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**March 15, 2023 – MJ’s in Pengilly - 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call meeting to order** – Meeting called to order by President, Sheila Jensen, at 5:35 p.m.

**2. Roll call** – attendees were asked to introduce themselvesand share something important or interesting to know about their business or themselves. The meeting was attended by board members Sheila Jensen and Ken Olson; members Karen Lindquist, Ruth Senjoha, Eric Heesen, Lori Crowder, Gwen & Doug Hill, and Jan Edman.

**3. Approve minutes of January meeting** - Motion by Ken Olson, second by Mike Olson to approve the November minutes. Motion passed.

**4. Treasurer’s Report** - **the** Treasurer was absent so there was no report.

**5. President’s Report** – the President had nothing to report that wouldn’t be covered in the Old Business section.

**6. Event Reports:**

**Home Show, April 14-15** – Ken Olson gave an update. There are more booth spaces available this year, compared to last year, and we’ve been full for two weeks. Lori Crowder is again working on the print ads/posters, and Sheila Jensen is handling the coordination for radio ads with Midwest Communication. Sheila reported that she’s trying to set up a list of businesses that take Chamber Bucks to have available at the show but has received very few responses. Lori will contact Mucho Si and Edwards Oil.

Paul Bunyan is supposed to have Wi-Fi installed at the Rec Center at the end of March, so it will be active for the show. The Fire Dept is doing the fish fry Friday night, and ANOTHER VENDOR will have breakfast and lunch items available on Saturday. Schweiby’s Concessions will also be there, as will Kona Ice.

**Golf Tournament** – Mike Olson gave an update. The date is Tuesday, July 18, at Swan Lake Country Club. 11:00 registration, 12:00 shot gun start. The CC will charge us the same prices as last year. The price per golfer has gone from $55 to $60. Tricia Voigt has the updated applications. Jack Ostrander will contact the teams/golfers and take care of the T-shirts and those sponsors. Chamber members are encouraged to donate items from their business to the swag bags that are given out to the golfers.

**Boo-tique, October 6-7** – Karen Denne was absent, but she reported ahead of time that she’s ready to send out applications as soon as the Home Show is done, as agreed with the Board. This show fills up quickly as well.

**7. Old Business**

**New website being reviewed** – the order has been placed with GoDaddy.com for a website we will build ourselves. Sheila Jensen is planning to do that in the week following the Home Show. Doug Hill commented that he used the same for his website and it was very easy to put together.

**Member Spotlight** – we welcome businesses to make 5-10 minute presentations on their business in person at the Member meetings. After our new website is up and running, we will re-invite members to provide written presentations that can be uploaded to the website and hopefully the Chamber Facebook page. We will also examine the costs involved in placing business focusing articles in the local paper.

**Chamber participation in the Halloween event** – the Chamber will be involved in some way this Halloween, but this is not an event that we plan. Tricia Voigt is already very active in this event and she’ll lead our involvement.

**Winter Fest event with the fire department** – we will work with Joe Martire of the Nashwauk Fire Dept to come up with ways that the Chamber can participate with this fun community event.

**Social Hour changes** – again, we’re considering every-other meeting a Social Hour meeting, at which we will pass out a $5 Chamber Buck to each member there. Those are indicated in orange text below, including this meeting. The other meetings will include a drawing for $20 worth of Chamber Bucks, as 4-$5, 2-$10 or 1-$20 buck. This is a more fiscally responsible way to socialize that rewards everyone who comes to the Member meetings and not just those who are able to stay after for Social Hour.

**8. Other Business** – no items were raised.

**9. Remaining meeting dates for 2023 –** orange dates indicate $5 Chamber Bucks handed out at the meeting to each attendee. There will be a drawing for Bucks at the May and September meetings.

**March 15, May 17, July 19, September 20, November 15**

**10. Adjourn** – Ken Olson made the motion, seconded by Gwen Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 p.m. $5 Chamber Bucks were passed out to each one and attendees were encouraged to stay and order some food, and most did.