



Regular Board Meeting Minutes – April 28th, 2020

5pm Zoom Call Online due to COVID-19

- **Called to order:** at 5:05pm 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:** No additions
- **Motion:** Jen Crowson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Dusty Stauth seconded the motion – Carried
- **Minutes from February 18th, 2020 meeting:** The minutes were circulated (March meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19).
- **Motion:** Jennifer Schafer moved to accept the minutes as circulated Vicki Koersen seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Financial Report:** The Financial report was circulated and presented by Jennifer Schafer.
- **Motion:** Jennifer Schafer moved that the financial report be accepted as presented, Vicki Koersen seconded the motion – Carried.
 - a. Danna Ferguson sent out reminders again on April 28th and will follow up with the outstanding invoices.
 - b. Shelley Mehlhaff will pay for D&R Auto Parts and Vauxhall Auto Care Ltd.
 - c. Joerg will talk to Prairieview Seed Potatoes Ltd.

- Dusty Stauth asked if the VDCC would qualify for the Government wage subsidy program that is being offered at this time, there was a discussion on this, and Jennifer Schafer will look into this more.
- **Membership Application:** - Nonna's Pizzeria
 - a. There was a discussion on the membership category to invoice Nonna's Pizzeria, it was decided that Nonna's Pizzeria would fall under the sole proprietorship as they are not an incorporated business. Nonna's Pizzeria will be invoiced at the proprietorship amount pro-rated to the half price reduction amount offered to all new members.
- **Motion:** Jennifer Schafer moved to accept the new membership of Nonna's Pizzeria, Dusty Stauth seconded the motion – Carried.
- **Administrative Report:** Danna Ferguson gave an update, the gold seals for the 2020 certificates have been ordered and once they arrive these will be sent out. The VDCC website has been updated with the Bylaws, newsletters, July 1st cancellation and meeting minutes. Danna called businesses out in the Enchant area to invite them to the VDCC, from the contacts she received from Murray Reynolds. The VDCC Facebook page has been updated daily with new information. Reminder invoices were sent out to the outstanding businesses and Danna will follow up on these for the next meeting. Danna has also touched base with the Taber Chamber of Commerce and Brooks Chamber of Commerce to find new and engaging ideas/opportunities to offer during this time to our local businesses.
- **Correspondence:**
 - Chamber Plan – Banner Incentive Program Competition, it was discussed and agreed that Danna should add the banner to our VDCC website for an entry into this competition.

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 will still be put in place this summer. The clock faces have been ordered and the structure is being built, the placement of the structure may be delayed until approximately August 2020. The committee has sent out information on the structure to local businesses to receive the final funding required for the clock tower structure. Jennifer Crowson stated that the M.D. of Taber council voted to put \$3000.00 towards the structure.

Old Business:

- **What can we offer to our membership at this time:** It was discussed that there has been more activity on the VDCC Facebook page, we should also share information from the Alberta and Canadian Chamber, as we would like to grow our social media following. Also, if any Board of Directors have information, they would like on the page please feel free to forward it to Danna and she can add it to the page as well.

New Business:

- **Office Space** – Danna Ferguson had looked into a couple of different office spaces that are available. The Vauxhall Advance office has space available and Ryan McAdams would like to offer a partnership agreement in the amount of \$300.00 per month which will be used towards advertisements each month. This does include internet services and keys are available to come and go as required. The other space available is the building next to Avail, the front portion of this building is available as the back is a garage and is being used. This space does not have internet available and the cost of this space is \$500.00 per month.
- It was discussed that the VDCC feels that having a downtown office space is valuable even if it is only 2 days a week or by appointment only if required. As this will allow the VDCC to have a store front for new members to come if they have any questions or concerns. Also, currently the VDCC is not set up to receive payment electronically and without having an office space mail is the only means of receiving payment. Electronic payment options are possibly something we should look into for the future. Having an office space will also allow everything to be stored in one location. Danna will contact Ryan McAdams and confirm that the Vauxhall Advance Office is still available to rent as it is currently closed. If it is available this information will be taken to the next Vauxhall Ag Society meeting on May 25th, 2020 to confirm that their board is also in agreement of the office space.
- **Motion:** Dusty Stauth moved to discuss the office space with the Vauxhall Ag Society and to go ahead with securing the Vauxhall Advance Office space providing that it is still available and that both boards are in agreement. Ray Coad seconded the motion – Carried.
- **July 1st, 2020** – This event is cancelled due to the Government gathering regulations.
- **Other** - Joerg had a 45 minute phone call with Joseph Schow this past week and they discussed the changes we have all been facing as well as our rural health care and there may be changes to these systems in the future, as the negotiations are still open with our Alberta rural doctors. It was also thought to have Danna add Joseph Schow's and Martin Shields information on our upcoming VDCC Newsletter. It was discussed as our local medial clinic is currently closed due to COVID-19 what the proper steps are if an emergency occurs and if an AED unit is required, it is still best to call 911 to find out where the closest AED unit is located within our community and to have the proper instruction if required to use the unit.

Next Meeting Date:

May 26th, 2020 @ 5pm Zoom Call Online

Meeting Adjourned @ 6:04pm by Jen Schafer