



Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce Regular Meeting –Blackduck Golf Course August 20th, 2025 12:00pm

Meeting Call to Order: 12:02

Introductions: Bob Smith, Jennifer Parker, Georgia Lundberg, Max Gullette, Tara Klaers, Nicci Ronchetti, Jake Lien, John Winnett, Renee Hassel

Approval of Minutes- July 16th 2025 – Moved by Lein and seconded by Klaers to approve July's minutes, motion passed unanimously

Approval of Treasurer's Report- July 2025 – Moved by Parker and seconded by Lien to approve July's Treasurer's report, motion passed unanimously

Visitors- Bob Smith, Image Photography, he's going to be doing all of the Blackduck school athletic photos and helping Jennifer create a Blackduck yearbook, welcome Bob and thank you!

Old Business:

1. **Chamber Golf Scramble-** Unfortunately missing one hole sponsorship at the time of the meeting, will have finalized information at the next meeting hopefully
2. **Welcome Wagon–** Max's repair and Hero's rise still on the docket, still need to connect with Jenna Mahs on her change of location as well
3. **Duck Update-** Fire dept and city of BD are having conversations to move forward with the creating the monument to recognize years of service for fire department. Nick Seitz was going to put another coat as it's "quacking" (thanks for dad joke Max!) and hoping to help improve it before winter. Need to do some ground work on the wayside rest duck and improve the walking path leading up to it.
4. **The Shade Store-** Movement on it, waiting on some approvals, things seem more positive now, more to come. The quilt store will remain open through September now.
5. **Backwoods Bash Recap** No one from the bash committee was present for the meeting, Choice Therapy 5k went well with 30 runners
 - a. **Bingo-** Sounds like it was a full house, will need to order more tickets for next winter chamber bingo. Chamber received \$306
6. **Fall Chamber Appreciation Dinner-**
 - a. Discuss Chamber paying for members to attend BGC Bonanza dinner- Individual tickets are \$50- ***Nicci Ronchetti abstained from voting for all three of the following motions***
 - i. It was motioned by Parker for the Chamber to process a \$750 sponsorship level which include 2 tickets to the event, Lien seconded the motion and it passed unanimously
 - ii. Winnett motioned to offer the 2 tickets to Chamber members interested in attending the event as a 2 single ticket drawing, Parker seconded and the motion passed unanimously
 - iii. Discussion on the floor of the Chamber supporting further and offering up to 5 more individual tickets to the event, Klaers motioned to do up to



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5 additional drawings based on interest, Lien seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

1. Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinner giveaways-
 - a. Motion to do two at Thanksgiving and two at Christmas, John will reach out to Misty to talk about creating flyers. Motion with a maximum spend from the chamber for 4 meals at \$250. Klaers made the motion, Winnett seconded, motion carried. Will address after talking to Misty and Leever's if we need to increase cost of donation.
2. Other
 - a. Vests- Misty was in contact with Jake about creating Chamber vests for opportunities when we're out in the community. Will hold on to this for next meeting.
 - b. Small Business Saturday- November 29th- Jennifer will be spearheading this and will be sending information to Tara.
 - c. Glow in the Snow- Tony is stepping down, Max cleaned out the information center of all of the lights, it's currently in his shed, discussion around keeping the lights and decorating the wayside rest and not doing a full event, John mentioned reaching out to Josh with the City of Lights from Bemidji about doing a partnership, will follow up in future meetings to determine a plan for this.
 - d. BGC Golf Scramble- Golf scramble on August 29th, \$75 a person include green fees and dinner, still looking for more teams, please reach out and sign up at the Golf course or online at the BGC website. Shotgun start at 2, registration at 1, dinner at 5, pulled pork dinner being smoked on site by a local fireman.
 - e. Blackduck Bonanza- Originally planned to be at the Golf Course, shifting Northern Escape venue to be able to host a larger number of people for the event, please come!

Upcoming Events-

Boys and Girls Club Golf Scramble August 29th
Boys and Girls Club Bonanza Dinner October 4th

Adjournment – Parker motioned to adjourn, Ronchetti seconded, meeting adjourned at 12:47pm

Next meeting September 17th, 2025 at The Senior Center
Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce updates respectively submitted by Tara Klaers.