**Members Present:**

Chris Vacek, Christina Regas, Lori Mistic, Kory Geiger, Ben Holter, Cheri Todavich, Lori Lundberg, Wendy Eisenrich

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Moved by Lori Lundberg and seconded by Ben Holter to approve the September 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

1. Moved by Lori Mistic and seconded by Chris Vacek to approve the Treasurer’s Report from September 2019 as presented. Motion approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. **Winter Lighting Project/Round Up Grant** – Regas reported the quote from Crunden Electric came in higher than originally planned and the Chamber would need to pay $3835.08 to have the new electricity run. Moved by Lundberg and seconded by Mistic to accept the bid from Crunden’s and move forward with the installation of the decorations that arrived October 11th. Further discussion recommended the Chamber apply for further gap funding from BEC Round Up in Quarter 4 of 2019 to assist with the additional costs. Motion carried.
2. **Chamber Bingo Night –** Regas reported that due to unforeseen planning the Bingo event planned on October 20, 2019 would not move forward. Regas noted a lack of volunteers to work the event and the need more additional planning. Members agreed on 2020 dates for the first half of the year of March 22 and June 14th. Members recommending sending out an email to the members for feedback and the have final discussion on the dates at the November 20th meeting. Nothing further.
3. **Backwoods Bash –** Lori Lundberg presented the financials for the 2019 event and stated the event netted about $2500. Nothing further.
4. **Chamber Signage & The Old Duck –** Members present stated due to the late time of the season to hold off on the painting of the Chamber signage to 2020. Regas stated she would reach out to Baudette Clerk Tina Rennemo to find out how their City “Walleye” is maintained. Regas stated Baudette may be able to recommend a contractor that can work on the old and new ducks. Nothing further.

**New Business:**

1. **Chamber Business “What’s New?” –** 
   1. **Choice Therapy –** Holter reported the office has a new office associate, Paula Klug, and that she would be working for the Blackduck and Kelliher offices.
   2. **Liquor Lodge –** Todavich reported the business would be holding a Wine Nite on 10/23/19 from 4-6pm; a Holiday Tasting on 11/21/19 from 5-7:30pm
   3. **Security Insurance –** Vacek reported the office is hosting a Halloween Scavenger Hunt in Blackduck on October 28th.
   4. **Blackduck Forestry –** Eisenrich reported that Webster Lake campground is closed for the season; Norway Beach Campground is having its sewer system updated and will have its pack-in sites updated this year.
   5. **Northwoods Lumber –** Lundberg reported the yard has completed the new shed for lumber storage; and has “Where the Hell is Blackduck” t-shirts for sale that are exclusive to only a few businesses in town.
   6. **City of Blackduck –** Regas reported the City Golf course is working on updating it cart shed for storage of member carts; working on building a public swim beach at Pine Tree Park; and that the campground is closed up for the winter.
   7. **Invoicing Chamber Members for 2020 –** Lundberg suggested the Chamber invoice its current members for dues in 2020, include a letter; the meeting schedule etc. But not an entire packet of information. Vacek encouraged the Chamber have a quarterly events update emailed out to the members or have access to events. Regas stated the Chamber does have a FB page but have not had much on it lately and that would be the best path for getting information out to the public. Members present were encouraged to use the FB page as the best source in the area to reach the public and to ‘tag’ events they are hosting to the Chamber FB page.
   8. **New Members –** 
      1. **Liquor Lodge –** Cheri Todavich was welcomed and given contact information to add her business information to the website.
      2. **Bemidji Water & Sewer Works –** nothing discussed.
      3. **Body Barn –** Mistic and Todavich stated the owner is looking for a packet to sign up to be a member.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned @ 1:04pm

**Next meeting will be held November 20, 2019 @ Restaurant 71**

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