

Eckville Chamber of Commerce
Luncheon Meeting
Thursday October 6, 2011

Meeting Location: Town Office Meeting Chambers

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

Attendance: Marty Jones, Rick Anderson, Karin Engen, Janeil Humphrey, Dana Kreil, Dale Chretien, Sharon Lemke.

1) Call to Order: Chairman Marty Jones called the meeting to order @ 12:15 P.M.

2) Review of Minutes: September 8, 2011. There were no errors or omissions, additions or deletions noted.

Dana moved/Janeil seconded the minutes be accepted as presented. **Carried**

3) Business arising from minutes of August 4, 2011

a) Wise Owl. Tabled to October meeting

b) Strategic Planning Session: Tabled to October meeting

c) Chamber Memberships: Sharon Lemke provided a detailed report (attached) and the members present discussed each item as presented. Subsequently the following items were voted on:

→Membership fees: Dana moved/ Rick seconded the recommendation as presented... **Carried**

→Staffing position: Rick moved/ Dana seconded the recommendation as presented...**Carried**

→Executive Positions: Members present agreed in principle with the recommendations provided.

→Sharon advises that our year end is not December 31 but rather January 31 and therefore our current fiscal year ends on January 31, 2012.

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4) New Business:

a) www.livecommunities.com – Rick moved the Chamber take no action on the website proposal. **Carried**

b) Santa's Secret Workshop:

- Janeil reported this event was not actually a Chamber event.
- The Chamber sponsored advertising last year to help keep it alive.
- The Santa's Secret Workshop committee has lost all of their supplies due to flooding and they have no insurance.
- Finding volunteers is getting increasingly difficult.
- Janeil is stepping down as chairman of the committee. Did the Chamber want to pick up the pieces and run the whole show?

Sharon moved/ Dana seconded a motion to decline the offer of running Santa's Secret Workshop....**Carried**

c) **Tree Lighting:** Sharon moved/Janeil seconded a motion to research the feasibility of hosting the tree lighting again this year...**Carried**

d) Chamber Bucks:

- Janeil reported that Chamber Bucks were not recognized or honored at Main Street Fashions, Eckville Co-op, Eckville Family Restaurant, when the winner of the chili cook off presented them for redemption on merchandise.
- Janeil suggested a list of participating businesses be compiled and subsequently display a "we support the Chamber of Commerce" sticker in their window or in a prominent location within their business.
- Janeil and Sharon volunteered to research reformatting Chamber Bucks and the feasibility of contacting and compiling a list of businesses interested in participation in the program.

5) Treasurers Report: Sharon Lemke presented the treasures report as printed on the agenda.

Bank balance: \$5078.54
Trust Fund: \$908.98
Total: \$5987.52

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6) Update of Chamber Happenings: Tabled to November meeting.

7) Update of Community Happenings: Karin Engen provided a verbal report on Education in Alberta – A transformation process.

8) Update of Town happenings: Dale Chretien – no report

9) Update from County: Dana Kreil:

→ Council currently reviewing Fire Protection By-law including fireworks, fire permits, etc. and is seeking public input.

→ Gave a raise to fire chiefs from \$1500/year to \$6000/year based on additional demand now placed on Fire Chiefs.

→ Anderson Energy donated +/- 26 acres located on the east side of Gull Lake. Council is currently reviewing development options

10) Adjournment: Karin moved to adjourn the meeting

Meeting Adjourned 1:10 P.M.