

Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Attending Members: Dawn Bell, Rachel Coker, Neil Daly, Sharif Burdzik, Scott Flury, Kristeen Millett, Gus Farah, Kelli Montei, John Rose, Steve Dronen

Absent: 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: 04/07/23: Corwin Board Room

2023 Board President, Dawn Bell, called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

STANDING ITEMS

1. Secretary's Report – March 2023 meeting minutes reviewed. Steve 1st, Scott 2nd, approved with no changes.
2. Treasurer Report – Scott reported \$9,031.46 in checking; \$2,663.55 in Savings.
3. Community Update – Rachel reported three new businesses, two of which are at Discovery Ridge.
4. Membership Committee update – Ribbon Cutting: Northwest Cascadia Real Estate, April 19th.

NEW BUSINESS

- Government Affairs / WEDA board position discussed for 2024. Someone to take advantage of our WEDA membership, focus on advocacy for our members. Possibly Mike Bomar or Jon Gruett?
- Discussed possible sponsorship for the Robotics Program at RHS. Decided against it. Motion to not donate this year except for scholarships, John 1st, Steve 2nd, approved. Discussed a budget committee to look into and plan for paid speakers, capacity for other donations in the future.
- Board Meeting location for May – old Port of RF building, also back to original time of 9:00am with exec committee at 8:30am.
- Big Paddle June 3rd – beer garden, Dawn to get the license. Motion by Dawn, Steve 2nd, approved.
- Kristeen and Scott presented idea for more networking opportunities. Agreed to add speed networking to Coffee Connections.
- Blue Crew to help with serving at Amphitheater concessions as a fundraiser, to help with Blue Crew expenses. Agreed to host under RCC insurance, Dawn 1st, John 2nd, approved.

ONGOING MONTHLY ITEMS

1. Wine Down Wednesday's

- May: nothing confirmed yet. Neil will talk with Kevin at Taps and let us know.
- Jun: Carts by the Park
- Jul: Latte Da
- Aug: ilani
- Sep: TBD
- Oct: TBD
- Nov: Windy Hills w/ pie giveaway
- Dec: celebration

2. Events / Speakers for Lunches –

- Apr: Veronika Noize, Networking for Newbies
- May: Dr. Kevin Fischer, Medical Director, Columbia River Mental Health Services
- Jun: Kevin Hiebert, life & business coaching, leading teams
- Jul: TBD (HR panel?)
- Aug: TBD
- Sep: TBD

3. First Saturdays:

- May: Gus and his wife will run the booth from 8-11 am and bring a table. Dawn will also be there.
- Jun: no First Saturday booth since we're doing the Big Paddle.

4. Member Spotlights: Starting in 2023 will be for Gold/Silver levels only.

- After July, we are out of Gold members who haven't been featured.
- Goal is to get more Gold members.

Signatures:

President, Dawn Bell : _____ Date_____

Secretary, Sharif Burdzik: _____(signed)_____ Date_____

*******Next meeting: Friday May 5, 2023, 9:00 AM*******

Meeting Adjourned: 9:40 AM