

Ridgefield Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting Minutes

Attending Members: Dawn Bell, Sharif Burdzik, Kristeen Millett, Rob Aichele, Cindy Lebeau, Neil Daly, Scott Flury, Shauna Stout, Steve Dronen, Kelli Montei, Jim Holder

Absent: Gus Farah, Barb Holbrook

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: 02/02/24: Tri-Mountain Golf Course

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

STANDING ITEMS

1. Secretary's Report – reviewed corrected minutes from January board meeting. Dawn 1st, Steve 2nd, passed.
2. Treasurer Report – Scott reported \$17,946.55 in checking, and \$3,769.25 in savings. Insurance has been paid.
3. Membership – Membership Meeting on 2/8/24 at Lava Java at 10 am.
4. Education/Scholarship – discussed structure and amount for scholarships this year. Decided to give three scholarships at \$1,000 each. Dawn 1st, Cindy 2nd, passed.
5. Ribbon Cuttings – CTE Trades Building at RHS Ribbon Cutting 02/22/24 from 3-4:30pm. PlayMaker's Ridgefield Ribbon Cutting 02/21/24 at 2:30pm.
6. Community Update – Rob reported mostly new home-based business this month.

ONGOING MONTHLY ITEMS

1. Wine Down Wednesday's –
 - February 21st – PlayMakers
 - March 20th – Ridgefield Craft Brewing
 - April 17th – TBD
2. Member Meetings –
 - Feb – Port of Ridgefield updates with Randy Mueller
 - Mar – Clark Regional Wastewater District with Heath Henderson and Vanessa Johnson
 - Apr – TBD
3. First Saturdays –
 - Mar is Arts Month Kickoff – Color Run
 - We need more board and member participation – Dawn will re-send a sign-up to the board so each director can choose which First Saturday they will be responsible for.

4. Member Spotlight –

- Feb – Les Schwab
- Mar – WA Trust Bank
- Apr – PepsiCo
- May – Live Nation
- June – BevRidge
- July – Mounted Patrol
- Aug - TBD

NEW BUSINESS

- Business/School collaboration – Dawn presented the idea of connecting High School marketing students looking for volunteer opportunities with member businesses.
- Committee and Board positions – please refer to the Agenda for a complete list of suggested roles. In particular, Chuck Crider from Columbia Credit Union would like to be VP – Jim 1st, Kelli 2nd, passed. Jennifer Lindsay is interested in joining the board, but will need at least a month to confirm availability. Michael Hanna with Cloud8.AI is also interested, possibly as Secretary to replace the awful one we have now.

OLD BUSINESS

- Welcome bags – still in need of giveaways to include.
- Ridgefield Main Street – Wine Walk in March and December this year.
- Member meetings – day and location – PlayMaker’s has no room for meeting attendance to grow, but having lunch available at a lunch meeting was welcome. Dawn has coordinated with BevRidgeto have us on last Tuesdays each month, when they are closed. They will have a server available and open for us, so changing to last Tuesdays at 11:30 to 1:00. Cindy 1st, Steve 2nd, passed.
- Discussed contributing \$200 to the CTE Trade Building ribbon cutting at RHS. Dawn 1st, Steve 2nd, passed.

Signatures:

President, Dawn Bell : _____ Date _____

Secretary, Sharif Burdzik:  Date 02/02/2024

*****Next meeting: Friday March 1, 2024, 9:00 AM*****

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM