

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY NETWORKING MEETING

June 16th, 2010

At: Pipestone 795 Cafe

Next Monthly Network Meeting: September 15th,
(Wednesday) 2010 – at – Alberta 4-H Center
(There will be no Networking Meetings during the months of July & August)

The Monthly Network Meeting of the Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce was held at “The Pipestone 795 Cafe”. Norm Froom said grace before the meal was served. Twenty five members and guests attended the meal, and the meeting that followed.

Doug McKenzie was unable to attend the meeting so director, Blair Northfield chaired the meeting in his absence. Blair called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The Chamber Members thanked **Faye Swanson and staff at the “Pipestone 795 Café”** for the delicious meal they served our chamber member’s.

Also “thank you” **Glory Tornack**, for providing wine for the meal.

INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS & GUESTS:

Introductions proceeded around the room with each person introducing themselves and the name of the business they were representing.

MEMBER PROFILE: (All Member Profiles will appear on the Chamber Website as Business of the Month)

Lakedell Agricultural Society

Rick Southern, President of the Lakedell Agricultural Society gave a very informative talk about the Agricultural Society. He talked about the history of the society along with there future plans. Asa Yngvesson, manager of the Lakedell Farmers Market, spoke to the members about the Farmers Market that is held every Friday night from 4:30 to 7:30 pm. starting in May until September. They are an Alberta Approved Farmers Market which means they follow certain criteria set out by the Alberta Government. If you have any questions, please contact the Lakedell Agricultural Society at 780-586-2505.

Hidden Springs & Guest House (Barb White)

Hidden Springs Retreat & Guest House is located 1 km north of Highway 13, on range road 32, 15 minutes west of the Village at Pigeon Lake. Neil & Barbara White share the peace & quiet of

this wonderful setting with their guests. For six years now guests from around the world have found a welcome in this relaxing retreat house. There is an upper suite with a full kitchen, and a lower suite, connected by exterior stairs. People may rent either suite or the whole chalet, year round. Up to ten people can be accommodated. You can reach Barbara & Neil at 780-682-2480, or check out the website www.hiddensprings.ca.

K2 Landscaping (Fred & Carolyn Kuerbis)

Fred & Carolyn operate K2 Landscaping which they formed in 2008 after retiring from Oilfield work. He has done many different kinds of work within that business, from building log benches to putting in fire pits. He has been really busy installing decks which he enjoys. Fred has added a curbing machine which already includes a skid steer service to his business. If you have work to be done around your home or business you can contact Fred & Carolyn at 780-202-0166.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING: May 19th, 2010

Each month chamber members are either faxed, emailed or mailed minutes from the Monthly Networking Meetings. At that time members are asked to review the minutes and If corrections are required please call the chamber office.

Motion to accept the minutes of the May 19th, 2010 meeting was made by Larry McKeever and seconded by Ann Anderson. The motion was carried.

The minutes were signed and dated.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No items at this time

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer, Chris Guilbeault gave a monthly Treasurer's Report to the members. This report was currently reconciled with the bank account to April 30th, 2010. If members wish to view the Treasurers Report they can contact the chamber office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Office Administration

Secretary/manager informed the chamber members that the 2010 Chamber Renewal Membership Packages have been sent to the members. Please look over your information and if you see any errors please contact the chamber office.

Secretary/Manager advised that while she was away during February to April we had computer problems, which have now been repaired. Darlene wants to thank Eve Lovlie-Henderson for helping her recover the files etc. All accounting information from January to April had to be re-entered into the program, which has been completed.

2. Finance/Funding

No Report at this time.

3. Memberships/Sponsors

Secretary/manager informed the members that Pigeon Lake Regional Chamber of Commerce currently has 118 paid members. If any chamber member knows of a new business that operates in the area please inform the chamber office so that a membership package can be sent to that business. Also a reminder that the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan offers various options for members. You can also check their website for further information. A Link is provided on the chamber website or check the website www.buychambers.ca. You can contact the Chambers of Commerce Group Insurance Plan, benefit expert, and discuss you business concerns. You can arrange a meeting with the Benefit Expert with no obligations. Contact the chamber office if you have any further questions.

4. Marketing

Blair gave a brief report on the Marketing Posters. He showed the members a draft picture of the posters. Blair advised the members that Travel Alberta has partnered with the Chamber to print the posters and will pay for half the cost of the printing.

Promotional posters, due to Travel Alberta partnership and our goal to attract new visitors, are targeted for locations outside of the Pigeon Lake Region versus posting in local facilities/ businesses.

Secretary/manager, Darlene Kobeluck will control inventory and record who takes posters and what locations they go to. She will also manage orders and funds received. All members of the Chamber will be offered 1 poster of their choice (11 x 17) free to post in their business – additional posters - \$7.00 each (\$28 for an extra complete set). Members should arrange to pick up posters at the Chamber office (780) 586-6263. Regional businesses (e.g. developers, real estate agents) can access extra sets of posters to support their businesses in trade shows etc. Member businesses would be charged \$7.00 each or \$28.00 for a set. Non –members would be charged \$15.00 each or \$60.00 for a set. The chamber members will be advised when the posters are delivered to the chamber office.

Another initiative for 2010 would see the existing Fun Map for the region distributed in a new and effective manner. This was accomplished through the printer of the Pigeon Lake Visitors Guide inserting 7,000 copies of the Fun Map into the Guides that were distributed at the Pigeon Lake Provincial Park.

5. Networking

No Report at this time.

6. Special Events

2010 Awards Night

Secretary/manager informed the members that Lakedell Agr. Centre has been booked for the 2010 Awards Night Event on December 3rd, 2010. More information on this event is forth coming on this event.

Ice Golf

Secretary/Manager has booked Ronnie Catering, Mulhurst Bay Community Hall and Mulhurst Legion for the 2011 Ice Golf Tournament & Dog Sled Races to be held on March 12, 2011.

Invitational Golf Tournament

Glory Tornack has volunteered to organize an Invitational Golf Tournament (fundraiser for the Chamber). Information on this event will be forwarded to members as it is received.

OLD BUSINESS

No items at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

STEP Program 2010

Secretary/Manager informed the members that she has hired Desiree Wallace. She is in her 3rd year at the University of Alberta studying Education. She will start her job at the chamber on July 6th until August 17th. Desiree will work Tuesday to Friday for the chamber.

ACE Conference

Secretary/manager informed the chamber members that she called the Alberta Chamber and was successful in receiving a scholarship to attend the Alberta Chamber Executive Professional Development Summit – July 14-16, 2010 at Fairview, Alberta. This scholarship will pay for some of the travel costs and the total Conference fees. Darlene is required to write a 500 word essay for receiving the scholarship.

Executive/Directors Meetings

The executive/directors will not meet during the summer months unless a special meeting is called. Darlene will be away from the office for holidays August 5th until August 13th. The student will be at the office during this time.

Tourist Booth

The chamber Tourist Booth located at the Village at Pigeon Lake will be opened seven days a week starting July 6th. The student will open and close the booth when she arrives at work and when she leaves work. Secretary/manager has made arrangements with August Strad to open the booth on Sundays & Mondays. August will also water the flower pots at the Tourist Booth

location. **Chamber Members are reminded to bring their business information to the booth.**

DOOR PRIZE – Prizes were provided by K2 Landscaping-Pipestone 795 Café and Hidden Springs Retreat & Guest House.

Lucky Winners were Glory Tornack, Christine McFarland, Jerry Tornack and Rick Southern.

NEXT MONTHS MEMBER PROFILE –

Please contact the chamber office to book your member profile for a future Networking Meeting.

REMINDER - Please watch for further information on the Invitational Golf Tournament

ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Submitted by:
Darlene Kobeluck
Secretary/Manager

President

Date

-Next Executive/Directors Meeting – September 9th (Thursday)-2010, 6:30 pm at the chamber office

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