/Thrifty Nifty & New:**
 - Presented the Chamber with a check for \$1,250 for the last Quarter
 - Would like to donate money to the Dog Sled Musher for prize money
 - The Finance Committee will meet right after the Chamber meeting
 - Thrifty Nifty and New opened in April of 2013, but started in November 2013
 - Sherri and three other women started out, Sherri is the only original member left
 - She cannot keep up the pace and will step down as of May 1st
 - The lease is up March 31st
 - Possibilities: Partnership with Library, Lions or the School (new Superintendent), Sell the store (inventory only), close the store or give it to another non-profit
 - Does the Chamber want the store?
 - Can it succeed without the volunteers
 - The Chamber has profited
 - The Chamber committed to two years
 - Ted Frick asked if Sherri would be interested in purchasing the store
 - Ask if Longville's Thrift Store would be interested in expanding
 - Check with local Churches to see if they would be interested
 - Alicia will figure out the cost if we sold it
 - The Chamber Board and Finance Committee will meet on Friday, January 17 @ 1 pm at Higher Grounds
- **There will be a Harvest Festival Meeting on February 11 right after the Chamber Meeting**
- **Nobody from the Library showed up**
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P T Frick/M Alger/Passed

NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH @ 5 pm:
At The Depot

Submitted by:
 Kim Archer
 Chamber Secretary