

Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber
of Commerce
March 14th, 2023- 12:00pm

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Sheena Nakonechny, Marni Harrison, Bill Vanderveen, Shannon Vaughan, Cor Lodder, Carmen Fotheringham, and Scott Johnston

Via Zoom:

Trevor Klassen, Evelyn Hoogerdijk, Erin Lemky, Dean North, Tyler Russell, Brian Maxwell, Ty Dilello, Megan McCullough, and Marge Warkentin.

1. Call to order:

Marni Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made to all in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Carmen Fotheringham moved to accept the March agenda as circulated – Bill Vanderveen
Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports: None Submitted

Town of Carman- Erin Lemky

- Council has approved their budget and it has been presented to the public.
- Council has accepted the resignation of CAO Cheryl Young effective March 24th, 2023.

RM of Dufferin- Tyler Russell

- Council has been working on water projects, specifically the Treherne Dam project.
- Council is hopeful that the bridge west of Carman will be repaired through the Emergency Measures Fund.

Director of Economic Development – Tyler King- No Report

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Sheena Nakonechny

- Camping and swimming lessons registration will open online April 12th at 7:00 am
Swim lesson schedules are available on the website.
- First Aid with Bill Vanderveen - April 1st – registration is open online.
- Dog Obedience with Laurie Millions – April 4th- registration open online.
- Babysitters Course- May 6th - Registration will open online April 6th at 7:00 am
- Hall Walking- Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday until April 6th.
- Co-Ed Drop-in Basketball- Mondays until April 24th at the Carman Collegiate Gym
- Snowshoe Lending Program – Friday to Tuesday. Call Rec Dept to reserve
- Arena- B side ice will be taken out on March 19th and A side ice on March 26th. Arena ice surfaces will then be rented out to CMB and CMS for use until the snow has melted.

Save the Dates:

- Summer Hockey Camp – August 28 – September 1st Registration will open May 2nd at 7:00 am
- Summer Day Camp – Starts July 4th and goes till September 1st. Registration will be mid-May. Keep an eye out for more information.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Carmen Fotheringham moved to accept the minutes of the February 14th, 2023 meeting as circulated. Scott Johnston seconded – Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of March 14th 2023 is \$19200.34. The Chamber buck account balance is \$12288.77 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$11375.82
Shannon Vaughan moved to accept the March financials as circulated. Carmen Fotheringham Seconded- Carried

7. Chamber Committee Reports

- **Golf Committee:** The golf committee has started to call on sponsors for the Chamber golf tournament that will be held on June 22nd and the Pro-Am Tournament that will be held on August 25th. Please consider supporting these tournaments, as they are a major source of funding for the Chamber. The committee will meet again next week.
- **AGM-** 2023 Annual General Meeting will be held on April 11th, 2023, 11:30am, at the Bell Aura Bed and Breakfast. Chuck Davidson from the Manitoba Chamber will be speaking at the luncheon, as well as Mayor Brent Owen from the Town of Carman and Cor Lodder from the RM of Dufferin. Tickets are \$20 each and registration is available online through the Chamber website.
- **Membership-** The Membership Committee has been making calls to members that have not yet renewed their 2023 Membership. The sponsor a member program is back again for this year, and the committee encourages your business to sponsor a member that is new to the Chamber for only \$50.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- March Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler

- March Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New- As Discussed Previously

11. Round Table Discussion

- Homestead Co-op is happy to announce that their popcorn kitchen is open and the popcorn is now available in their grocery store.
- Homestead Co-op Fuel Good Day applications will open in May.

12.Next Meeting- AGM – April 11th, 2023 – Bell Aura Bed and Breakfast

13.Motion made by Shannon Vaughan to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 pm

President's Report- March Meeting

As we enter March, we request as an executive that members take a moment to reflect on what you would like from the Chamber in 2023. And then, please share!

It is of utmost important to us that we are providing value to your business, and without your feedback and interactions, it is much harder to achieve!

Thanks to everyone for participating in Surviving February! It was great fun, and we had some very excited winners this year.

Another thank-you to everyone for being prompt in paying your memberships. If you know of a business that you think could benefit by joining the Chamber Community, please consider sponsoring them! It only costs \$50, and they receive full benefits for one year.

I hope everyone feels the sense of renewed enthusiasm like I do as we thaw out and get more Vitamin D.

Take care,

Marni.

Executive Director Report- March Meeting

WE SURVIVED FEBRUARY and the challenge was a great success!

Congratulations to Brenda O'Brien and her team, The Golden Girls, on winning the February Gift Card Challenge.

Surviving February Facts: We had 49 teams registered which means 196 participants purchased gift cards totaling \$4900. We had 26 daily winners throughout the month, 104 participants that were eliminated and 66 participants that remained in the final draw. Brenda, our Sole Survivor, won 92/\$25 gift cards totaling \$2300! Thank you to all of those of you that participated and we look forward to this, now annual, challenge.

Our Lunch Time Meditation Class with Meaghan from Peace Lily Therapeutics was held on February 22nd at 12:00 noon. Unfortunately, this event was NOT well attended, but I would like to thank Meaghan for her willingness to host this with us. Please remember that these events take time and planning and we hope that you will do your best to support as many of them that you can in the coming months

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on April 11th at 11:30 am at the beautiful Bell Aura Bed and Breakfast. We hope that you will plan to join us as we hear from Manitoba Chamber President, Chuck Davidson, Reeve Cor Lodder and Mayor Brent Owen. Tickets for the AGM will be available early next week and I encourage you to register early, as space is limited. We are always looking for your input in our Chamber, and we encourage you to become involved as a director or a member of a committee. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to join us as a director.

Plans for the 2023 Chamber Golf Tournaments are underway and the committee has been reaching out to our sponsors. The Chamber Tournament and the Pro-Am Tournament will take place on June 22nd and August 25th respectively. We hope that you will consider supporting these events, as the majority of our operating budget comes from the profits of these tournaments. Supporting the golf tournament is not just supporting the event, it is supporting the work of the Chamber throughout the year.

The Chamber was pleased to offer support to the Carman Collegiate Robotics Club through the assistance of various members. This club is new to the Collegiate and they have been busy building and programming their robots, and will compete in the Robotic Games at Tech Voc High School in Winnipeg on March 18th, 2023. The Chamber has plans to host our own robotic games on April 6th at the Carman Curling Club. We hope you will join us, as these students showcase their robotic projects and battle in out for the title. More details regarding this event will be sent your way soon.

As always, I am open to comments and suggestions on Chamber relations and activities and I hope to see you at an event in the near future.

Sincerely,

Jodi Winkler

Executive Director, Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce