

Eckville Chamber of Commerce
Luncheon Meeting
Thursday June 2, 2011

Meeting Location: Town Office basement

Chairman: Marty Jones
Vice Chairman: Shawn Adair
Recording Secretary: Rick Anderson
Treasurer: Sharon Lemke

Attendance: Marty Jones, Sharon Lemke, Rick Anderson, Christine Herle, Dana Kreil, John Walker, Karin Engen, Janeil Humphrey, Evelyn Onofryszyn, Correna Rae.

1) Call to Order: 12:10 PM, Chairman Marty Jones called the meeting to order.

2) Review of Minutes: May 5, 2011. There were no errors or omissions, additions or deletions noted.

Evelyn Onofryszyn moved to accept the minutes as presented... **Carried**

3) Business Arising from the Minutes:

a) Project Wise Owl: No report, Shawn Adair absent

b) Strategic planning: Mitch Kreasy in absence filed a written report Re: consultants for Strategic Planning. Copy attached.

Open discussion from the floor:

→ Correna Rae wants to show case her business and challenged all members to identify why they are a member.

→Karin Engen believes a strategic plan is the first step.

→Rick Anderson feels the first step is to hire a part time EE to pole businesses for interest in the Chamber and to identify what it would take to get them involved.

→Karin Engen suggested phoning the Alberta Chamber to come and speak to the Eckville Chamber Re: planning, direction, ideas.

→Janeil stated she is involved because of what the Chamber does in the community

→Correna believes the Chamber should be the facilitator rather than the event host.

→Marty is concerned that all members are not being notified of meeting, events etc.

Sharon confirmed that all members are on the mailing list and everyone gets notification via e-mail of all meeting and events.

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- Sharon volunteered to contact the Alberta Chamber about setting up an informational event in early September.
- Janeil suggested assembling an Eckville Chamber info package making it available to the Town for anyone applying for a business license.
- given there was no further discussion and no apparent easy solution the strategic planning issue was tabled to July meeting for further discussion and review.

c) Summer meetings: the consensus was to carry on with the regular monthly meeting through July and August.

4) New Business:

a) Chili Cook Off: ...Janeil is frustrated with the lack of community participation as she is having difficulty sequestering volunteers for the "Chili Cook Off ".To date she has 15 confirmed entries and is hoping for a good community turnout for the tasting. Set up is at the curling rink at 10:00 AM. June 3rd, judging at 11:30 with sampling starting at noon. Janeil made a motion for the Chamber to sponsor 1st prize (\$50.00), 2nd prize (\$30.00) and third prize (\$20.00) in Chamber bucks.

Carried

b) Terry Fox run: received for information a letter from Rob Stevenson (organizer of and participant in the Terry Fox Run) requesting Chamber sponsorship for \$300.00 of media coverage and Chamber member support of the run....Tabled to July meeting.

c) 2012 Year of the Co-ops: tabled to July meeting.

5) Treasurers' Report: Bank balance June 2, 2001: \$6062.16 - \$908.98 (in trust) = \$5153.18 working capital.

6) Update on Community Happenings: Karin Engen...No report

7) Update Town Happenings: John Walker reports for Dale Chretien: Town Breakfast was a success. Town distributed a questionnaire Re: community Involvement...Town rep. will report finding at August meeting. Canada Day celebrations and Fireworks July 1st...Check with town office for event schedule.

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8) Update from County: Dana Kreil:

→County cleaning up Land Use By-laws and Municipal Development Plans.

→Tax notices have been sent and there is an overall tax increase...still one of the lowest taxes in the province and the County does not have to borrow money for their projects which helps control costs and taxes.

→Bylaw 1137/11 regarding the use of off highway vehicles has had first reading.

There will be an open house (date TBA and published in County new and Eckville Echo)) as the County wants public input.

→County 50th anniversary celebration at the County office on June 25th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m...All county residents are welcome.

9) Adjournment: Rick Anderson moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned 1:15 p.m.