

Minutes

Diamond Valley Chamber of Commerce
Regular Membership Meeting
January 11, 2012

Present: Melody Koopman (Koop's Full Service, Chamber Treasurer); Scott Meeken (Turner Valley Golf Club); Jacqueline Overmars (Lorac Management, Inc.) David Petrovich (Black Diamond Economic Development and Events Coordinator); Gary Taylor (Turner Valley Golf Club); Chris Weingarth (Bluerock Gallery, Chamber Treasurer); Sandra Wiebe (Routes Media, Chamber Vice President); Todd & Tammy Williams (Sun Life Financial).

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 with an invitation to lunch. During lunch we heard a presentation by Todd Williams.

Presentation:

"Protecting Your Most Important Asset - what a Chamber Group Plan can do for you and your employees," given by Todd and Tammy Williams of Sun Life Financial.

- The Chamber of Commerce Group Plan is a non-for-profit corporation and as such is able to offer health insurance to small businesses at highly competitive rates.
- The Chamber Group Plan currently insures 29,000 businesses across Canada.
- A policy can be tailored to cover owners of businesses, regular employees and contract employees.
- Can cover businesses that range in size from 1-50 employees.
- Any business that is a member of the Chamber is eligible.
- The local Chamber receives an administrative fee for every member business that participates in the Group Plan.
- In many instances an employer is able to offer benefits to an employee that are of significantly greater value than a simple increase in wages.

Announcements:

- The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was announced for Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the Turner Valley Golf Club, beginning noon. (Note: since then it has become likely that the AGM will instead be held Wednesday, February 22, 2012, same time and place.
- David Petrovich, the new Economic Development and Events Coordinator (EDEC) for the Town of Black Diamond introduced himself. The Economic Development Committee is looking for two new members: a "member-at-large" from Black Diamond, and a "commercial/retail business owner" whose business is in Black Diamond. Please contact David if you're interested.
- "Conversations, Engagement and Community Change," is a workshop being offered in Lethbridge, AB on Thursday, March 8, 2012, 1:00pm - 4:00pm. For more information please visit <http://chinookarchregionallibrarysystem.memberlodge.com/preconference>.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Submitted by Chris Weingarth