



General Board Meeting Minutes – November 12th, 2019

1pm Vauxhall Library Board Room

- **Called to order:** at 1:03pm by Joerg Klemnauer
- **Recording Secretary:** Danna Ferguson
- **Attendance:** Joerg Klemnauer, Petra Klemnauer, Danna Ferguson, Samantha Broderson, Raymond Coad, Dusty Stauth, Dawne Wiebe, Ron Huvenaars, Vicki Koersen
- **Additions to the agenda:** No additions to the agenda
- **Motion:** Raymond Coad moved that the agenda be approved and Dusty Stauth seconded the motion – Carried
- **Minutes from October 15th, 2019 meeting:** The minutes had been circulated and read. Petra Klemnauer moved to approve the minutes, Raymond Coad seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Financial Report:** The Financial report was circulated and discussed.
- **Motion:** Joerg Klemnauer presented the FR for Jennifer Schafer and moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Samantha Broderson seconded the motion – Carried.
- The 2019 Budget vs. Actuals was circulated, looked over and discussed to see where everything is sitting to date. The 2020 VDCC Budget was also circulated and discussed so that the information is ready to be presented at the AGM on November 26th, and the VDCC can explain where the funding has been used. It was also discussed what the VDCC can do for the members and how we can recruit membership from the outlying areas in and around Hays and Enchant including the businesses and family farms.

- **Motion:** Ron Huvenaars moved to accept the budget as presented and Dusty Stauth seconded the motion - Carried
- **Membership Application:** No new memberships at this time.

Correspondence:

- Alberta Chamber of Commerce information package was received. This will be looked over by Joerg and Danna and brought to the next meeting as it is a very large package of information.

VDCC Committee Reports:

- **VDCC Administration Committee Report** – The Policy updates and Bylaws need to be added to the VDCC website to keep the website up to date, this will be done as soon as possible.
- **Website Committee Report** - The website has been changed over to www.rebel.ca and the VDCC now owns the website. We need to keep our website updated with current information, so that our members can look up the most recent information.

Old Business:

- The Vauxhall 2020 Celebration committee has a meeting on November 20th @ 5pm. This event will include a weekend celebration with activities and events. It has also been discussed about possibly having a commemorative structure such as a clock tower built for this event as well. The cost for this structure would range from \$30,000.00 - \$45,000.00 and would also need an engineer to draft up a blueprint which would cost approximately \$3200.00. Raymond suggested that we look at a smaller clock tower structure, which would eliminate the engineering fee and lessen the cost of the structure, this will be discussed in the new business portion of the meeting.
- November 16th VDCC / Vauxhall Ag Dinner and Dance joint event – We still need to find a couple of volunteers to run the bar at the event. It was discussed that if we are unable to find enough volunteers to run the bar for the entire event, then we may possibly have to hire 1 – 2 people for the last shift of the evening. If VDCC is to hire help they will also help out with the clean up at the end of the event.
- **Motion:** Petra moved to hire 1 - 2 ladies to cover the final VDCC bar shift on November 16th from 10:00pm or 10:30pm – the end of the event paying \$20.00 per hour Vicki Koersen seconded the motion – Carried.
- It was also discussed to possibly send out a questionnaire after this event to receive feedback on how everyone enjoyed it and what could be done differently, so we know more for next year.
- The set up of this event will be done on Friday November 15th @ 7pm if any members are able to come out and help with set up of the bar please let us know. Also clean up of this event will be on Sunday November 17th @4pm, the Retlaw Prairie 4-H Club has volunteered to come out and help clean up @ 4pm as well.

- Business of the year Award – We received 4 nominations for this award, which are: Vauxhall Meats, D&R Auto (Napa), Sculpt Salon & Spa and Fishers Pharmacy. The nomination forms were discussed, and the award winner was chosen via closed ballot. The winner of the 2019 Business of the year Award is Vauxhall Meats 2004 Ltd. Petra will invite Vauxhall Meats to the November 16th Dinner and Dance event. It was also discussed to possibly carry over the nominations that were received but did not win this year to next years award so that they wouldn't need to be re-nominated.
- JEDC Power Up – This event was postponed due to low registration, there was a discussion on how to get more interest and involvement for this event, a new date will be set.
- VDCC AGM November 26th, 2019 @ 7pm at the Vauxhall Legion. The newspaper add was submitted to the Vauxhall Advance to invite everyone to attend and the Legion has been booked for this event. The VDCC Board will have to elect the President, Vice President, Secretary and 7 additional positions, as Joerg will stay on the board as the Past President.

New Business:

- The open letter to the Town of Vauxhall – There was a suggestion to hold open discussion meetings with the Town of Vauxhall once or twice per year for the community to discuss any issues or concerns. The Town of Vauxhall has had discussions on this matter, and they feel that the council meetings that are already in place are still the best way to discuss issues that arise, as they just need to be added to the council meeting agenda to be discussed.
- April 1st would be the best time to attend a meeting with the Town of Vauxhall in regard to funding as this will be after the Town of Vauxhall financials have been released.
- Raymond Coad spoke about the initial concern around the reductions made to the M.D. new budget and explained that all Municipalities funding is based on the Equalized Assessment. The areas with higher dependency will receive more funding, lower dependency receives less funding. After looking into the funding that Vauxhall received compared to other areas it seems that Vauxhall received a fair amount of funding and so this letter should not be sent.
- **Motion:** Ron Huvenaars moved to withdraw the motion of the letter Vicki Koersen seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Snowflake Frolic:** This event will be held on December 5th which will include the decoration challenge with the help of the Town of Vauxhall taking care of the residential portion of this challenge and the VDCC taking care of the business portion, Danna will look into finding judges for this event.
- **Passport to Christmas:** This was an idea that the Taber Chamber is holding and with some discussion, VDCC feels that they would like to stay with the Business Bingo.

- **VDCC Bereavement Policy:** This was tabled until the next meeting. Danna Ferguson will circulate this policy to the members, and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- **2020 Celebration:** The clock tower structure was discussed further and the VDCC is in support of having a memorial structure for time past & time in the future. The size of the clock tower was discussed more as well, Joerg and Raymond will look into more options of styles available. The preferred sight to have this clock tower placed would be possibly in front of the Vauxhall Library as it is on Town land.
- **Motion:** Samantha Broderson moved to have a clock tower structure in Vauxhall to commemorate the 100th Celebration of Vauxhall. Dusty Stauth seconded the motion - Carried

Next Meeting Date:

TBA after the AGM so the new board can set the date and time.

Meeting Adjourned @ 2:25pm by Petra Klempnauer