

**MARKDALE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Sidekicks Café – 7 p.m. – June 25, 2009**

MINUTES

Dinner: 6 p.m. (donation - \$62 for Cops for Cancer on behalf of Bradley McCutcheon)
ATTENDING: Doug Crawford, Wayne Fitzgerald, JD Daly, Kathy Gamblen, Janie Badgerow, Kate Russell, Lynn Silverton
REGRETS: Rick Gamblen, Shelley LaPointe, Charmaine Peever, Patti Shaw
GUEST: Thomas Oates

CALL TO ORDER: 6:55 p.m.

AGENDA ADDITIONS:

- Honorarium for George Lorenz
- Discussion with CAO

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: Review of previous minutes.
Amendments: add our guest from last meeting. Show WF as attending.

MOTION: Moved by Don Kopplin, seconded by Janie Badgerow. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Community Adjustment Fund – Copies on hand for review. Copies to references and Lynn Silverton forwarded an AMO memo. WF congrats to Kate on a job well done in getting the grant together in time. Thanks to Kate.

Golf Tournament – Doug reported the committee has had two meetings on the event. A poster and handout is at the print shop now. Move forward beyond the Cruise Night. Next meeting will be the week following Cruise Night. Committee decided to have a first prize of about \$600 for the first place foursome. Need a decent first prize, and a decent prize table – will build a rapport amongst golfers. Poster will go up every local course. Rick started calling members for sponsors and prizes and hole sponsors. JD reported he spoke to the golf club about the food – snack to start – hot dog, burgers – or maybe peameal on a bun - full dinner later – 2 veg, Roast beef, salad and dessert. \$58 with a cart. \$100 entry so needs to be finalized. 10 a.m. shotgun start Sept. 13th. This year is seen as an opportunity to build up the attendance at tournaments.

ACTION: Next committee meeting after Cruise Night.

Cruise Night – Next Friday night. Gift bags will be put together at the Olde Firehall next Tuesday night. Flyers are being distributed at regional shows. Wayne will take more to Southampton - they were handed out in Owen Sound, Hanover, Southampton, Rocklyn, etc. by those attending other shows. Flyers were donated by Murray's Print Shop. 3 food booths, Participation Lodge beside the Olde Firehall, Christian Family Holiday at hospital, Rotary at Post Office – Rick Tourlousse is performing, Casey Watanabe will play in Standard parking lot – later from 8 p.m. to about 11 p.m. Nice way to end the evening. JD has asked LeeAnn, will provide coupons for door prizes. Prize table will be set up and registrations will be used as tickets. Jesse is working that night at the registration table. Road marshal volunteer needed. Lynn has nagged the municipality/county to ensure road works will be done before event. Markdale Chamber flashlights. Two porta potties. Set up a ticket table for Harry at Cruise Night.

ACTION: Road marshals: Doug, Wayne, Don, Mark, Willard?, Gary Bray.
Registration: Jesse, Denise Hill, Janie. Tuesday afternoon- stuff the bags at Olde Firehall at 3 p.m. Kate will arrange barriers with the municipality. Chris Cornfield at 519-986-1216 ext. 225.
Follow-up with Participation Lodge about set-up space.

Summer Student – Hired Jesse Lamberti – has been doing an excellent job. Office is very clean and organized.

Downtown Snow Removal – Doug spoke to Peggy Harris – wants Doug to attend the July 22nd at 1 p.m. roads committee meeting. Do not want snow stored behind the Olde Firehall.

ACTION: When meeting date is known, we will inform downtown merchants to attend.

50/50 draw – Tickets have been distributed to downtown businesses. On hand to supply to others who may want to sell.

ACTION: Doug will contact Harry Trafford to sell tickets.

Memorial Parkette – follow-up is pending. Memorial bench is installed.

SEDC follow-up – pending.

CAA Affinity program – Kathy report pending. Send email to Rick so he may follow up.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Development Committee – Rick, Wayne, Stan Baker, Al Thompson. First meeting will be scheduled in the fall. A lot of people would be interested in tapping into Chamber development resources. Much interest in a seniors report.

Wayne reported the Blue Water District School Board building now has many asbestos issues. Sale of the building went to tender – there were no bidders. Now going to Ontario Real Estate Corp. to dispose of the building. Wayne has contacts there, they should know and have an engineering report on the cost to clean it up. The roof would be a huge amount of money, plus asbestos removal may be cost prohibitive for the building to be redeveloped at all – may be a demolition situation. Would require a report on the asbestos. The school board may need to be involved in clearing asbestos and site.

Foundation is up in the air whether to continue to pursue the primary care facility.

Flesherton/Markdale – Went very well, relaxing evening. Cordial relations. Flesherton is interested in getting together. Would like to do projects together – slow merge to work together. Different president in Flesherton is very receptive. We could potentially look at a BIA structure for the municipality. Potentially explore this area for future development. Dinner meeting will be at Sidekicks September 24th.

ACTION: Invited them to our next Chamber meeting in September. They will join us for a normal Chamber meeting. Business directory is first joint project to be determined. Need to identify any other projects we could determine to work together with – perhaps they'd like to get involved with the Santa Claus parade.

Delegation to council – June 22nd – didn't happen. Still concerns – may reschedule.

Fire Chief – Letter out to Ken thanking him for his service. Welcome to Bob Mead. Doug sent a nomination letter for Ken to be named Citizen of the Year.

Citizenship Award – Doug presented the award at Beavercrest's graduation.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Member survey – pending.

Lynn Silverton and Thomas Oates left the meeting at this point.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

FT Hill Bequest – Court date of June 19th has been put over due to illness with court appointed lawyer. No new date yet. Has met with lawyer, Eber suggests the costs may be covered by estate – but may be a cap on things. Chamber would have to put up any difference. Dan Pust will keep costs reasonable – Wayne and Kate are doing some preps so will save us some money. Municipality is putting in a claim, as well as some distant relatives putting in a claim. Relatives want the money. Kate has edited Wayne's submission – for review by Wayne and lawyer. Judge could still come back to suggest the municipality and the Chamber could come to some terms. The implementation of the FT Hill Foundation will be key to the court submission. Support letters will be sought.

ACTION: Wayne will work with Kate and lawyer to come up with presentation to court to present to board at next meeting (or prior to court date).

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- *Presentation of latest financial statement* – Don Kopplin reviewed the monthly financial statement with the board. Membership committee would help increase membership income. Support the Gamblens in recruiting new members. We need new benefit brochure and a annual report to tell them what we do for them. Membership income is up, but we do need more. Not much income coming in.

MOTION: Moved by Wayne Fitzgerald, seconded by Kathy Gamblen that the financial statement be received and approved as presented. Carried.

- *Payables* – Payables were reviewed as presented – additional amounts for flower baskets, garden tractor and repairs for tractors – as attached.

MOTION: Moved by Janie Badgerow, seconded by Wayne Fitzgerald that the payables be approved as presented. Carried.

- *Petty Cash* – need to replenish.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

- *Back from vacation* - thanks to all who covered office and duties when Kate was away. Student is great and has picked up the slack very well.

- *Benefit cards received* – benefits began June 1. Rick is bringing forms to Kate at office tomorrow.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- BMO bank statement - to treasurer.
- Receipt for donation to Markdale Fall Fair – file
- Ministry of Environment – office moved – file
- Engage – membership benefits program – to Gamblens for review
- Chamber insurance report – file

NEW BUSINESS:

- *Chamber ad* in Standard Summer Events supplement - \$150 booked - CANCEL

- *Honorarium for George Lorenz* – Doug outlined that George is working on watering the flowers. He is proud of his job and is very enthusiastic. Don't want to take advantage, so we should set aside an honorarium at the AGM dinner. Gather a gift basket of gift certificates for him plus a small stipend. Summer student could do. Gamblens will donate a Chambers of Commerce golf shirt so he can wear it around. Country Critters.

- *CAO concerns* – meeting to council.....Kathy suggested we maintain a “public record” of this process of granting.

- *Lynda Reader* is interested in Olde Firehall – former economic development officer of North Wellington – is interested in doing grant applications for the building.

ADJOURNMENT: Don Kopplin, seconded by JD Daly meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: September 24, 2009.