

**Minutes of the Meeting
Carman and Community Chamber
of Commerce
May 10th, 2022- 12:00pm**

Present In Person:

Jodi Winkler, Dale Reimer, Cor Lodder, Scott Johnston, Ron MacLean, Brian Maxwell, George Gray, Ken Reimer, Mayghan McEachern, Shannon Vaughan and Marni Harrison.

Via Zoom:

Marlin Metcalf, Dean North, Carmen Fotheringham, Trevor Klassen, and Ashley Froese.

1. Call to order:

Marni Harrison called the meeting to order at 12:02pm

2. Introductions:

Introductions were made to all in attendance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Dale Reimer moved to accept the May agenda as circulated – Mayghan McEachern Seconded – Carried

4. Community Reports:

Community Groups- None Submitted

Director of Economic Development – No Report

Town of Carman – No Report

RM of Dufferin- George Gray

- Flooding is a major topic these days. The recent flooding within the RM was handled very well and went as well as it could for a disastrous situation.
- PV Water Co-op recently met with local MLA's at Stephenfield Lake with regards to funding for this project.

Carman and Dufferin Recreation- Submitted by Sheena Nakonechny

- Day Camp Registration starts May 18th at 7:00am online
- Campground Opens May 20th with about 12 sites booked for the weekend.
- Pool Private Rental Bookings start May 30th at 8:30am by calling the office at 204-745-2684. There will be a chart with available bookings on the carmanmanitoba.ca website to view beforehand.

5. Approval of Minutes:

Scott Johnston moved to accept the minutes of the April 12th, 2022 meeting as circulated. Mayghan McEachern seconded - Carried

6. Financial Report:

The balance in the ACU chequing account as of May 10th 2022 is \$36427.43. The Chamber buck account balance is \$12014.39 and the Business Support Fund account balance is \$13133.04. There was a discrepancy noted by Brian Maxwell, as the Liabilities and Equities were not adding correctly on the report. Approval for the report was not passed and this will be investigated and tabled to the June meeting.

7. Chamber Committee Reports:

Membership Committee:

The membership committee is planning for the September Women in Business event that will take place at Ryall Park. If there are any female business owners that you remember from our community, please reach out to any of the committee members and be sure that they are added to the ever-growing list.

Golf Committee:

The golf committee has met a few times and they are excited to host the Chamber Golf Tournament on June 23rd and the Access Credit Union Pro Am on August 26th, 2022. The committee has secured many sponsors and will now focus on team entries. The format will be similar to last year with tee times and no formal banquet. If you wish to enter a team, please contact any member of the golf committee and they would be happy to give you more information on the tournament.

Women in Business Event:

This one-time event will be held in Ryall Park on Saturday September 10th, 2022. The event will highlight present and past female business owners in our community. The committee is looking to collect stories from these business owners as they celebrate the long list of female entrepreneurs in Carman.

8. President's Report- Marni Harrison

- May Report Attached

9. Executive Director's Report – Jodi Winkler:

- April Report Attached

10. Chamber Business Old and New

- **Poutine Week** will be held this week May 9th-15th, 2022. Be sure to try all 8 poutines and vote for your favorite!

- **Meet and Greet**- will be held at TRS on Thursday, May 26th from 5:30-7:30 at TRS Truck Shop. Be sure to stop by for a burger, refreshments and networking. We are very excited to be able to return to in person events, so don't miss out!

- **Farmer's Market Kick Off**- June 17th in the downtown business district. Sidewalk sales, live entertainment and many other activities will take place this evening.

- **Chamber Golf Tournament**- June 23rd- Enter your team today!

- **Wheels Car Show in King's Park**- June 26th, 2022

- **Carman Fair Parade**- July 9th at 10am. Enter your float today!

11. Round Table Discussion

- Beginning in June, lunch will be available at the monthly Chamber meetings. Watch for the meeting reminders for more info on what will be offered each month.

- The Chamber is looking into the possibility of a portable sign advertising our downtown merchants, which will be placed near the pool and campground for the summer months. As well, they are hoping to provide a handout to campers and hotel goers in Carman advising of community events and local merchants. More info on how to be included in these promotions will be available to members soon.

-The Chamber will be moving to a new membership platform and hope to make this transition over the summer. This will allow members a membership portal in which they can add information and events pertaining to their business. With this new platform, the Chamber will be switching to a new website with many upgraded features to benefit members and community groups.

- Peace Lily Therapeutics hosts an artesian market every Wednesday in their new location. Be sure to stop in on Wednesday evening and visit the local artists.

- The Kinette Club is looking for volunteers to work their food booth at the Carman Fair, July 7th-9th, 2022. If you or a not-for-profit group would like to help them out during the fair, be sure to contact them for more

information. The Kinette's work hard during this event so that they are able to donate the profits from the food booth to various organizations throughout the year. Sign Up Today!

- GPAC will be holding a journal workshop. Contact GPAC to register.

-The next concert in their concert series will be held on May 28th at 7:30 pm at the Active Living Center. Anita Graef will be performing, so be sure to purchase your tickets before they are gone.

- July 22-23rd, GPAC will be hosting a Summer Culture Fest in Ryall Park. More information is available on their website.

-Homestead Co-op will be hosting a Community Clean Up Day in Carman on June 9th, 2022. Watch for more information on this event.

- Homestead Co-op Fuel Good Day applications are now being accepted. More information on how to apply is available on their website.

12. Next Meeting – June 14th, 2022 – Memorial Hall and Zoom

13. Motion made by Mayghan McEachern to adjourn the meeting at 12:40 pm

President's Report- May Meeting

Well, I am not sure what else Mother Nature has in store for us, but the weather has made things interesting!

The snow is nearly gone, and so has another month!

Poutine week is coming up fast next week, so plan your menus! It looks like dry and mild temperatures to get extra cardio in if you feel the need to have balance in your poutine lifestyle! Thanks to all of our Chamber members participation and to the Boyne River Irrigators for their sponsorship.

We look forward to the return of Meet and Greets this month – starting at TRS. These events are up to the individual businesses to format, and Jodi is happy to help plan with you and promote.

We are very busy working on a celebration of Women in Business in Carman, planned for September 10th at Ryall Park. Carman has a long history of women entrepreneurs and we would like to tell that story, and recognize how incredible it is. As at this writing we have 77 current Chamber members that are female, and 97 past members. Please plan to attend the event and learn more about these businesses, as well keep an eye on your inbox. We need help to ensure that we do not miss anyone. This also may be a great time to sponsor a member that is an active business, but not a part of our Chamber – we'd love to have more members and stories to share!

The golf committee has been busy planning as well, and I look forward to seeing you at the course on June 23!

Marni

Executive Director Report-May Meeting

I trust that this finds you all on higher ground and that the current water situation is not affecting you too greatly. We did ask for moisture, but this quite a bit of it!

I hope you have your eatin pants on, cause its POUTINE WEEK! Eight local Eateries have created mouth-watering masterpieces for you to indulge in! Plan a family feast, a staff lunch to share, or try one every day, but be sure to TRY THEM ALL! After you have had your FILL, head to the Chamber website and cast your vote for your favorite poutine! Be sure to follow the Chamber on social media for your chance to win Poutine Bucks, which can be redeemed at any of the participating businesses throughout the week. MAY THE BEST POUTINE WIN!

Our Annual General Meeting was held prior to the April monthly meeting. Thank you to our newest director, Carmen Fotheringham from Benefits RX. We appreciate you joining us Carmen and we look forward to having you on our board for the next few years. Thank you to our remaining directors, Cor, Shannon, Mayghan, Dale, Nancy, Marlin and Brian. I appreciate your involvement in the Chamber and I thank you for the time and effort you put into this position. Kelly, Dean, Scott and Marni. Thanks for making my position enjoyable and I appreciate and enjoy working with each of you. I look forward to the next year and I am excited for the direction that our Chamber is moving. Without the ideas and dedication that each of you have, our Chamber would not be where it is today.

This week I will be attending the Executive Director's of Manitoba Conference, as well as the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce AGM. I look forward to coming home from this conference with some new ideas and information that I hope will benefit our Chamber and our business community.

As we swing into spring and summer, the Chamber event calendar is PACKED with exciting events. I am looking forward to our first Meet and Greet since Covid. I hope that you will join us for Burgers and Beers at TRS Truck Shop on Thursday, May 26th, 2022. This evening of Chamber Networking is a great way to be reintroduced to your fellow Chamber members and to see "behind the scenes" of our local businesses. Watch your inbox for your official invitation, which will be sent your way early next week. Plans are also in the works for a Farmer's Market Kick off, Wheels Car Show in the Park, as well as the Carman Country Fair Parade. More details on these exciting events will be sent your way shortly!

The Chamber Golf Tournament will be held at the beautiful Carman Golf course on June 23rd, 2022. Tee off times will start around 1:00 so plan to join us for a fun afternoon on the course. Feel free to contact me for more information or to enter your team today! Mark your Calendars for THE EVENT OF THE YEAR! A Celebration of the history of the Women in Business in Carman will take place in Ryall Park on September 10th, 2022! We will be sure to let you know as soon as the plans are finalized. Thanks again for your engagement in Chamber activities and I look forward to seeing your smiling faces at many of these coming events very soon! Stay Dry!

Jodi Winkler

Executive Director, Carman and Community Chamber of Commerce