

Barrhead & District Chamber of Commerce **General Meeting Minutes**

Date: Thursday, September 21st, 2023

Time: 12:00 noon

Location: Charles Godberson Room, Agrena

1. Call to Order 12:09pm
2. Additions to the Agenda - none
3. Adoption of Agenda - Michelle
4. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meetings
 - a) September 2021 Executive Meeting Minutes - Nadia
 - b) June 2021 General Meeting Minutes - Nadia
5. Business Arising from the Minutes - none
6. Speaker:
 - Trish Enman – (Barrhead Community Adult Learning) & Kyle Hughes (Barrhead Public Library) → Barrhead Community Resource Guide Committee
 - Guide will include events, registrations, non-profit groups, contacts, county, and town contacts, ADLC info, library info, school info, maps, activities, volunteer opportunities, community organizations, dance clubs, sports events and other leisure groups available, FCSS programs.
 - Committee has been established.
 - First edition's goal to be out in April! Three editions per year (Apr-Jul, Aug-Nov & Dec-Mar)
 - Add costs TBD but roughly \$100 non-prof to \$120 for other businesses.
 - Looking at grants and developing a business letter to support such
 - Meet the connection night showed lots of interest.
 - Distribution ideas such as adding to leader.
 - Goal is to start first edition with 1000 copies.
 - Any business interested in supporting this catalogue please let Trish know.
 - English learning night 7pm Mondays at Blue Heron. This is one of many courses available (first-aid, WHMIS etc.). Please contact Trish for more information.
7. Financial Update – Michelle
 - a) Balance: \$46,138.54
 - b) 3 new members have joined,
 - c) Golf tourney income still coming in

8. Committee Reports

a) *Advertising/Marketing – Kristine*

- i. No update

b) *Economic Development – Megan*

- i. No update

c) *Membership – Dave & Diane*

- i. Fees: goal to change packages a bit to make it less confusing – tentative plan going forward, to be voted on at AGM. Platinum membership \$699 – Gold membership \$499 - Regular membership \$150 and New member \$100 (first year) with 15% off for packages with a spotlight in newsletter introducing new member.

d) *Networking & Business Activities – Josh*

- i. 32 players now attending the golf tournament.
 - \$2,800 approx. in sponsorships received.
- ii. BEA – Nov 4th
 - Need committee to help with marketing and getting attendees
 - To be held at the golf course
 - Entertainment ideas, please let us know your suggestions
 - Nomination forms are ready to be distributed via website and FB
 - Anyone can nominate a business. Get nominating!!!!

e) *Charitable Activities (Festival of Trees, etc.) – Michelle*

- i. December 9th at BES (changed from Dec 2)
- ii. Comedian – Todd Ness
- iii. Need volunteers to help
- iv. Posters will be up next week
- v. Theme “Let it Snow”
- vi. Josh is MC, Nate is DJ

f) *Mainstreet Activities – Laura*

- i. No update

9. Related Organizations – Updates

- a) *Business Support Network – Dave*
 - i. No update

10. Town of Barrhead Update

- a) Rec dep & cultural committee are doing a throwback to the future event on Sep 22nd (5-9pm) & 23rd (10am-5pm) to be held at the curling rink – purpose is to bring visitors back in time. Partnering with Roxy Theatre who are offering free movie tickets for Saturday. First come first served. More info available at betterinbarrhead.ca. Interested Vendors please call Linda @ 780-674-2532.
- b) Pumpkin walk planning is underway and associated town event.
- c) Pool update – now reopened after annual shutdown. Full-time hours now in effect with no closures during the mid-day hours. New leadership course being offered soon to ensure new crop of guards available to work.
- d) New urban chicken survey is now live on-line which is intended to poll our public about potential urban chickens withing town limits. The link will be published in the newspaper.
- e) Public hearing for rezoning in industrial lot for RCMP new station - Oct 10th
- f) Ag Society land purchase passed first reading.
- g) Bulk water debit/credit system program in progress.

11. County of Barrhead Update

- a) No update

12. Other Business/Announcements

- a) Annual pumpkin walk to be held on Oct 27th. Need volunteers, booths, and donations. Poster will be on chamber website and on betterinbarrhead.ca.
 - i. For more information, please call Amanda @ 780-294-9181

13. Next Meetings:

- a) *General Meeting October 19th, 2023, Charles Godberson Room, Agrena*
- b) *Executive Board Meeting October 11th, 2023, Perry Law LLP*

14. Adjourn Meeting 12:37pm