**Members Present:**

Charlie Anderson, Glennis Moon, Orlando Alamano, Johnny Lee Walker, Christina Regas, Ben Holter, Dave Bergman, and Miriam Osborn

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Moved by Orlando Alamano and seconded by Miriam Osborn to approve the January 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

1. Moved by Orlando Alamano and seconded by Christina Regas to approve the Treasurer’s Report from January 2019 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Moved by Christina Regas and seconded by Glennis Moon to approve the 2019 Budget as presented. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Moved by Christina Regas and seconded by Charlie Anderson to remove Orlando Alamano and add Lori Lundberg to the signature card for the checking and savings accounts at Deerwood Bank. Motion approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. **Chamber Dinner –** Johnny Lee Walker reported there are 23 people RSVP’d for the rescheduled dinner on February 25, 2019. Walker reported there have some prizes donated by Choice Therapy, Deerwood Bank, and Paul Bunyan Broadcasting for those in attendance to win. Happy hour is scheduled to begin at 5:30pm and dinner at 6:30pm. Nothing further.
2. **Winter Lighting Project/Round Up Grant** – Christina Regas reported she has revised the budget after reviewing the current cost of the light decorations and the short fall is just around $5,000**.** Regas did not hold a committee meeting in February due to the vendor thought to be offering a discount on decorations was not correct. Charlie Anderson asked how much turn around the vendor needed to ship the lights. Regas did not know but would look into it. Glennis Moon asked what is to be done with the old lights. Regas reported at this time there had been no decision but thought the old lights would not be used in the future due to the difficulty in finding the bulbs. Nothing further at this time.

**New Business:**

1. **Chamber Business “What’s New?” –**
	1. Glennis Moon reported the History and Art Center is always looking for more space for displays and noted to property owner Charlie Anderson that at some point in the future if the building would ever be available to sell, they might have an interest. Glennis noted this due to the request in the past for the History and Art Center to take possession of the donated Jamtaas Family taxidermy animals located at City Hall.
	2. Christina Regas reported the City will be relocating the Jamtaas Family taxidermy animals in part to a family member from California, keeping possession of the Black Duck, and if the History and Art Center cannot house the remaining animals the Headwaters Science Center would gladly take them and care for them in Bemidji. Nothing further.
2. **Chamber Call/New Businesses** – Johnny Lee Walker reported he had reached out to new owners of Eagle Ridge Resort for a meet up but had not heard back. Johnny Lee Walker noted he also reached out to Jessica Bjerke of Stittsworth but the email was returned. Christina Regas reported Bjerke no longer is employed and to contact Mych Stittsworth instead. Christina Regas asked if Orlando Alamano could reach out to Timberline and Stittsworth for a meet-up. Alamano and Walker offered to speak to Timberline to find a suitable time/date to meet. Regas requested to be included in the arrangement.
3. **Guest: David Bergman – Explore MN Tourism** – David Bergman introduced himself and gave his background with Explore MN Tourism. Bergman presented several programs local businesses in Blackduck could benefit from Explore MN Tourism and offered literature for review. Bergman reported on free grants and matching advertising programs and how Explore MN could benefit the area.
4. **Chamber Mixer idea: Meet the Chamber! –** Johnny Lee Walker suggested the Chamber pick a few dates and hold a mixer – meet-up for local business leaders to find out more about the Blackduck Chamber and what it can do for them. Johnny Lee Walker suggested offering a few drinks and appetizers for those in attendance and requested Chamber board members attend. Walker received positive feedback and was encouraged to plan the first mixer in April.
5. **Movie Night for Blackduck –** Johnny Lee Walker suggested holding a Blackduck Movie night at the Amigo Theater for Blackduck residents sponsored by the Chamber. Walker reported the Chamber members could select the movie, promote it as a fundraiser, and have special pricing for just Blackduck attendants. The members present had positive feedback on the idea, noted it would be great to hold it in Blackduck, but suggested looking into the event more and find suitable movies and dates to hold the event.
6. **Chat-a-Bout for Blackduck –** Johnny Lee Walker suggested Blackduck City leaders reach out to Paul Bunyan Broadcasting for a time slot on Chat-a-Bout with his station to record the leaders when there are events or information to share with Blackduck area residents. Regas suggested Walker send out the information in email format and encourage all City leaders to take advantage of the opportunity.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Orlando Alamano and seconded by Glennis Moon to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm.

**Next meeting will be held March 20, 2019 @ The Pond**

*Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce minutes respectively submitted by Christina Regas.*