



May 3, 2023 Noon at Beaverhill Museum and Nature Center

Building a vibrant and prosperous community through business and organizational leadership.

May 3 2023 Meeting Minutes

In Person Attendance:

Greg Litwin- Maxwell Realty
Jana Semuniuk - Tofield Mercury
Norm Martineau- Town of Tofield
Vanessa Koeckeritz- Epicure
Yvonne Brown-Busy B Bargains
Mike and Dave RV-
Calvin Andringa- Tofield Alliance Church
Chelsea Wiege - Queen of Hearts Pet Grooming
Belle Henderson- Member at large

Attendance via Zoom Christina Kovalenko- The Sour Moose

● Review of Agenda and April Minutes:

- No comments or revisions
- moved by Vanessa Koeckeritz and seconded by Norm that the minutes and agenda be approved

● Welcome and introductions-Greg Litwin

● Featured speaker- Kevin Moos - Tofield Volunteer Fire Department

- There are two entities involved with the Volunteer Fire Department. One is the BESC-Beaver Emergency Services Committee and the other is Tofield Volunteer Fire Society. The two groups interact a lot.
- Ideal number of volunteers is around 30. There are now about 26 active members and a few probationary members.
 - Tofield s the biggest station in the county
 - They are responsible for house fires, car accidents,grass fires, search and rescue. Kevin noted there have been more lost people at the Blackfoot Staging area in the last 2 years than in the last 15. They also respond to search news at Ministik Bird Sanctuary.
 - They get funding from BESC and the Society is able to obtain Grant funding. BESC recently funded a new Fire Truck.
 - Members choose to get no funding for their volunteer duties. Any funds allocated for travel or training hours are donated back to the Society.

- There is a fee structure on the BESC website outlining charges for callout events
- They cover a large area into Strathcona, and as far as Lamont.
- Rural members keep their equipment at home thereby being able to respond and report the situation more quickly.
- There is no Junior Program at present but they are looking into this.
- Kevin was asked about insurance coverage for volunteers should there be any injuries. BESC is the volunteers "employer", thereby they are fully covered by WCB and subject to OSH provisions.
- Kevin stated that the profile of a volunteer is more that of an attitude to be part of the team, to help others and to learn than any physical requirements. Volunteers must reside in the responsibility area (RR 182 West To the Strathcona boundary)
- Upcoming events include July 1 Barbeque and possibly bringing back the Fireman's Ball.

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- **Membership update-Calvin Andringa**

- Membership now has 43 members on the list and a few more to be added. Calvin touched on the responsibilities of the proposed Engagement Director

- **Roundtable**

- **Snow Goose Festival- Vanita April 22 & 23**

Tabled

- **June Meeting Plans - Greg**

- ○ Mix and Mingle evening at the Diamond Restaurant. Light snacks at 6:30, meeting at 7:00. Be prepared to speak a little about your business

- ○ **Promenade- Greg**

Friday August 11- 5-9 pm -pony rides, inflatables, mechanical bull, petting zoo booked. Looking at booking the Mini Train out of Camrose \$1000.00, bigger Trade Fair, Car and Farm Equipment show
Needing Volunteers. The Principal at the High School has agreed to involve the students.

Next Promenade meeting is May 29 at the Town Office

- ○ **Triggers**

All home games are Thursdays at 7:00

- **Farmer's Market-Greg Litwin**

Greg has offered to attend a Farmer's Market to draw attention to the Chamber. He is just looking to get the banner

- **Adjournment: 12:54**

- **June 7 Evening meeting at Diamond Cafe.**

