**Meeting Minutes of the Florence County Chamber of Commerce**

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| **Meeting Title: Board of Directors Regular Meeting** | |
| **Meeting Date: 10/3/22** | **Meeting Time: 5:30 pm** |

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| **Meeting Location:** | **Kneppers Martini Manner** |
| **Attendance:** | **Rick Knepper, Stacey Lantagne, Donna Ebert, Stacey Butler, Eric Printz** |
| **Meeting Called By:** | **Rick Knepper** |
| **Note Taker:** | **Donna Ebert** |

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| **Meeting Called to Order:** | 5:30 p.m. |  |
| **Approval of September, 2022 Minutes:** | Motion to approve minutes with corrections made by Stacey L., seconded by Rick | Motion carried and passed.  Unanimous. |
| **Approval of September Treasurer’s Report:** | Rick made a motion to use the corrected September Treasurer’s Report and Donna seconded. | Motion carried and passed  unanimous |

Committee reports Motion/Actions

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| 1 | ***Beautification:*** Water was turned off on Saturday 10/1 for the planters. Plant order should go in in December and the town puts $500 towards that. Stacey L. will send them an invoice for flowers for 2023 around the first of the year.Early next year we should talk about decorating in the fall. Stacey B. would be willing to head up beautification in Florence for all seasons. |  |
| 2 | ***Town Rummage***: Rick spoke with Rachel about heading up the Town Rummage. She is not interested in doing that. |  |
| 3 | ***Christmas in Florence:*** We will pay $100 to Nicki as a tip for doing the remote broadcast. Stacey L. will look up what we paid last year for advertising. Rick will be putting out some information on our FB page. Kym has bought some food for the event. |  |
| 4 | ***Membership:*** We need to get a membership renewal letter out in late November. Rick will talk to Kym aboutgetting the template that was used last year. Stacey B. has the Paypal info that we could add to the template. The Staceys will work on the letter. Eric can print labels and we purchase envelopes. Donna will work to create the distribution list in Gmail. Stacey L. will order 2023 membership stickers. |  |
| 5 | ***Website/Facebook***: Donna needs to update the Chamber calendar for Christmas in Florence and Board meetings. Rick and Stacey are able to post on our FB page. |  |
| 6 | ***Economic Development:*** Eric did a 15 minute segment on Frog Country Saturday morning asking for vendors for Christmas in Florence. He will continue doing segments once a month. Radio Results will do a remote at Christmas in Florence. Rick and Eric met with the Friends of the Wild River and Economic Development for a brainstorming session. |  |
| 7 | Uphill Snow Drags: Last year a donation was made to the Chamber because we helped with cooking. Date for next year is March 11, 2023. |  |

Motion/Actions

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| **Old Business** | * Benches – Rick talked with Ronnie Bradtke and he said that he could build some customized benches for $500 each. Eric offered to have Rick look at some benches that the County has purchased. * Raffle license – Rick is working on getting it from the State. The group is in support of getting the license. |  |
| **New Business** | * Rick asked if we want to do a Fall event next Fall. Some ideas were a Fall Fest, a scarecrow decorating, trunk or treat, a scavenger hunt. * Chamber of Commerce Calendar – we could have businesses submit photos for it and then sell them. Ask our members for orders. Could make it a contest. Will discuss this more next month. * Do we want to put a picture of our board on our FB page? Maybe we could take a picture of us at an event. * Stacey B. is concerned about the safety of ATVers due to a lack of ATV route signs. She called the Blue Ox Riders and they told her she needed to call the Town about it. The Town has put up a few signs. We feel that people need to go to the Town Board meetings and complain. * The board agreed that Board meetings would begin at 5:30 p.m. in the future to accommodate schedules. |  |

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| **Correspondence:** | N/A | |
| **Board concerns:** | N/A | |
| **Next meeting:** | November 7 at Rick Knepper’s Home | |
| **Adjournment: 6:50 p.m.** | First: Donna  Second: Stacey B |  |

**2022 BOD Meeting Dates:**

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| January 17 | February 21 | March 21 | April 18 |
| May 16 | June 20 | July 18 | August 15 |
| September 1 | October 3 | November 7 | December 5 |

**2022 Member Meeting Dates:**

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| April 26 | July 26 | December 13 |

These minutes submitted by: Secretary: Donna Ebert