

REMER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jon Karner, Ron Anderson, Mary Daugherty, Kim Schultz

MEMBERS PRESENT: Shem Daugherty, Bob Stoeckel, Kaara Nilsson, Sherri Berg, Kim Archer, Carol Johnson, Su Ugstad, Skip Rosen

- Meeting called to order @ 5:04 pm by President Jon Karner
- Additions and approval of agenda
 - Ron would like a raffle proposal added to New Business

M/S/P R Anderson/C Johnson/passed

- Meeting minutes from the regular & special meetings were looked over
- Motion to accept the minutes

M/S/P S Daugherty/B Stoeckel/Passed

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Kim reported we have \$12,963.40 in the Depot Repair-Insurance Reimbursement account & \$22,658.03 in the Remer Chamber account. Motion needed to add Jon Karner as the new Chamber President on the bank signature card and removing Denise Green as out-going president.

M/S/P S Daugherty/R Anderson/passed

LIBRARY REPORT:

Kaara reported the attendance for the library in 2019 was 1236 people (686 on Tuesdays, 350 on Saturdays). This doesn't include an extra 300 for Bigfoot Days pancake breakfast. Santa & his 'Elf' were at the library for Christmas (thank you Jon & Carol). Each child received a book and candy. Numbers were down - 12 kids and 1 dog! Calendar of events for the library are:

6/13/20 - book and craft supply sale

7/11/20 - Bigfoot Days pancake breakfast

12/12/20 - Santa at the library

Due to Jean Olson moving, they have an open board position, please spread the word! The library is also concerned with shoveling the sidewalk and decking leading into the library. Currently, Kaara is shoveling and with the heavy snows and wind we've received, it gets to be quite a task. The library is asking for volunteers to help shovel when needed. Jon will reach out to Matt Kunnari and his plow service if he would be willing to shovel. Our current snow removal/plowing business doesn't shovel.

SECRETARY REPORT:

Correspondence:

- an email from Su Ugstad regarding the use of the depot for the Remer Township meetings was shared. The township meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month except for the annual meeting in March, which is the 2nd Tuesday. This should not be an issue to have them use the depot for this purpose. A monetary fee could be donated as well.
- Deep Portage will be hosting its 41st Annual Winter Rendezvous on Saturday January 25th, 2020 from 9:30-2. Games, prizes and fun for the whole family. Call for more info or reservations 218-682-2325.

- I received an email from a 'performer' who would like to attend our Harvest Festival this year. I've attached his website so you can see what he does. Could be a fun addition to our event! www.TheCyclingUnicorn.com
- Jon & Ron will be meeting with Alissa Tschida from American Eagle Security to learn about the newly installed security system. Discussion was had about when this means the museum, caboose and restrooms will be reopened. The decision was made to table this issue until the February meeting after the officers have met with American Eagle.
- Jon shared an email he received from High Banks Resort. That email has been forwarded to the members.

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

GAMBLING REPORT:

Ron reported that turkey BINGO & bake auction did very well, a profit of \$490.25!! Christmas Crawl did make a profit as well, \$43.04.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

Thank you to everyone who renewed their chamber membership for 2020! We have new members this year: Procopio's Auto Body, S & P Computer (Bob & Sandy Brace), Runyan Well Drilling, TC's Foods. **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!!** If you have not done so already, please consider rejoining the Chamber and supporting the efforts of its members to sponsor, promote and coordinate events in our community.

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE:

Nothing to report other than some light bulbs that need to be replaced along the decking post lights. Currently, we have no one on the committee, so if you are so inclined to volunteer in this capacity, please let Jon know.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Christmas Crawl
 - Cheire & Ted were not present to report on the crawl. Some of the feedback heard was that the carolers were missed (due to most being out of town) and no bonfire (Steve & Erica out of town, no one to take over). It was also mentioned that the large ad in the Pine Cone Press had a lot of non-members getting free advertising for the Christmas Crawl as well as on all of the posters and flyers. All of the advertising is paid for by the Chamber. The consensus was that that issue needs to be addressed for the next Christmas Crawl.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Sled dog races and chili cookoff
 - Bob has most of the sled dog race details under control. Kim will work with Donna on getting the chili cookoff rolling. Bob has reached out to Steve Williams for the use of the snowmobile club again. The Lions Club will be in charge of the bonfire along with a s'mores station. Times will need to be set up as far as chili drop off and serving time. Once the details are nailed down, there will be an ad in the Pine Cone. Any other activities that anyone wants to be in charge of is greatly appreciated; Finnish ski's, kids games, band/dance at the Pub after, etc...
- 2020 Schedule of Events
 - So far, here is what we have for events and dates:

- Feb 8 - Sled dog races & Chili cookoff
- April 11 - Easter Eggsplosion Harvest Church
- May ? - FNB plant sale
- May 24 - RVFD pancake breakfast
- June ? - Remer Garden Club plant sale
- June 13 - Library open house & book sale
- July 10-11 - Bigfoot Days
- August 8 - Harvest Festival
- September 6 - RVFD pancake breakfast
- September 14 & 15 - Bigfoot Music Fest
- October 3 - RVFD Outdoorsmans Night
- October 20 - RACC Annual Meeting/Dinner
- October 31 - Trunk or Treat
- November 22 - Turkey BINGO
- December ? - FNB open house
- December 12 - Santa at the library
- December 18 - Christmas Crawl
- Jon will do the Chamber Calendar of Events poster again this year. As always, dates are subject to change.
- MN Destinations Magazine 2020
 - an email/phone call went out to all area businesses by Jayne Merilla from the MN Destinations magazine. Advertising in this publication is strictly paid for by the individual businesses, not the Chamber. Anyone wishing to participate need to reach out to Jayne by January 31st to be in the publication. A motion was made to have the Chamber do its ad again this year.

M/S/P B Stoeckel/S Berg/passed

- Raffle Proposal
 - Ron suggested we do a gun raffle for our Harvest Festival drawing. We would start selling in February until August. 1000 tickets at \$20/each. 3-5 guns would be in the raffle. He would like to see tickets sold at Chamber members' businesses only. Discussion was had regarding who would buy these tickets, some people wouldn't be interested in buying/winning a gun. Could we raffle a wheeler rather than a gun? Could we just do cash prizes? A motion was made to table this issue until the February meeting.

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

- Ron also suggested doing a travel voucher through a travel agency for the Christmas Crawl drawing. These tickets could be sold May through December. 500 tickets at \$20/each. We will also be doing 50/50 raffles at Harvest Fest, Bigfoot Days & Bigfoot Music Fest. Ron said it would take more volunteers to make this run efficiently; around 4 per event to take shift turns. Please consider helping with this if you are able.

M/S/P S Daugherty/K Archer/passed

Motion to adjourn:

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

***Next Regular Meeting:
February 18, 2020
5 PM at the Remer Depot***

Submitted By:
Mary Daugherty
Chamber Secretary