



Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 26th, 2020

5pm Zoom Call Online due to COVID-19

- **Called to order:** at 5:01pm by Joerg Klemnauer
- **Recording Secretary:** Danna Ferguson
- **Attendance:** Joerg Klemnauer, Petra Klemnauer, Danna Ferguson, Dusty Stauth, Jennifer Schafer, Vicki Koersen, Jennifer Crowson, Shelley Mehlhaff and Raymond Coad
- **Additions to the agenda:** Addition of Grizzly Media
- **Motion:** Jen Schafer moved to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Grizzly Media. Vicki Koersen seconded the motion – Carried
- **Minutes from April 28th, 2020 meeting:** The minutes were circulated and discussed.
- **Motion:** Dusty Stauth moved to accept the minutes as circulated Petra Klemnauer seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Financial Report:** The Financial report was circulated and presented by Jennifer Schafer.
- **Motion:** Jennifer Schafer moved the financial report to be accepted as presented, Petra Klemnauer seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Membership Application:** - Nonna's Pizzeria Membership has been completed

- **Administrative Report:** Danna Ferguson gave an update on this past month, I have been keeping the website and Facebook pages updated along with the VDCC resolution list and Quick books online. Nonna's Pizzeria membership has been completed and I have touched base with The Country Diner and KC's in regard to the outstanding membership fees. KC's wants to renew the VDCC Membership for 2020, The Country Diner does not. The Chamber Plan logo has been added and linked to the website, this will allow the VDCC to be entered into a contest to possibly win cash prize awards. I have been advertising the VDCC Scholarship as we have received 1 applicant so far and the deadline is June 15th. I have reached out to the Brooks and Taber Chamber of Commerce to see if there is anything more that we can be doing or offering to our members at this time. I have been delivering the 2020 VDCC Certificates to our members, I will continue to deliver these to the members and will be mailing the ones that I am unable to deliver. I have also been updating the VDCC 2020-2021 Directory and plan to have this ready to print by next week. I have contacted the VHS to print these for us once again this year and they are able to for the same price as last year. It was discussed to print less this year as we have quite a few left over from last year.
- **Correspondence:**
 - **Chamber Plan** – We received our monthly payment of \$11.79 from Country Stone Construction's membership.
 - **Scholarship Application** – We have received 1 application at this time, the scholarship information has been posted on our FB Page as well as emailed to Garth Mouland. The deadline is June 15th to receive applications.
 - **M.D. of Taber** – We have received a cheque from the M.D. of Taber to support the 2020 Centennial Clock Tower. The \$3000.00 will be deposited into the VDCC bank account and then a cheque will be written to the Town of Vauxhall for \$3000.00. As the M.D. of Taber does not require a tax receipt, we are able to funnel the funds to the proper account for the 2020 Centennial Clock Tower project.

VDCC Committee Reports:

- **2020 Committee** – Joerg gave an update on the 2020 Centennial Celebration. Due to COVID-19 the celebration activities have been postponed until the summer of 2021, but the clock tower structure is being built and the clock faces have been ordered. The committee has \$43,000.00 to go towards the clock tower structure, they require an additional \$15,000.00 for the project. The committee still has to contact some companies to donate towards the structure and are confident that the support will be received.

Old Business:

- **VDCC Board of Directors** – 1 position is still available

- **Office Space** – As this is a joint partnership with the VDCC and the Vauxhall Ag Society it has been discussed at both organizations' meetings. The Vauxhall Ag Society had a meeting on May 25th and had made a motion to open the office space downtown in the Vauxhall Advance office Starting September 1st, 2020 for 2 days per week or by appointment only depending on the regulations. This will be for a 6-month trial period from September 2020 – January 2021 to see if an office front will increase exposure, foot traffic and advertising. The VDCC discussed this motion and agreed on the start time of September 1st, 2020 this will allow time to plan and organize all items necessary to open the office. Some items that will be required would include a laptop, filing cabinet and a sign. We will also have to follow all regulations required to open the office in September, this may include plexiglass barriers etc.
- **Motion**- Petra moved to go ahead with the office space agreement starting September 1st, 2020, Dusty Stauth seconded the motion, Carried
- **New Business:**
 - **VDCC 2020/2021 Directory** – This had been discussed earlier
 - **Grizzly Media** – The VDCC has received an invoice for the amount of \$1097.00 which is due at the end of May. The invoice amount includes the annual fee host agreement and 1 year of the basic web care package plan from May 2020 – April 2021. The Basic plan is normally \$95.00/month as the VDCC pays a yearly amount we save \$95.00 for the year. Although it states that Not for profit organizations are to receive 15% off and it is not showing that the VDCC is receiving this reduced rate. It was discussed that this is a high price to pay for the website and that there are many other companies that we can look into that have a much lower rate, such as Wix and Square Space. It was also felt that the VDCC has not received very good customer service when problems have been encountered. Petra will talk to Eric to find out if he is still being charged for this service, once she has looked into this Grizzly Media will then be contacted. For now, we will leave the bill and will touch base with Grizzly Media next week to discuss the invoice. We will have Petra Klempnauer, Vicki Koersen and Danna Ferguson look into other companies to create our own VDCC website at a much lower cost. We will then make a decision on this at our next meeting.
 - **Other** – Vicki Koersen wanted to let the VDCC know that the Vauxhall Medical Clinic is planning to open once again in August 2020.

Next Meeting Date:

June 23rd, 2020 @ 5pm Zoom Call Online

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:57 pm by Jen Schafer