

**REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**  
**MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 13, 2016**

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dan Russell, Pat & Karen O'Neil, Sherrie Logan, Kaara Nilsson, Bob Stoeckel, Jean Olson & Blaine Raushel

- Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm by President, Scott Kesti
- Additions and approval of agenda
  1. One addition to new business: Abe from MN B.R.T.
- Motion to accept agenda

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

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

**M/S/P P O'Neil/A Burgers/Passed**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

- Alicia submitted the financial report
- When the Chamber's supply of Bigfoot merchandise is depleted we will not be selling anymore except for special events
- Any requests coming in will be directed to the website where Chamber members selling merchandise will be listed
- Motion to accept the Financial Report

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

**LIBRARY REPORT:**

- Jean submitted the Library report
- The Library has purchased a 2.5 x 6' exterior banner to be placed outside
  - Due to the building being a Historical Site it cannot be hung from the building
  - Possibly hang it as close to the highway as possible on 12' cedar posts
  - Bob will check into where it can be hung
- This Saturday is the book sale, walking tacos and bake sale

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Furnace/AC update:
  - A. Paid \$3,000 towards the new furnace/AC
  - B. Being installed this week
  - C. \$1,000 from the Blandin Foundation
  - D. \$2,000 from the general fund
2. Harvest Festival Update:
  - A. Wrap Up: Everything is not in yet – report at the October meeting
  - B. Next Year's Coordinators: Looking for somebody to take over for the 2017 Harvest Festival
    - a. Next year is the 70<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival
    - b. Sherrie Logan will be in charge of the raffle tickets next year
    - c. Pat and Karen will be in charge of the crafters
3. Fall Has It All Update:
  - A. Buttons are in \$4 each and it comes with the list of towns and activities
  - B. Kids Day: We ordered 30 derby cars and sold 29
    - a. The track is here

- b. Blaine& Pete are going to help with the races
- c. Hoping to do games – the Hogate sisters cannot; but reaching out to Lynn at Serenity house to see if they can help
- d. No charge this time to race or play games; the plan is to have the derby races at all events and future races will be \$3
- e. Possibly do derby races monthly during the summer
- C. Need an Auctioneer to auction off the scarecrows
  - a. The school kids made 6
  - b. Money goes to Howard Prushek Scholarship
- 4. Bigfoot Bluegrass Update:
  - A. Still need volunteers for the weekend – if you can help a few hours, all day or both days
    - a. Volunteers get in free
  - B. Gates open on Saturday 11 am – Event is from noon to 8 pm
  - C. Gates open on Sunday 10:30 – Event is from 11 am to 2 pm
    - a. Yeti cooler being raffled off – tickets are \$5 each
  - D. Vendors costs is \$20
  - E. Beer on tap in a designated area
  - F. Area is mowed and snow fence is up
  - G. Friday 8 pm will be the History of Bluegrass by Dick Kimmel

- Motion to accept Old Business:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Meeting:
  - A. Membership Card Picture will be retaken and sent into Minuteman Press
  - B. Annual meeting/dinner will be Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>
    - a. Woodsman Café with two meal choices – must RSVP – more to come!
  - C. Membership dues:
    - a. Raising dues this year: Business: \$200, Family: \$50, Individual: \$25& Nonprofit stays \$75
2. Halloween/Haunted House: Monday October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - A. Volunteers needed – talk to Shane Dugan if you are interested in helping out!
  - B. \$3 to go through
3. Abe with MN B.R.T. Minnesota Bigfoot Research Team:
  - A. There is a big conference this year and he was wondering if the Chamber would be interested in hosting something with professions, doctors, scientists and biologists – but the cost is more that the Chamber can pay
  - B. Abe was asked to come back; he was here for the April and July event and he may bring team members also – would need gas, food and lodging
  - C. This will be discussed at another meeting
4. There was a bulletin board for Chamber and Library news and event listings outside the restrooms at the Depot

- Motion to Adjourn:

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

**NEXT MEETING 5 pm:  
Annual Meeting/Dinner Tuesday, October 18, 2016  
At The Woodsman**

Submitted by:  
Kim Archer  
Chamber Secretary