

## Membership Update – April 2019

Greetings to all our CRE members! It may not feel like spring with the white stuff coming down but hopefully it will not last long. We hope this update finds you all in good health and spirits. April was a much quieter month at CRE which allowed us to get to some of the "other" projects that get pushed aside in a busy event season. We spent the month organizing the organization, focused on what we need to do to be lean and successful for the coming months.

We hosted some training sessions and 4-H events in April for clients and our CRE Campground is filling up fast with our season long campers which we are pleased to have returning.

We are pleased to announce we have selected our catering partner and welcome A1 Catering to the CRE. The press release is available on our website for full review. Our mandate was to lower our overall expenses while still providing the best possible option for catering and we are confident that A1 will exceed all our client expectations.

Big Valley Jamboree now ramps up for the staff as they get the ticketing, site and all operations ready to host our very important guests. The call has gone out for 50/50 volunteers so if you have not contacted Ronda already, please do so soon. We have aggressive fundraising goals for our 50/50 program to increase our capital funds to begin updating our facilities and grounds.

We had 2 long time employees leave the organization in April. Kendall Carter who was the Box Office Supervisor for BVJ landed her dream job with the Winnipeg Jets and moved back to Manitoba. JD Wells accepted another position with a local operation and resigned from the organization. Their contributions to CRE are greatly appreciated.

For those I have yet to meet and know personally, I wanted to let you know that I am pretty approachable and have no problem sharing information on the progress of CRE. If you hear something in the community or with your coffee friends about CRE that you are unsure is true, please feel free to reach out to me or Mark Schneider anytime for confirmation. We are both happy to share/update you on whatever concerns you have.

I look forward to updating you on our progress monthly. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via phone 780-672-3640 or via email at <a href="mailto:dkohler@cre.ab.ca">dkohler@cre.ab.ca</a>. Alternatively you can reach Mark Schneider via email at <a href="mailto:mschneider1@atb.com">mschneider1@atb.com</a> or phone at 780-781-1660. Thank you for being part of the CRE Membership!