

Diamond Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting of February 10, 2010 Black Diamond Hotel, Black Diamond

Present: Christine Waddell (Aesthetique For You), Tanis Downey (Cowboy Trail Storage), Gordon Tomte (Pegasis Spirit of the Earth), George Wallace (Town of Turner Valley), Cathy Hutcheson (Town of Black Diamond), Betty Paul (Pegasis Spirit of the Earth), Pam Mikolayenko (Wow and Then), Andrew Pottinger (Spruce Ridge Estates), Cindy Froud (Appofis Stone Works), Malcolm Froud (Appofis Stone Works), Grant Sinclair (Compass Rose Electric), Ralph Bennesten (Spruce Ridge Estates), Rick Lewis (The Eagle 100.9FM), Gerald Smith (Real Storage), Hazel Martin (Town of Turner Valley), Marlene Ryks (ATB Financial), Monique LeBlanc (Town of Turner Valley), Bill Price (Town of Black Diamond), Melissa Pryor (Sheep River Health Trust), Randal Williamson (Photo Shots), James Hall (Western Financial Group), Pat Lothrop (Diamond Willow Artisan Retreat), Lori Green (Black Diamond Hotel), & Barb Froud (Webby Inc)

Meeting called to order and everyone introduced themselves at 12:15pm

Moved by Tanis to approve the agenda as presented, carried

Moved by Pat and seconded by Cathy to approve the Minutes of February 11, 2009 as presented, carried

Moved by Tanis and seconded by Pam to approve the Financial Statement to November 30, 2009 as presented, carried

[2009 Financial Report](#)

Pat remarked on how we are going to use the VIC this summer tabled to move forward to next regular meeting.

Tanis remarked on chamber membership increase - tabled to next executive meeting

Old Business

Randal spoke regarding our achievements for 2009 - Last year the VIC achieved great support for the members and community. People from all over the world and Canada visited. Workers steered visitors into our businesses. Suggested that we use a survey to find out how many of the visitors are actually steered into the different businesses. This would be an advantage to every business to know where their business was coming from. Ralph brought up the idea of a passport for shopping locally. Possibly have a Diamond Valley stamp made. Ralph interested in contributing to find out what visitors enjoyed and where we are lacking.

New Business

Monique spoke regarding the new direction for Turner Valley council; they will no longer be sending a councillor to our meetings instead sending either a staff member or volunteer. Turner Valley will be working closely with residents and surrounding communities. The \$5000 support request from the Chamber to the Town of Turner Valley for operations of the VIC is being considered.

The request to the Town of Black Diamond for the \$5000 support of the VIC also approved by BD Economic Development Committee and is waiting final approval from council.

Elections:

Moved by Pat to have Barb remain on as Secretary, Barb agreed, carried.

Moved by to have Tanis remain as Vice President, Tanis agreed, carried.

Moved by Pat seconded by Betty that the bank signing authority should be any 2 or the 4 executive members: Randal Williamson, Tanis Downey, Pat Lothrop and Barb Froud carried.

Meeting Times and Locations shall be rotated between lunch and breakfast at member locations

The chamber would like to thank Tara and the Black Diamond Hotel for a great meal and hosting for our meeting.

Next regular meeting March 10, 2010

Time and location TBA