

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 14, 2016

OFFICERS PRESENT: Scott Kesti, Shane Dugan, Alicia Burgers and Kim Archer

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dan Russell, Sherri Logan, Walt & Carol Scollard, Pat O'Neil, Jean Olson, Bob Stoeckel, Kaara Nilsson, Blaine Raushel, Shem Daugherty and Mark Ruyak

QUEST: Hope Torma

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

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

- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
 1. Change on the time that the caboose automatically opens – 7 am not 6 am
- Motion to accept minutes as amended

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

M/S/P P O'Neil/D Russell/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

- Jean submitted the Library report
- Open House this Saturday, June 18th
- Book and bake sale from 10 to noon
- Motion to accept the Library Report

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

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Direct Mail Ad Update:
 - a. One more member to pay for their ad yet
 - b. Looked great
 - c. Possibly make a calendar of events from the poster
 - d. Possibly do a second one before Fall Has It All
 - a. Estimated cost \$450 with postage
2. Depot Maintenance/Furnace Update:
 - a. Gutters have been replaced - \$400
 - b. Received at \$1,500 grant from Lake Country Power for maintenance
 - c. Still looking at the shop class to replace the deck/ramp in the fall
 - d. Need to get Absolute Plumbing in to look at connecting the AC up
 - e. Lake Country Power may have a grant to replace the furnace this fall
3. City Wide Garage Sale Update:
 - a. Only 3 people signed up this year – no feedback – probably won't do it next year
4. Harvest Festival Update:
 - a. Lip Sync Show practice starts 6/15 at the depot
 - b. Hogate sisters will have a booth
 - c. Catholic Church will have a cake walk and bake sale
 - d. Harvest Church – booth/games?
 - e. Fireworks – ½ down has been paid - \$2,000
 - f. Grand Marshalls – Lynn Schneider and Diane Ammerman

- g. There will be Vender fees – Chamber Members have a discounted fee
- h. Raffle Tickets are out – sell them!
- 5. Bluegrass Festival Update September 24 & 25:
 - a. Tickets will be sold on line @ homeofbigfoot.com as well as by Chamber Members
 - a. \$25 for two days
 - b. Looking for sponsors for the poster – please call Scott if you want to be a sponsor
 - c. The Fall Has It All Button will get people \$1 off shirts and possibly more
 - d. Vendors can set up at the Festival; again there will be a Vendor Fee
- 6. Family Picnic & Bingo at the Village Hall Saturday 7/2 Update:
 - a. Advertising
 - b. Lunch will be served from 11:30 to 2 pm
 - a. They make deliveries
 - b. Need Volunteers – Please contact Bob Stoeckel if you would like to help
 - c. Renn Family will be doing Bingo @ 2 pm
- 7. Flag Committee Update:
 - a. Flags are going up!
 - b. We have Home of Bigfoot and 4 Seasons of Fun flags
- 8. Public Restroom Sign Update:
 - a. Still working on it
- 9. Eagle Renovations Update:
 - a. Bids go to the City Clerk

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Bigfoot:
 - a. Animal Planet will be in town for a town hall meeting on Thursday, July 7th
 - a. The Chamber would like to see Chamber businesses open later than usual to accommodate people in town
 - b. On Saturday, July 9th we have been told to expect up to 1,000 people in town – please be aware and prepared! Animal Planet will be in Remer on Saturday as well
 - c. Chamber will have a booth with shirts, hats, mugs, bumper stickers, etc.
 - a. The Chamber would like to see the students involved in selling the Bigfoot merchandise during events in town – they would receive money for items sold – for their team/organization
 - d. The Do Bid store is donating a window for bigfoot displays
 - e. Fund raising statue (raising money for a real statue) will be at the Depot
- 2. List of Events for Saturday, July 9th:
 - a. Breakfast served at Woodsman Café, Soo Line Saloon and the Pub
 - b. Bigfoot BBQ 5 K @ 9:30 am
 - c. Lunch at the Fire Hall @ 11 am
 - d. Kids Scavenger hunt from 12:30 to 1:30
 - e. Bigfoot basketball 3 on 3 tournament @ 12:30
 - f. Storytelling at the Depot from 1:30 to 3
 - g. Adult scavenger hunt from 3 to 6
 - h. Bigfoot BBQ contest from 4 to 6
 - i. Meat Raffle at the Muni – 6 buy and 7 draw
 - j. Winners from the adult scavenger hunt and BBQ contest announced @ 7
 - k. Music at the Pub and Soo Line 8
 - l. Bigfoot calling contest @ the Pub – 10
- 3. Bigfoot Merchandise:

- a. As long as your merchandise says "Home of Bigfoot" with the TM trademark logo and "Remer MN" you are welcome to design your own merchandise – **this is a must!**
 - b. Members are able to order their own merchandise; you can do that through the same Supplier the Chamber or find your own
4. Welcome Wagon:
- a. The Chamber would like to start a welcome wagon program in Remer
 - b. Making baskets of goodies from the merchants in town, coupons, gifts, gift certificates, along with a list of businesses, Churches and school information
 - c. A committee needs to be formed; if you are interested contact Sherri Logan or Jean Olson
 - d. Jean is going to research how to locate new families in the area and will have an update at the July meeting
5. Hope Torma; Bi-County Cap Program:
- a. She covers Walker, Hackensack, Longville and Remer
 - b. Will have a booth set up at upcoming events to get information to local families
- Motion to Adjourn:

M/S/P W Scollard/S Logan /Passed

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:
July 12th
At The Depot**

Submitted by:
Kim Archer
Chamber Secretary