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

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| **Meeting Title: Board of Directors Regular Meeting** | |
| **Meeting Date: July 10, 2023** | **Meeting Time: 5:30 p.m.** |

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| **Meeting Location:** | **Crafter’s on Central/Town Hall/Lakeside Bed and Breakfast** |
| **Attendance:** | **Rick Knepper, Stacey Butler, Stacey Lantagne** |
| **Meeting Called By:** | **Rick Knepper** |
| **Type of Meeting:** | **Board of Directors** |
| **Note Taker:** | **Stacey Lantagne (notes typed by Donna Ebert)** |

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| **Meeting Called to Order:** | Rick Knepper called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at Crafter’s on Central |  |
|  | Discussion about ATV/UTV usage in town and opening up roads. |  |
|  | 6:00 p.m. – meeting moved to Town Hall with the town supervisors. After much discussion and debate, they are opposed to opening up all roads at one time but proposed that we bring them a list of roads to consider and they will entertain the idea. They suggested we contact the D.O.T. about additional rules/regulations. Tim Bomberg completely rejects opening up the road that runs between the rescue squad and fire department (giving ATV and UTV riders easier access to Family Dollar). He sites deep concerns about safety although all vehicles are currently allowed to utilize this road. He was also concerned about noise issues, in particular, past churches on Sunday mornings. |  |
|  | 6:40 p.m. Meeting moved to Lakeside Bed & Breakfast |  |
| **Approval of June 2023 Minutes:** | Stacey L. made a motion to approve, Stacey B. seconded | Motion carried and passed.  unanimous |
| **Approval of June 2023 Treasurer’s Report:** | Stacey B. made a motion to approve, Rick seconded | Motion carried and passed  unanimous |

Committee reports Motion/Actions

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| 1 | ***Post Town Hall Discussions:*** Discussion took place and the group reviewed a local trail map. We want to propose that they open the following:   1. Chapin St. all the way through. An example of this would be is someone were to be staying at the Nicolet Motel and wanted to get to the new apartments that are being built. 2. Lake Ave. – this does run between the rescue squad and the fire dept. on the same road that cars and everyday traffic can travel.   Note: Neither of these roads run past any churches in town. |  |
| 2 | ***Economic Development***:   * Eric Printz did not attend the meeting. |  |
| 3 | ***Music in the Park:*** Scheduled for July 13. Weather should be nice. Stacey L. will bring a check for $600 to pay the band. We will request that the band thank people for coming and the Chamber for sponsoring it. |  |
| 4 | ***Town Rummage***: 6/1/24 – no changes |  |
| 5 | ***Snow Drags:*** 3/9/24 – no changes |  |
| 6 | ***Beautification:*** Rick will try to fertilize the flowers in town this week. |  |
| 7 | ***Christmas in Florence***: 12/2/23 – no changes |  |
| 8 | ***Elections July 25:*** C&R Bar is reserved for the July 25 member meeting. We will pay for appetizers only. Candidates are Brian Sovey/LaChapelle Insurance, April Printz, Laura Harvath/Wild Rivers Realty. |  |
| 9 | **Membership:** We received 1 renewal, (Joe Testolin for Truck Repair and Car Wash and a new membership for 101). The 101 membership will be for 2023 and 2024. We are up to 114 members. Eric secured an additional perk for new members with radio ads from Frog Country. Could we offer anything to current/renewal memberships? |  |
| 10 | ***Website/Facebook:*** We have approval to share events that draw in tourism. Most recently we received a request for the Aurora cornhole tournament. |  |

Motion/Actions

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| **Correspondence** | N/A |  |
| **Old Business** | * ATV/UTV on Florence Roads * Red Cross CPR class – Rick needs to work on this. |  |
| **New Business** | * Thank you to Donna, Stacey B. and Stacey L. for serving on the board. |  |

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| **Board concerns:** | N/A | |
| **Next meeting:** | Monday, August 7 at Rick Knepper’s home (no need for Donna, Stacey L. or Stacey B. to be present) Stacey will prepare an annual treasurer report for the meeting. | |
| **Adjournment:** | Motion made to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. |  |

These minutes submitted by: Secretary: Donna Ebert

**2023 BOD Meeting Dates:**

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| January 3 | February 8 | March 6 | April 3 |
| May 1 | June 5 | July 10 | August 7 |
| September 5 | October 2 | November 6 | December 4 |

**2023 Member Meeting Dates:**

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| April 25 – Mineshaft | July 25 – C & R Bar | December 12 - TBD |