

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

August 20, 2019

OFFICERS PRESENT: Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty, Kim Schultz

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Willie Huotari, Walt Scollard, Carol Scollard, Skip Rosen, Carol Johnson, Bob Stoeckel, Scott Kesti, Jon Karner

- Meeting called to order @ 5:03 pm by Vice-President Ron Anderson
- Additions and approval of agenda
 - o Skip Rosen to be on the agenda for a Pavillion update
 - o **M/S/P S Daugherty/W Huotari/passed**
- Meeting minutes from the last meeting were looked over
- Motion to accept the minutes

M/S/P S Daugherty/S Rosen/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim has been working tirelessly to get the new QuickBooks up and running as some of the past years files did not convert properly. Register balance as of 7-31-19 is \$24,866.57. Kim reported that the Northern Star Cooperative sent out letter to pre-pay for propane for the year.

M/S/P B Stoeckel/S Daugherty/passed

Motion to accept full report:

M/S/P W Huotari/S Daugherty/Passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara was unable to attend the meeting and her report was not submitted.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence:

- **REMINDER OF ADVERTISING:** The Growler Magazine and ExploreMN have partnered for a Co-Op marketing program for their quarterly special insert guide. This offer includes a reduced cost on space in the Wine/Cider guide, Holiday guide, Tourism guide and the Outdoor Guide plus a free digital display for a whole year on the online version of the guide. Prices were attached and can be forwarded to you upon request. Attached is the pricing for what we could do for advertising and which publication we want to go into.
- Faith in Action has some upcoming events that are all FREE! Please check out the attachments to see if any of them interest you.

M/S/P W Scollard/C Johnson/Passed

GAMBLING REPORT:

Harvest Festival raffle sold \$3765 in tickets and we had \$3700 in prizes. Ron reported that they sold more \$10 tickets during Bigfoot Days than they did \$5 at Harvest Festival. During Bigfoot Music Festival, we will be doing 50/50 raffle drawing once an hour Saturday only. Next year, the committee is considering doing 1 big ticket item and selling tickets all year long at all events/businesses and do the drawing during Christmas Crawl. Ron also reported that if there is BINGO at an event, that location is where the raffle drawing must be held according to the Gambling Control Board.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The committee met on August 6th. We plan on meeting again on August 27th to discuss more of the bi-laws and hope to have something finalized by the September Chamber meeting to be presented at the Annual Meeting in October.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Willie reported that the new roof will start to be installed Friday by Holkers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Harvest Festival wrap up
 - Trap shoot went well. 52 participants - way up from last year. Hoping to get a trap club up and running at the new donated facility by the airport.
 - Parade - many thanks to Karen O'Neil for another fantastic job of lining up the parade. Lots of positive feedback on extending the turn-around to the depot parking lot.
 - Suggestions for future:
 - focus on the parade alone
 - **the need for a Harvest Fest Coordinator is essential!**
 - High School marching bands, family kazoo bands, more music
 - beer garden & bloody mary bar - move location or remove it completely?
 - THANK YOU'S need to be sent to Johnson Telephone, City of Remer & Cass Co. Sheriff's Dept.
- Bigfoot Music Festival
 - Scott reported that everything is ready to go
 - 3 sponsors left to pay
 - Has a good crew for set up/break down
 - will be mailing sponsors their tickets
 - KAXE started promoting the event 4x a day on the radio, they are sponsors as well
 - music will start @11:30 Saturday until 8-9 pm. The 50/50 raffle will be done on Saturday only and sellers will be needed for that. Music Sunday will be 11-3.
- Pavillion
 - Skip reported that major construction is done, waiting on installation of the roll door. Next step is to tackle the interior walls. There are a few sheets of the metal siding left over to do inside walls.
 - Northland Monument donated the granite countertop, we just had to pay for labor/installation.
 - Looking into getting a plaque made for all donors. The Northland Lions Club wants to put a large Lions logo in the pavillion as a major donor. Maybe the high school shop can create something.
 - Anyone wanting to bid putting in a culvert and covering it with dirt from the parking lot to the pavillion for handicapped accessibility. Contact Skip for bidding.
 - request made to LCP Operation Round Up for dusk to dawn lights at the pavillion - cost would be @\$4500.
 - Skip has keys for the service door, roll top and cigarette boxes
 - reserving the pavillion will be a first come first served basis
 - signs needed to remind patrons to clean up their messes and if able, take trash with them, especially after big events.
 - chairs and tables need to be moved, cannot be stored in the serving/kitchen area

NEW BUSINESS:

- Farmers Market Co-Op
 - Ron asked if there would be interest in hosting a Farmers Market. If so, when & where would we do it and who would head it up?
- Nomination Committee
 - need a nominating committee formed for President & Treasurer positions for 2020.
 - **After the meeting, a committee was formed of Bob Stoeckel, Carol Johnson & Sherri Berg. Thank you for volunteering for this committee!**
 - If you are interested in filing for the open positions, please let me know so we can get your name on the ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn:

M/S/P S Daugherty/C Johnson/Passed

***NEXT MEETING
September 17, 2019 @ 5 PM
AT THE DEPOT***

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary