



Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce
Regular Meeting - The Pond
February 18th, 2026 3:00pm

Meeting Call to Order: 3:03 pm

Introductions: Max Gullette, Misty Frenzel, Riese Bloom, Jacob Lien, Kayla Smischney, Jolene Soltis

Approval of Minutes - January 21st 2026: Misty motioned, Kayla Seconded, passed unanimously.

Approval of Treasurer's Report - January 2026: N/A

Visitors: Jolene Soltis/Blackduck Youth Bowling

Old Business:

1. **Welcome Wagon:** Get Mary and Drakes Brew in, tough to coordinate at the moment due to low member attendance. March 18th has been set as a date to get things going. Provide membership packets for Mary, Drakes Brew, and Jolene with Blackduck Youth Bowling
2. **Chamber Vests:** No change, maroon polo instead? ~\$20 per person, more effective for each member to put in their own order to have their correct size without a stockpile of excess sizes.
3. **Social Media and Newsletter Position:** Sandy should be in contact with Renee/Tara to get things going, if nothing is happening soon we will look to re-evaluate the position.
4. **Blackduck Food Shelf:** Max needs to talk to Steve, BDC has been working with them.
5. **Chamber Calendar:** Riese will ask Tara if she had anything set up for that.
6. **Updating Contact Information:** 2 more additions need to be made;
 - a. Misty: golfblackduck1901@gmail.com
 - b. Jolene/Blackduck Youth Bowling Charter: jolenesoltis@gmail.com
7. **More Signage?:** John Winnett was at the MN Chamber dinner at the capital, hopefully he was able to put a word in someone's ear about easing up on restrictions for more signage.

New Business:

1. **Tri Sigma Alzheimer's Walk:** Wait for Julie's attendance, looking for sponsorships.
2. **Wayside Rest Lights:** Max will get a hold of Chelsie, if nothing else Max will take them down himself.
3. **Northome Community Group Meeting:** Lisa Beren and Steve Hanna from Broken Road Forge are trying to start a pseudo-chamber/community meeting; what little information is available at the moment is on Facebook.
4. **Chamber Golf Scramble:** Will be held June 19th, golfers, sponsors, prize donations, 9 or 18 holes? Little discussion and answers were had, will have further discussion with more member attendance.
5. **Ditch Cleanup:** There is some worry from Planning Commission about dates for the ditch cleanup colliding with the city cleanup and fishing opener, a consensus of those in

attendance that having the dutch cleanup before those dates would be best, the finalized date is still to be determined.

6. Possible Easter Dinner Drawing: A quick aside was made as to the viability of doing an Easter dinner drawing similar to the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinner drawings, Riese and/or Misty will be in contact with Dan Malarkey at Leavers Foods to see if they would be willing to provide again.
7. Blackduck Youth Bowling: Asking for funding, many aspects of Blackduck Youth Bowling were discussed, including tournaments, improvements to the existing Blackduck Lanes building, the potential of erecting a new bowling building including a bowling pro shop within it, as well as joining the chamber.
 - a. Misty motioned to donate \$1000, Jacob seconded, motion passed unanimously

Upcoming Events:

**Bingo March 15th and April 19th, 1:00pm at The Pond.
2026 Chamber Golf Scramble, June 19th.**

Adjournment: Riese motioned, Jacob seconded, meeting adjourned 4:03pm

Next meeting March 18th, 3:00pm, The Senior Center
Blackduck Area Chamber of Commerce updates respectively submitted by Riese Bloom.