

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 12, 2016

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Kesti, Shane Dugan and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Sherri Logan, Kaara Nilsson, Jean Olson, Anthony Collins, Bob Stoeckel, Su Ugstad, Mark Ruyak and **NEW MEMBERS:** Carol Johnson & Jon Karner

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Scott Kesti
- Additions and approval of agenda
- Motion to accept agenda

M/S/P S Logan/D Russell/Passed

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

M/S/P S Ugstad/D Russell/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- The Financial report was submitted
 - There were questions about the money in the misc. category under bigfoot
 - The Chamber did receive \$1,500 from Lake Country Power
 - And deposited \$3,800 from the sale of t-shirts, etc. on Saturday
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

M/S/P B Stoeckel/S Logan/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean submitted the Library report
 - 108 people went through the Library on Saturday during Bigfoot days and 100 of them did not know that Remer had a Library
- Motion to accept the Library Report

M/S/P S Logan/D Russell/Passed

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Depot Maintenance and Furnace Update:

- The Shop Class will replace the deck/ramp this fall – Chamber will supply the material
- A new Furnace and AC unit are needed before fall
 - Cost is between \$5,000 and \$6,000
 - Have to replace both so they are compatible
 - The AC is working now
 - Applying for Operation Round, LCP grant & a grant from the Blandin Foundation

2. Harvest Festival Update:

- Su has the Friday Night posters up around town
- The Chamber will honor the Volunteer Fireman and EMTs
- On Friday night there will be:
 - Games
 - Brats and other Food Vendors
 - Cake walk & bake sale
 - Beer Wagon
 - Lip Sync show
 - Band
 - Fireworks
- Saturday is the usual – parades and vendors
 - We will be giving all the volunteers certificates

- The two Grand Marshalls will receive plaques
 - People are looking for a central location for the posters with events/times
 - Maybe put a case up outside the restrooms at the Depot
 - Alcohol Training:
 - Anyone working the Beer Cart has to be certified & must attend the class
 - Shem will be conducting a free 45 minute class to certify bartenders
 - We will send out an email with the time and location
 - Raffle Tickets:
 - Keep selling them! 3,000 were printed and we need to sell them all
 - Vendors need to be Chamber members or pay a Vendor fee to participate at Harvest Festival and the Bluegrass Festival
 - There will be a Harvest Festival meeting on Wednesday, July 20th 5:30 pm @ the Depot
3. Bluegrass Festival Update:
- Dick Kimmel has signed on to help out with our Festival & perform, he is in the Bluegrass Hall of Fame and on Friday night he will be giving the History of Bluegrass Music
 - Scott and Shane will be meeting with him at Patrick's on Thursday night
 - We need lots of help to put on the Festival, the Boosters and Lions are on board
 - We need the following:
 - Ticket Takers
 - Parking attendants
 - Beer Cart bartenders
 - Vendors
 - T-shirt/souvenir sellers
 - Ticket Available the following ways:
 - Chamber businesses can sell them
 - At the Gate
 - At homeofbigfoot.com
 - On Facebook
 - Third Street Brewery will have beer tasting
 - There will be demonstration areas operating during intermission
 - There is a meeting next week
4. Family Picnic and Bingo Update:
- Brought in \$500
 - Bingo attendance was low – may do during Bigfoot days instead next year
5. Welcome Wagon Update:
- Jean Olson searched all sorts of websites and only found one new family in the area
 - We will rely on the realtors and rental property owners for information
 - Making Baskets and Hope to have local businesses contribute:
 - Coupons and store hours/phone numbers/websites
 - List of Chamber Members/Churches
 - School Information/Calendar
 - Utilities information
6. Bigfoot Days Update:
- Only three contestants at the BBQ contest – More next year!
 - Brian Welk got 2nd place!
 - Missed putting out trash cans – but there was very little garbage around town
 - There were 50 5K runners
 - Bigfoot Wedding make Lakeland News (PBS)

- Betty Thompson won Holter's Grocery grab and was on You Tube
- Town Hall Meeting – 40 showed up
- 750 came on Saturday to meet the cast and crew of Animal Planet
- The Show will air in 2017
- Will add a Bigfoot calling contest for the kids during the day
- Savannah Pallets built the Chamber an awesome booth for selling souvenirs – Thank You!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. American Pickers are coming to Remer:

- Please make sure people who have one-of-a kind items to sell reach out to us @ 1-855-OLD-RUST (653-7878), or email, AmericanPickers@cineflix.com.
- Mike and Frank only pick private collections so no stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses or anything open to the public.

2. The Pub is closing on Saturday, July 16

- Knuckleheads will be doing some remodeling before re-opening

3. Fall Election

- Kim and Shane were nominated and unanimously voted back in for the next two years
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P S Logan/J Olson/Passed

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**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
August 9th
At The Depot
Harvest Festival August 12 & 13**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary