

ECKVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2010
WORD OF LIFE CHURCH

Attendance: Jason Neal, Terry Engen, Karin Engen, Juanita Beamish, Kristin Herle, Brad Weigel, Evelyn Onofryszyn, Rick Anderson, Grant van Boeschoten, Denise Bell

1. Call to Order at 12:07 pm by chair Grant van Boeschoten followed by a round of introductions.

2. Review of Minutes, January 17, 2010 The minutes and agenda are available for downloading from the chambers website at www.eckvillechamber.com
Rick motioned to approve the minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. Report on “Mellisa We Believe”

a. thank you

b. follow up

Sharon is in Arizona so the financial report will be presented at next meeting. There was a good turn out at the curling rink to watch Mellisa’s races and an excellent turnout at the CTV event. Laurie Carritt donated the pop and the curling club brought in a satellite dish in order to watch the races. CTV, SHAW, CITY TV and Sunni 94 came out. The town would also like to recognize Melissa. Eckville was the only town used in the opening credits of the Olympics. Helen and Denise looked after the banner signing at the Eckville Coop. Committee discussed recognizing Melissa at the community builder awards or as a separate event.

*Sharon to find out when Mellisa will be back to Eckville in order to plan an appreciation event.
Jason to create a thank you ad on behalf of the Eckville Chamber for the paper.*

4. Earth Day Involvement - Please turn lights off for an hour at 8:30 pm on Saturday March 27.

Rick motioned to have this information put on the chambers website.

CARRIED

5. Lease and Future Plans - The chamber is looking at signing an agreement with the town for use of their basement for meetings, storage and office space. The chamber would need to purchase tenant liability insurance. *The Alberta Chamber of Commerce needs to be contacted to see if their provide blanket coverage to the Eckville Chamber. Evelyn will get Marty to review proposed lease agreement.*

Comparable space costs for the legion are \$120 for a meeting, \$60 for the basement and \$25 for the community centre. Committee discusses costs to finish and update space.

Grant motions to defer discussion to next meeting.

CARRIED

6. Community Builder Awards – The Eckville Chamber nominates recipients of individual, business, and organization awards. Then a subcommittee meets to discuss nominations and then committee members do research on recipients.

Grant, Evelyn, Rick and Karin volunteered to form the subcommittee. Jason to add this information is to be added to the chamber website so that nominations can be received online.

7. Treasurer's Report – No Report

8. Update of School Happenings - No Report

9. Update of Community Happenings - Karin

Cyber Bulling presentation on Thursday March 11 from 7 – 9 pm at the Eckville Jr. Sr. High School.

The draft recreation plan is to be finalized by March 19, 2010.

The Central Alberta Child and Family Services have renewed their contract.

10. CAEP Report – No Report

11. OTHER - RSVPs for chamber meetings need to be sent in on the Tuesday prior to the meeting so that enough food can be ordered. Agendas are on the website at least a week prior to the meeting. Committee members appreciate receiving an email meeting reminder. Committee discussed spreading the catering around to more than one business.

Renewal for the ads on the chamber website is approaching. Cost is \$150 for a year.

12. Meeting adjourned at 12:54 pm.

13. Next meeting is Thursday April 1, 2010