

Town of Barnes Tourism Committee meeting
Monday, February 22, 2016 8:30am

Members present: Melissa Scully, PJ Foat, Dana Hodowanick, Tom Krob, Mike Tremblay

Also present: Bruce Hanson, Susan Pagnucci

8:35 am Chair PJ Foat called the meeting to order.

- 1. Verification of public notice/quorum established**
PJ verified public notice had been posted per state statues. PJ conducted a roll call of members present to establish a quorum; quorum established.
- 2. Agenda and January 2016 minutes approval**
Dana made a motion to approve the agenda as posted and also the minutes from the January meeting. Mike second; motion carried.
- 3. Vatten Paddlar update.** Tom discussed with everyone that he will be helping with the event. Barb will run the event. The race will be run by the same people this year as last. We have six people that have signed up already for the race. The VP Facebook site is up and running. Discussed the six judges and that they will be at the start and finish of the race. Bruce will get a sponsor sheet made and PJ will talk to the local businesses. Bruce suggested doing a Poker type prize between the local businesses. When they register the contestants will get their first card. Dana mad a motion to create a VP subcommittee. Melissa second; motion carried. Discussion followed.
- 4. Bank account for tourism events.** Discussion about the tourism committee having a separate bank account for events was discussed. Mike made a motion for a separate bank account to be created. Dana second; motion carried.
- 5. Town of Barnes Facebook page.** Tom wanted a status update on the TOB Facebook page. Melissa was given the ok to make the page. She requested pictures of the town and events going on be sent to her. Discussion followed.
- 6. New Events.** Discussion of new events. Tom suggested lawn mower races. PJ suggested trying to break the World Record for largest ATV ride. Melissa suggested ice races-liability was questioned. Bruce suggested winter golfing. No action taken, discussion only.
- 7. Advertising.** Bruce gave presentation on advertising options for TOB. For the next meeting Bruce will have a graph with all the prices and deadlines so we have a clear picture of which option is best for TOB. Tom made a motion to advertise with the Birch Scroll. Melissa second; motion carried.

- 8. Grant updates.** Tom and Bruce discussed the need for an ORP in order to qualify for the grants. Tom and Bruce discussed working with NW Reg Planning. They would do all the work for the ORP and would have it done by April which would be done in time for the grant application deadlines. The cost would be \$7,100. Discussion followed.
- 9. Land Acquisition Grants.** Update given.
- 10. Secretary Klett visit follow up.** Secretary Klett is hoping to be here for the VP race. Her assistants will be up before and after the race to help out where they are needed. She is working on boosting tourism here in Barnes.
- 11. New members.** PJ suggested that Justin C is interested but would only be able to attend meetings at night. Shawna F also interested. Dana agreed to stay on until we find a replacement for her. Susan volunteered to be on the committee. Dana motioned to make Susan a full time member. Tom second; motion carried.
- 12. Next Meeting Date March 21, 2016, 8:30 am –Barnes Town Office**
- 13. Motion to adjourn.** Tom made a motion to adjourn, PJ second; adjourned.