

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 16, 2019

OFFICERS PRESENT: Denise Green, Mary Daugherty, Kim Schultz

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Willie Huotari, Walt Scollard, Carol Scollard, Skip Rosen, Carol Johnson, Bob Stoeckel, David Hendrickson, Pam Hendrickson, Marc Ruyak, Karen O'Neil

- Meeting called to order @ 5:00 pm by President Denise Green
- Additions and approval of agenda
 - Skip Rosen to be on the agenda for a Pavillion update, Hendrickson's to be added for Harvest Festival

M/S/P S Daugherty/W Scollard/passed

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim Schultz a balance of \$27,322.56 as of 7-14-19. Bigfoot Days monies had been deposited and monthly bills had been paid to date. A check was written to Holker's Do It Best for the first half of roof repairs. A check was also written to Greg Switala for his work on the pavilion.

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

LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara was unable to attend the meeting so her report was submitted & read by M Daugherty: The pancake breakfast over Bigfoot Days served 275 people! Between the pancake & book sale monies collected, they raised \$1037 of which \$416 went to supplies & \$50 of that went to the Chamber. A net total of \$621, just \$17 less than last year! Thank you to everyone who helped with that event. The library received a Little Free Library plaque that they will be placing on the little Bigfoot lending library once they get that re-roofed and painted. Library board meeting is set for Friday July 19 at 9 am.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence:

- 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.
- The City of Remer maintenance department has a 3-yr plan to have class 5 put on the city streets. A map was attached showing the 3 year plan. Any questions, please call the city office at 566-4156.
- The Remer Garden Club is asking for a spot in the city park for Harvest Festival to do a butterfly exhibit along with handing out carnations to women who stop by!
- Remer, The Home of Bigfoot, made the Alaska Beyond magazine! You can find the article at the link below:

<https://www.paradigmcg.com/digitaleditions/abm-0719/index.html?page=154&fbclid=IwAR2cs7gzCkoF94L3PuVRJByNpOqiK5m5iftTPatAOYZEQtdSnp8BXXKoYtOg>

- Welcome Wagon baskets are gone. I know I've asked a million times for donations and I'll continue to ask as these are such a GREAT way to show new residents of Remer our hospitality. **Please** consider donating as a Chamber member whether it be a gift certificate, reusable bag, pens, keychains, whatever you can donate is greatly appreciated. I really don't want to see the baskets go away as people are so very appreciative and thankful for what YOU have put in there. There. That's my begging and pleading...

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

GAMBLING REPORT:

Ron Anderson was not in attendance. Carol Johnson from the gambling committee reported that the Bigfoot Days raffle went ok and didn't lose money. Bob Stoeckel wished more businesses would've sold tickets. BINGO made \$372 and the raffle made \$294.65 after expenses. Harvest Festival raffle will consist of:

1st prize: \$1500 gift certificate for Holker's Do It Best

2nd prize: \$1200 gift certificate for Remer Trading Post

3rd prize: \$1000 prepaid VISA card

Tickets are being printed and should be out for sale soon!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Schedules did not permit us to meet this month. We hope to meet next week to go over the membership restructuring.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Waiting on insurance claim to get the roof done.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Bigfoot Days wrap up by Marc Ruyak. Great day for businesses in town. We didn't have all the volunteers we normally do, maybe due to the fact of the 4th being on Thursday. All events went smoothly. The pavilion was a great asset to have access to rather than spend money on a large tent. At the storytelling events, a guest speaker asked how many new visitors to Remer there were in the audience and quite a few raised their hands. Marc is asking that in the coming events, members contribute whether it be monetarily or with volunteering your time at the Chamber events and to realize what these events do for this town. He plans on getting a committee together for statue donations in the coming years. "It won't be easy but it'll be worth it!" Thank you Marc in all your efforts in this event!
- Insurance Update:
 - Received a check for \$8700, partial payment from the insurance company to replace the roof and flagpole. They will send the rest when the work is completed. They are denying the claim for the electrical damage (parking lot lights, deck lights, scrolling sign). Kristian drafted a letter after reviewing our policy, stating we are covered. He will follow up this week.
 - Materials for the parking lot lights & flagpole have been ordered.
- Pavilion Update:
 - Skip reported the work should be wrapping up soon.
 - As mentioned before, Skip was asking for volunteers to help with the project, however, Greg Switala's insurance does not cover volunteer labor.
 - Accessing the pavilion from the depot needs to be finalized

- Reaching out to Operation Round-Up through Lake Country Power to help with electrical installation
- Need to set up some type of reservation system for the pavilion and do we charge a rental fee and/or refundable deposit
- The tables and chairs need to be moved from Bigfoot Days so the workers can finish their job. Marc would take care of that.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Harvest Festival
 - Pam & Dave Hendrickson said they would be running kids games this year, BIG thank you to them!! Materials needed are available to them from upstairs of the depot. They will be reaching out to the RVFD to donate some small monetary prize money for the kids. Location for the games will still need to be determined. Thoughts of in between the Woodsman & First National Bank, the city park, the Motel front grassy area. The sawdust pile will be wherever the games are.
 - Kids parade will start at 11:45 and the main parade will start at 12:00. Kids theme is “Me And My BFF” (best friends forever) Main parade theme is simply “Harvest Fest”.
 - The beer garden and Walt’s Bloody Mary bar will be held down at the depot along with the Bethany Lutheran Pancake Breakfast.
 - Denise will be meeting with Lisa from the city about doing the corn feed in the beer garden.
 - Our main goal is to focus on the parade. We want to have the BIGGEST and BEST parade in North Central Minnesota! Letters will go out to other chambers to invite their members to enter our parade.
- Music Festival
 - Scott was unable to attend the meeting. Sponsors are still needed to support the concert. With a \$100 sponsorship, you’ll receive 2 free tickets and with a \$300 sponsorship, you’ll receive 6 free tickets & that’s to BOTH days of music! It’s a great couple of days to enjoy some really good music, check it out!

Motion to adjourn:

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

***NEXT MEETING
August 20, 2019 @ 5 PM
AT THE DEPOT***

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary