**Meeting Call to Order:** The monthly meeting of the Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce was called to order by Secretary Regas at 12:00pm.

**Members Present:**

Christina Regas, Lori Lundberg, Miriam Osborn-Daugherty, Jennifer Parker, Chris Vacek, Haley Todavich, Sherri Todavich, Sarah Anderson, and Sarah Barott

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Moved by Lori Lundberg and seconded by Miriam Osborn-Daugherty to approve the May 2020 meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously.

**Approval of Treasurer's Report**

1. Moved by Miriam Osborn-Daugherty and seconded by Chris Vacek to approve the Treasurer’s Report from May/June 2020 and as presented. Lori Lundberg stated the PB Communications cost was reduced due to return of capital credits. Motion approved unanimously.

**Old Business:**

1. **Chamber Bingo Night –** Regas recommended Bingo permit applications be requested for the second half of 2020. Those members present decided to apply for the permits to hold bingo on August 23 and October 25 both located at The Pond. Regas agreed to put the application together and request City Council approval on July 6. Nothing further at this time.
2. **City Wide Garage Sale –** Members present stated the June 13 city wide garage sale event was well received. Regas stated one person asked if the event could be promoted again for August. Members were in favor of holding it again and decided on August 22, 2020. Nothing further.
3. **Tourist Information Center –** Members present agreed to open to tourist information center for the remaining weekends of the summer. It was decided to limit the operation Friday and Saturday 10-5pm and Sunday 12-4pm. Regas was asked to reach out to the staff and plan for an open date of June 26, 2020. Nothing further.
4. **Gift Card Program – Gifts for Hope Bemidji –** Regas reported the survey for interested businesses to participate in a Blackduck version of Gifts for Hope needed a total of 10 participants to move forward. Regas stated donations have been committed from PBTV, Sanford, Anderson Fabrics and had 6 businesses complete a survey sent out to gather interest in participation. Lundberg suggested the survey be sent out once more before not moving forward with the event. Regas agreed to send the survey out from her email address in hopes that it receives more feedback. Nothing further.
5. **Other old Business –** 
   1. **Updating Welcome Sign -** Lundberg reported TG Sales & Service offered to donate their services to mulch the Chamber welcome sign on MNDot Hwy 71 South. Lundberg stated Northwoods Lumber would provide the mulch at a reduced rate to have the sign area updated for the summer. Moved by Regas and seconded by Osborn to approve a budget of up to $150 to purchase mulch for the Chamber Welcome Sign. Motion carried. Parker stated it would be good to keep the school in mind for future sign making as the trades program is always looking for new projects.

**New Business:**

1. **Chamber Business “What’s New?” –**
2. **New Members –** nothing discussed.
3. **Equity Awareness Workshop – Sarah Barott –** Barott discussed with members present the opportunity to bring Equity Awareness training to the community due to recent events. Barott stated the keynote speaker would come in August and present a workshop and keynote in early August and requested feedback from local Chamber businesses for interest. Lundberg asked what the cost was to hold the keynote. Regas stated from $3,000 - $5,000. Regas further stated the intention to request funding from organizations such as Blandin, Peacemakers, Northwest MN Foundation, partner with the School, Anderson Fabrics and other private donations. Regas stated the intention of her and Barott to request a donation from the City to fund half of the cost. Lundberg stated it was a great idea for the community and believed the Chamber should get behind it.

Moved by Lundberg and seconded by Osborn to donate $1000 to fund the keynote speaker / workshop for Equity Awareness in the Blackduck Community. Motion carried.

1. **Other Business –** 
   1. **Downtown business Sign –** Regas shared a conversation she had with downtown businesses that expressed a need to have directional signage to the downtown. Regas explained the concept of a sign that is similar to the existing Pine Tree Park sign on the west of Hwy 71 and CSAH 30 to have something similar. Regas requested the members think about how to move forward with some type of signage. Nothing further.

**Adjournment -** Meeting adjourned @ 1:00pm

**Next meeting will be held July 15, 2020 @ The Hungry Duck Restaurant**

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