

## Minutes from August 03 2018

### Chamber Board Meeting

In Attendance: Jim Brown, Shawn Patterson, Blair Lipsett, Lee Wallet, Debra Porter, Brooke Nodding, Andrew Mutch, Jeff Langille, Reid Whynot, Melissa Prime

Regrets: Emily MacKay, Bill McInnis, Joel Holland

Call to Order at 8:30 am Committee Room Town of Bridgewater

Additions to Agenda:

- Report on meeting with Mayor and Council
- Response from outbound calling of members

Correspondence:

- Letter from Ida Scott regarding adding a Board Member to their committee
  - o Letter will be forwarded to the Board with explanation of program and a presentation to the Board at the September was suggested

Chamber Chat: Berthold Halm from Antares Computers spoke about his business and how he hopes to help businesses make better use of their technology to get the most out of what they have. Video will be posted on Chamber website and social media.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were distributed for the July 06 2018 Board Meeting. Motion to accept the minutes was called for. Motion was made by Brooke Nodding and Second by Shawn Patterson. Vote called and Motion was accepted.

Business Arising from Minutes:

- Municipal Affairs Committee has been established with Shane Patterson accepting the Chair role. Bill McInnis and Reid Whynot will work with the committee as representatives of TOB and MODL. Terms of References will be developed
- BIO and Photo of each Board Member should be put together and sent to Dan. These will be used to promote the diversity of our Board Members. Suggestion was made that if your photo has not been done, take it in front of your place of business.

Old Business:

- Transit Update

- No updated information but an email has been sent to Halifax Chamber suggesting that they support it to their members as an opportunity to come to the South Shore as a way of bringing a boost to our economy.
- Chamber Office Relocation
  - Dan has sent out a proposal with his findings on potential locations (store fronts) and the costs. Discussion was held if the Chamber requires a storefront location given the lack of actual walk in business.
  - Motion was suggested that the Chamber office location will be at Dans home on a 6 month trial basis and re examined following that to determine if the location is working. The compensation for the office site office will be \$150 per month and the Chamber will not have an internet charge and office phone number is on call forward to Dans cell phone. Motion was made by Reid Whynot and Second by Brooke Nodding. Motion passed.

#### Financial Update

- Lee Wallet reviewed financials as presented and indicated that due to the incoming membership renewals and new membership the revenue increase is positive. No questions were raised and report was accepted as presented

#### Committee Reports

##### Events Committee:

- Debra Porter presented an update along with Lions Club Rep, Bill Bruhm on the Toonie Toss. After meeting with the folks from Mud Creek organization, logistics were discussed. Their program over the last 5 years has grown to the point of requiring a small army of volunteers to coordinate the collection of money, counting and distribution. 10 locations have confirmed that they will accept the boxes to run the program with the possibility of one additional. The Lions Club at this point will take the lead on the program but will require additional assistance if the program grows beyond their ability. The Ark has been approached to produce the boxes and the canvass collection bags. Motion was made to allow The Ark to produce what is needed to launch the program with a cost not to exceed \$1500.00. Motion made by Brooke Nodding and Second by Melissa Prime. Motion passed.
- Opening Doors event has changed the timings and is now 11am-2pm at the Best Western with lunch provided
- Regulatory presentation will not be pursued at this point as they do not wish to host their own event but tap into something already in the works
- BMO presentation is still on the radar and attempting to secure a location and date

- Discussion of Networking Event at the River Pub will be postponed until later in the year

- Chamber Members Family BBQ is being developed and the date set for the event is September 16 2018 with a rain date of September 23 2018. The Town wants more details on the event as they offered to have the DesBrisay Museum open for the event. Bill Bruhm also offered the Lions Club Train for the event. Timing for the event will be set at the next Event Committee meeting on August 15 2018 at LCLC

#### Membership Committee

- Great response so far on outreach program and will continue.

#### Nominating Committee

- No Report

#### Budget Committee

- Stable Financial Report

#### Chamber Mandate

- Blair reported that the first Chamber Mandate that went out showed a great interest in supporting the BBQ event. Blair will also be working on formalizing Vision/Mission statement

#### New Business

- Town of Bridgewater Meet and Greet

The Meet and Greet was held on August 02 2018 and was attended by several of our Board Members, the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, CAO and Council Members. This was a good meeting and the discussion of a closer working relationship between the Chamber and the Town was discussed. The lines of communications will be better established and information on new businesses opening when available will be passed along to the Chamber. Discussion around the establishing of a new BID (Business Improvement District) and the desire to have the Chamber involved in some capacity. The Town will also utilize the Chamber to help promote their events and meetings

Next Meeting: September 07 2018 Committee Room Town of Bridgewater