

Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce
ANNUAL GENERAL MINUTES

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Cottonwood Village, Claresholm, AB

Present:

Russell Sawatzky	Wilf Gour	Donna Courage	Tom Curry	Marilyn Curry
Dale Harrison	Tony Walker	Linda Brooks	Janet Brown	Ken Favrholt
Linda Favrholt	Rob Vogt	Marian Carlson	Rod Dyrholm	Justin Sweeney
Lorraine Norgard	Ali Shiviji	Jamie Cutler	Judith Sweeney	Iqbal Nurmohamed
Linda Petryshen	Lori Beazer	Betty Fieguth	Val Umscheid	Doug Umscheid

Guest Speaker: Ron Wiggers, Canadian Federation of Independent Business.

1. Call Meeting to Order
Russell called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm, at the Cottonwood Village.
2. Acceptance/Additions to Agenda
Agenda was accepted as presented on a motion made by Ali Shiviji, seconded by Wilf Gour. Carried.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting
The minutes of the AGM held February 17, 2015 were approved on a motion made by Tony Walker, seconded by Iqbal Nurmohamed, carried.
4. Guest Speaker Presentation
Ron Wiggers, from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business provided a presentation as well as held a question and answer opportunity. Russell thanked him for attending and providing such great information.
5. Treasurer's Report
Linda Brooks moved her report as circulated of an audited statement of January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 formatted as required by the Registry's Office.
6. President's Report
Russell thanked the Executive and Maria for the many accomplishments this last year, as well as improvements to our website. He explained the reasons we decided not to hold a Trade Fair this year. The Chamber has goals to improve recognition of our local businesses and members. Mexican Fiesta has been a successful event for 9 years running. This year it will be held June 17 with the Firemen's Association stepping forward to replace the Lions Club. The Chamber has a renewed partnership with the Town's Economic Development Committee and also has been working towards an electrical vehicle charger station.
7. Upcoming Information
 - 7.1 Marilyn Curry gave a report on plans for our "Easter Egg-Sitement" event to be held the end of March.

- 7.2 We are planning to do “Lunch and Learns” on a regular basis, switching off with regular Chamber meetings. Members with suggestions on topics and/or presenters, please contact one the Chamber Exec.
- 7.3 The Chamber has extended itself to help out with the Chad Besplug Bull Riding event February 26 & 27. Chad will be in touch with Lorraine if he needs us.

8. Elections of Executive Board & Directors

8.1 President

Russell Sawatzky was nominated – accepted.
Justin Sweeney was nominated – accepted.
No further nominations made. Motion made that nominations cease. Election held.
Justin Sweeney was elected as President.

8.2 Vice President

Russell Sawatzky nominated – declined.
No further nominations made. Motion made that nominations cease.
No Vice President elected tonight.

8.3 Secretary

Lorraine Norgard was nominated – accepted.
No further nominations came forward. Motion made to close nominations.
Lorraine Norgard elected as Secretary by acclamation.

8.4 Treasurer

Linda Brooks was nominated – accepted.
No further nominations made. Motion made to cease nominations.
Linda Brooks was elected as Treasurer by acclamation.

8.5 Directors (minimum of 3)

Marilyn Curry was nominated – accepted.
Tony Walker was nominated – accepted.
Donna Courage was nominated – accepted.
Iqbal Nurmohamed was nominated – declined.
Wilf Gour was nominated – declined.
Ali Shivilji was nominated – declined.
Val Umscheid was nominated – declined.
Doug Umscheid was nominated – declined.
Ken Favrholt was nominated – declined.
No further nominations came forward. Motion made that nominations cease.
Marilyn Curry, Tony Walker and Donna Courage were elected as Directors.

9. New Business

No new business was brought forward.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.