

Board Meeting
Minutes June 08 2018

In attendance: Dan Hennessey, Blair Lipsett(Chair), Jim Brown, Andrew Mutch, Lee Wallet, Bill McInnis, Debra Porter

Regrets: Bob Richards, Harry Rhyno, Reid Whynot, Brooke Nodding, Emily MacKay

Correspondence: Dan presented a request from the Chronicle Herald for a small ad to appear in the Graduating Students promotion that would run. The cost would be \$40.25. Motion was made by Blair and Second by Jim to support this.

Minutes from May 4th 2018 meeting were reviewed prior to meeting and Motion to accept by Debra and Second by Bill. Motion passed

AGM update was presented by Dan. RSVP for event have been coming in but a more proactive approach is going to be attempted to boost the numbers. All arrangements have been made with venue and key note speaker.

Old Business

SSREN Update: Brooke was not attending but the situation as reported indicated that the SSREN closure is imminent and they will not be engaging in any events with Chamber

Municipal Affairs Committee: Deferred until after AGM

Bill #85 was discussed and will be removed from future agendas

Process of new director's appointments: The nomination committee has this in their process

Directors business affiliation on website: deferred until after AGM but board members supported the idea to show the depth of our Directors and the industries that they represent.

Financial Update accepted as presented

Committee Reports

Events Committee: Debra spoke about the fundraising promotion with the Lions Club with more info to come. Official announcement to be made at AGM. Events scheduled for August 21 that Brooke has been working on. Opening Doors For Everyone! Supporting NS in Becoming an Inclusive Province Tuesday, 21 August 2018 from 1:00 PM to 3:00

Membership/Welcoming: No report but looking at options to raise awareness following AGM

Nominating Committee: Blair and Jim reported that they are ready for the AGM with a list of new nominees and still have a few spots to fill but will be ready for AGM

Budget Committee: Lee reviewed the work that has been done to establish a budget for the upcoming year. This will not only serve as a guideline for now but will be a working document for years ahead. The need to bring in funds to support the day to day cost of the chamber should be a priority. With the membership fees now being allotted in the proper year we will get a better picture of our growth in that area year over year.

Chamber Mandate: Blair reported that he is still working on finalizing this process and looks forward to utilizing the platform to stay in contact with the membership.

Executive Directors Report: Accepted as distributed

New Business:

Chamber requirement for new laptop was presented. Two quotes were tabled. One from Intelligent Choice Computers and one from Staples. A motion was made and passed to obtain the new equipment from Staples who is a Chamber Member. Motion made by Blair and Second by Lee. Passed

Community Connector event was attended by Bob but no report was available. This service is set to be launched which would see bus service from the South Shore to Halifax twice daily.

Land Use By Law (Gows) The letter supporting this change was tabled until new Board is in place

United Way promotion: Michael Graves approached the Chamber to help promote their program to get slightly used wireless devices into the hands of those entering the workforce and that cannot afford them. Board approved a message to be sent to membership asking for their support.

Election of Directors and Officers Policy #7 was addressed by Nominating Committee.

Next meeting to be set following AGM

Meeting adjourned at 10am