Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce MINUTES

7pm Thursday February 27, 2020 Lyndhurst Fire Hall

In Attendance:

John Sideris – **President** Wings Live Bait & Tackle

Irene Davelaar- **Secretary** Sliabhin Custom Apparel

Ken Davies- **Director** Ken Davies Logistics Development

Heiner Kamman-**Director** Gleanna Lea Farms

Scott Gerrie 1000 Island Septic & Construction

Gord Ohlke Tippeln Estate Farm

1.Correspondence John Sideris

- 1.1 Brockville update. See Brockville & 1000 Islands Tourism for Events Listing.
- 1.2 Invitation to Ontario Chamber of Commerce for 'Indispensable Network' 108th AGM & Convention. Location: Timmins, Ontario April 24-26, 2020 Senator Hotel & Conference Centre. If anyone from our local Chamber is interested in attending, contact John Sideris for more information.
- 1.3 Ontario Chamber of Commerce 38th Annual Business Achievement Awards. Wednesday, September 9th, 2020. At Toronto Event Centre. Award Nominations are now Open. See Ontario Chamber of Commerce for more details.
- 1.4 April/May edition or Township Times is looking for submissions of Community News and Events. Deadline for submissions: Monday, March 9th. Also still open to nominations for "Community Spotlight" section for recognition of a business, organization, volunteer and public space. For submissions contact Recreation Assistant, Cara Lemkay, Township of Leeds and Thousand Islands 613-659-2415 ext 228 www.leeds1000islands.ca
- 1.5 **Notice of Public Meeting**. Monday, March 9, 2020 5:30-6:30 pm Township Administration Office, Council Chambers, 1233 Prince Street, Lansdowne, ON; to consider an amendment to the Township's Official Plan re; Section17(15) wetland usage and maintenance; and, Section5.1 Agriculture land-use.

See Attachment for more details.

- **2. Guest Speaker:** Due to weather and circumstances there was no guest speaker. John Sideris is going to try to arrange for Brian Richardson, Field Representative for Blue Way Sonepar Company from Oshawa to speak about lighting conversion, related savings and available Government incentives.
- 3. Minutes: Irene Davelaar

Minutes of the January 2020 Meeting were presented.

4. <u>Treasurer's Report</u> presented as submitted by Annick Rousseau.

5. <u>Membership Update:</u> Membership update was listed and noted as part of Treasurers Report. Contact Ken Davies kdavies@baybrokerageus.com for Membership Dues

6. <u>Up Coming Courses and Seminars</u>

- 1.1 **First Aid Training** Available Dates: April 4, April 5, April 18, May 2, May 3. Online course approx. 7 hrs with and 8 hr. hands-on skills day. \$135/person plus tax with goal of 8+ people. **Chamber Pays up to 1.5 seats for Chamber Members**. Contact the Chamber Exec if interested.
- 1.2 Alzheimer Society offering Training Course. A one hour seminar with 1 ½ hr discussion at Furnace Falls Farm. 5-6 attendants required. Dates to follow.

7.2020 Directory Update: Heiner Kammann

New Members were noted. In the process of creating the 2020 Directory, it was suggested that a 'Plan of Action' be developed for gathering and implementation of information.

8. 2020 Meet & Greet- Seeley's Bay Fire Hall:

The President is going to invite the Mayor, MP, MPP and County Economic Development representative to attend the April 23rd event. A suggested Guest Speaker was: Gold Mark Security Inc. A Consulting Firm for Security Protocol for Businesses and Security Risk Management.

To book a Booth for the Meet & Greet Event: send e-mail request for table to Chamber Executive. No cost to Chamber Members.

9. 2nd Annual Rural Small Business & Agricultural Expo-Furnace Falls Farm

An advertising budget of \$1,000.00 has been set aside for the June 14th Event.

Furnace Falls Farm is looking for members willing to assist in set up for the event. Anyone interested in helping out the morning of Sunday June 14th, contact the Executive.

No fee for LSB Chamber Members, \$25.00 for non-members.

Moira of BriarLea Kitchen is possibly looking to host the 3rd Annual Rural Small Business & Agricultural Expo.

10.TODS Signage:

A representative for Steve Clark said that the increase in fees for the TOD Signage was not going to change. It has been noted that 6 local businesses will not be renewing their signage due to cost increase. More follow up by President.

11. Website/Facebook update

A reminder to chamber members to check your business information on Chamber website for correct & up to date Business Info.

Gord Ohlke offered to write up a draft contract for Web Manager Position to be signed by Chair/President, Treasurer and hired website/Facebook Coordinator.

12. Village of Lyndhurst Update-

Lyndhurst Archaeology Dig 2017-2019 Presentation by Historian Art Shaw and Archaeologist Jeff Earl. Sunday, March 1st, 2pm at Lyndhurst United Church. Donations to raise money to purchase Lyndhurst United Church for community use will be accepted at the presentation.

13. Village of Seeley's Bay update: Frost Fest went well and was well attended.

Ken Davies is going to connect with SBARA

12.Peer Update:

Josh Mensen and Ken Davies are to attend Peer meetings, with Rob Taillon filling in as needed. Peer Meeting dates have change and need to be finalized; No reports available as of yet.

A copy of Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce By-laws and a membership list is required to be sent in to Peer.

13. Gananoque Chamber Update:

For details see Gananoque Chamber website.

- Grow Your Business Digitally! Marketing Trends Workshop by Zack Talsma from Lure Marketing. Workshop offered by 1000 Islands Gananaoque Chamber of Commerce. See Gananoque Chamber website for details
- 2. Gan Chamber and MyFM 4th Annual Business Showcase

April 17, 2020 - April 18, 2020

Join us for the 4th Annual Business Showcase at the Lou Jefferies TLTI and Gananoque Arena! Doors open at 4pm Friday April 17th and runs through to Saturday April 18th, at 4pm Showcase your home, lifestyle or service business to engaged shoppers! LOCAL BUSINESS - LOCAL SHOPPERS - LOCAL RELATIONSHIPS

14. New Business:

Gord Ohlke noted that there are Grants available through the County Economic Development for local Young People towards summer business/work endeavours.

15. Next meeting. To be held at Lyndhurst Fire Hall, 7pm Thursday March 26th, 2020.

Meeting closed 9:17 pm. No motions were made during the meeting.