

Chamber of Commerce Minutes

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

7:30 a.m.

Louis' Restaurant, Chesterville

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 a.m. by Gerry Boyce

INTRODUCTIONS: Owen Shortt, Sandy Johnston, Sandie Puddephatt, Gerry Boyce, Janice Casselman, Connie Gruich, Doug Pritchard, Colin Pring, Bill Smirle, Robin Morris, Ted Celen

ADDITIONS TO MINUTES: none

REGISTRAR'S REPORT: There are 54 registered and paid members; 10 new members with 2 from outside the ND area. 30 members from last year still have not renewed. Owen asked that dues get paid ASAP.

Bill Smirle asked Owen to send out a registration form to Seaway Valley Tourism - 2 way, no cost membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT: All bills from Wine and Cheese have been paid

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Doctor for Chesterville – The Chamber has not received a letter as yet as to what is expected from Chamber - verbal request for donation. Council has awarded the renovation project (approx. \$60,000). 1 part time doctor should start April or May but space allows for more doctors in the future. Dr. Bart Steele is contact person.

2) B.R. & E. - Ives Thauvette has been hired by the counties to conduct interviews with any size business. Contact Bill Smirle if you wish to participate.

3) New Constitution - Owen will get final copy and send to members

4) Donation for Seniors' bus - \$1000 per seat. It was generally felt this was a service club project. Motion by Connie, seconded by Owen to decline the opportunity to donate. All in favor; carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Elections - Owen will send emails for nominations for positions available. Bill Smirle suggested that there be a list prepared for next meeting. Owen will prepare list. Voting privileges are based on amount paid - ie - if a business has 2 locations and has paid for 2 locations then that business gets 2 votes.

ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: March 16, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. Winchester Old Town Hall