

**West Grey Chamber of Commerce  
Executive Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2016**

Attending: Nella Monaco-Wells, Lois Harris, Ruth Owler, Rob Thompson

Nella called the meeting to order. Motion to accept the agenda by Rob, seconded by Ruth. Carried.

Acceptance of the January 6, 2015 minutes was moved by Rob, seconded by Ruth. Carried.

Business arising from last meeting:

- Report from Stephanie re: Christmas shopping promotion results was deferred to next meeting.
- Rob said that he spoke to Tom Hutchison about the Chamber's participation in the Warrior Weekend hockey tournament and that he was fine with whatever we want to do to participate. The decision at the last meeting was to hold a draw for shopping bucks on the day of the tournament.
- Ruth suggested a 'Spring into Spring' promotion for March/April.
- Last networking session at the Garafraxa Cafe - weather not co-operative, but a good turnout. The Mayor, Kevin Eccles, Deputy Mayor, John Bell, and Councillor Doug Hutchinson and the Chamber's own Municipal Liaison, Councillor Rob Thompson were there as well.
- Chamber signage for the arena - tabled for next meeting. Rob to ask about arena space and Cheryl to investigate costs for signs.
- Lois reported that Top End restaurant can accommodate us for the AGM. Mary Anne Lewis said she would prefer a Monday date, and that it would be a private function. She can do a buffet or table service. Lois told her that we have 65 members, and would hope that all would attend but might not be all at the Annual General Meeting. Lois told her that the Chamber would only charge the attending Chamber members \$10 a plate and top up the difference as per previous years.

A decision was made to have the Annual General Meeting at the Top End and the date will be May 2, 2016. Lois offered to contact Mary Anne to tell her of the date. Start time will be 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:00 p.m. Program to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Lois suggested having the tourism co-ordinator from Bruce - Kara Van Myall - do her presentation from the RT07 conference. Rob said that it would dovetail with our economic development committee's efforts to participate in the Butter Tart Trail and the Saints and Sinners Trail.

Rob said he would arrange with Larry, the CAO, to ask the economic development officer for Grey County, to be the second speaker.

Treasurer's report postponed to next meeting.

Nella provided the website report. 1,574 hits.

Nella showed an advertisement that will go into the Escape Grey Bruce magazine. Ruth felt it needed work - decision was to take out the generic photo and get a re-design for next year.

Rob reported on West Grey Action Plan. There will be a public meeting on February 29<sup>th</sup> at which the Municipal Committee of the Whole will either accept or not accept the plan.

We received a calendar from the Independent Electricity System Operator.

The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2016 at Pebbles. Rob motioned to adjourn the meeting and Ruth seconded. Carried.