

Watson Lake Chamber of Commerce
General Meeting
Tuesday, April 12th, 2016
Signpost Seniors Centre
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order- Meeting called to order @ 12:06 by Rick Harder

In Attendance- Rick Harder, Jenny Skelton Shannon Bergeron, Dam Reams, Linda Harder, Chris Irvin, John Devries, Dalyce Stubenberg, Ruth Wilkinson, Shilo Trusz, Janice Carlson, Dave Kalles and Tiffany Lund

Adoption of Agenda

- Agenda Additions- #8 Laptop purchase
- Motion to Adopt Agenda- **Motioned by John, Seconded by Dan. Motion carried**
- Adoption of March Meeting Minutes- **Motioned by Jenny , Seconded by Ruth. Motion carried.**

Correspondences- Yukon Chamber of Commerce Group Insurance and YCC pamphlet shared with meeting attendees.

Old Business

1)Financials

No changes to financials from March meeting.

2) New Member recruitment

Rick continues to work on the brochure for new member recruitment

3) Air Service in Watson Lake

The scope of this project is to build a business case study for scheduled flights into Watson Lake. Rick has been working with Kells Bolund, a consultant with a company based out of Calgary. Rick and his partners are getting input from all potential user groups. A \$40,000.00 budget is needed for this project but Economic Development would cover 90%. Rick would like to see if the TOWL would assist WLCC with the 10% shortfall. Air North, Alcan Air & Tintina Air would like to be a part of the continued discussions.

4) Spring Fling

The Spring Fling event is being advertised on Facebook, the Town Crier and What's Up Yukon. Cook-Off categories are deviled eggs, Japanese cabbage salad, biscuits, stew and trifle. Ticket price increased to \$20.00 and includes a complimentary champagne hour. Also increasing the tickets to 100 people.

New Business

5) General Meeting Agenda- Reports Around Town

General members would like to leave the agenda as is, with the Reports Around Town. There may be meetings when the Reports are left out if the meeting is going well over 1 hour or if there is a guest speaker. The members would like to ask that reports be sent in beforehand if no one is available to speak at the meeting.

6) AYC Sponsorship/participation

The General members are open to a \$100.00 cash donation/sponsorship for the AYC conference. Rick would also like to see the Chamber represented in the Trade Show. Ruth has a booth that WLCC could use.

7) Website Renewal- Invoice

Shilo uses a US based website company that she trusts. She finds that Canadian companies are more expensive. She also foresees complications and added costs if the WLCC were to move to another domain. Shilo has been doing a lot of the website updates out of pocket and on her own time but it is becoming more time consuming and costly for her. She would like the WLCC to start paying her for the upkeep of the site. Shilo has come up with two options for this, one- an hourly rate for her time or two- an annual rate, which would cover all upkeep costs and renewals fees. Shilo will present both options in writing to WLCC.

8) Laptop Purchase

There was excess funds available from YCC, to purchase a laptop for the WLCC. Rick was contacted and acted quickly to apply for the funds and make the purchase.

Reports around Town

Watson Lake Ski Club- Jenny Skelton

Ski Hill had a very successful year. It was opened 1 week later than last year. The number of memberships was up over last year. The hill had an average of 44 skiers per day. The Yukon Cup races took place at Mount Maichen this year and there were 63 racers.

Town of Watson Lake- Chris Irvin

TOWL had their 3rd reading of the Capital Budget.
The Water Treatment plant should be transferred to the TOWL by April 11th. The job position for the Water Treatment plant has been posted at Outreach. There will be a remote supervisor program in place so that the plant can be taken care of in Whitehorse, while the TOWL staff get training.
A new By-Law officer will soon be hired.
Town Hall meeting being held on April 20th.
Garbage By-Law under review.
New garbage truck purchased.

Watson Lake Community Outreach- Shilo Trusz

Website has been updates and is much more user friendly. The Yukon College coarse calendar has been added to the site.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00pm