

# Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

**Attending Members:** Dawn Bell, Sharif Burdzik, Kristeen Millett, Gus Farah, Rob Aichele, Cindy Lebeau, Neil Daly, Scott Flury, Barb Holbrook, Shauna Stout

**Absent:** Steve Dronen, Kelli Montei, Jim Holder

**FRIENDLY ATTENDANCE POLICY REMINDER:** *Each member of the Board of Directors shall attend at least nine (9) monthly meetings of the Board per year.*

**Meeting held: 01/05/24: Zoom**

2024 Board President, Dawn Bell, called the meeting to order at 9:00am.

## **STANDING ITEMS**

1. Secretary's Report – no December board meeting minutes available.
2. Treasurer Report – Scott reported \$17,806.64 in checking, and \$3,768.64 in savings. \$9,099.06 is in the Blue Crew checking, separate from the general checking account.
3. Membership – Barb reported 118 current members.
4. Education/Scholarship – Neil has agreed to lead this.
5. Ribbon Cuttings – Kristeen reported none are scheduled at this time, but both Ridgefield Landscape Products and Ridgefield Wine Company are interested in having ribbon cuttings soon.
6. Community Update – Rob reported Playmakers as a new business (open), and Les Schwab opening this month.

## **ONGOING MONTHLY ITEMS**

1. Wine Down Wednesday's –
  - Need to schedule these sooner, held at member locations only. Guss agreed to join this committee with Sharif and Kelli.
  - Playmakers and Ridgefield Wine Company are good options, assuming Playmakers joins.
2. Events / Speakers for Lunches –
  - Jan: awards at member meeting (brief), then Eric Olmsted of On Line Support and Elizabeth Bergen of Foray Business Group to talk about keeping your business's data and finances as safe as possible.
  - For January awards: Lions Club as Community Champion, Columbia Ridge as Sponsor of the Year, Lava Java as Fan Favorite, and BevRidge as New Business of the Year.
  - Consensus was to arrange for speaker meetings in January and February to be held upstairs at Playmakers. This is their company space, not generally open for events, holds 25-30 people, and Matt (an owner) has agreed. Kelli and Sharif will confirm.

3. First Saturdays –

- Feb is the next one – Bowls and Books
- Mar is Arts Month Kickoff – Color Run
- We need more board and member participation

4. Member Spotlight –

- Jan – TBD

**NEW BUSINESS**


- Please review the list of people interest in helping (on the agenda), along with the roles we've agreed to fill.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- Welcome bags – still in need of giveaways to include.
- Ridgefield Main Street – next meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm – 510 Pioneer Street.
- Welcome letters to new businesses – Dawn has these ready to go, so please send her a picture of your signature.
- Kristeen has the website ready for proofing – looks very nice!
- Cecelia Dalynn Photography – in return for taking all event pictures, discussed awarding a Silver Sponsorship in return. Dawn 1<sup>st</sup>, Kristeen 2<sup>nd</sup>, passed.

Signatures:

President, Dawn Bell : \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary, Sharif Burdzik:  Date 01/05/2024

**\*\*\*\*\*Next meeting: Friday February 2, 2024, 9:00 AM\*\*\*\*\***

**Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM**