

**Claresholm & District Chamber of Commerce**  
**MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 19, 2016  
Casa Roma Restaurant  
5324 – 1 Street East, Claresholm, AB

**Present:**

Russell Sawatzky	Linda Brooks	Betty Fieguth	Mike McAlonan
Todd Budmiller	Rob Vogt	Marilyn Curry	Dale Harrison
Ali Shiuji	Linda Petryshen	Val Umscheid	Lorraine Norgard
Anita Wahl	Tony Walker	Iqbal Murmohamed	

1. Call Meeting to Order  
Russell called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. Introductions were made by two new members to our Committee. Dale Harrison, Economic Development Officer to the Town of Claresholm and Ali Shiui from the Cottonwood.
2. Acceptance/Additions to Agenda  
The agenda was accepted with no additions.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting  
The minutes of November 17, 2015 were accepted on a motion made by Mike McAlonan, seconded by Tony Walker carried.
4. Treasurer's Report  
Linda Brooks presented a "Profit & Loss" report on the last Trade Fair. She also presented and reviewed a "Profit & Loss" report on the Chamber January 2015 – December 2015. Her reports were approved as presented.
5. Membership Committee Report  
Linda Brooks provided the meeting with an update of the Membership Committee and the recent renewal forms that went out. The Committee's new upcoming ideas include a new approach of "lunch & learn" monthly sessions versus regular meetings for members. One suggestion coming brought forward was "First Aid" by Marina Gabor. We are in process of trying to plan something new to replace the Trade Fair, that would enhance our local businesses (members). The Committee consists of herself, Justin, Marilyn and Maria and they open to suggestions from everyone as well.
6. Web Page Update  
Russell provided update on behalf of Maria. It was suggested that Chamber minutes be posted on the website again, and Lorraine will follow-up with Maria on this.
7. Town of Claresholm Report  
The Town asked the Chamber to have a member sit on their Economic Development Committee. Russell & Tony will discuss this.

## 8. Old Business

### 8.1 Family Day Event for February

It is now too late to organize something for February, so we will look at something for Easter time. Val Umscheid had some suggestions, and Linda Brooks, Lorraine Norgard, Marilyn Curry and Justin Sweeney will meet with her to review ideas. We will invite Barb Bell from The Station to be a part of as well.

### 8.2 Electric Charge Station

Russell provided update of work done so far. It was suggested that the Museum would be a prime location for the charge station and it also has Wifi. We will go forward with the Town on this.

## 9. New Business

### 9.1 New Format for Meetings

“Lunch & Learns” presented by locals (discussed above). Anyone with suggestions for topics and/or presenters, please get in touch with a Chamber Exec.

## 10. Correspondence

10.1 Letter read from The Museum asking for letter of support. Moved by Todd Buhmiller and seconded by Val Umscheid that we provide this. Carried.

10.2 Renewal from Canadian Chamber of Commerce read.

10.3 Dale Harrison reviewed a magazine from the Crowsnest Pass, which is produced and sold by their Chamber.

## 11. Next Meeting

**Annual General Meeting** will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:15 p.m. at the Cottonwood Village, 4224 – 8 Street West, Claresholm. Chamber coins will be available for purchase. Elections will take place.

**Regular Meeting** – March 16, 2016, time and location to be determined.

## 12. Adjournment

Linda Petryshen moved the meeting be adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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