

Meeting Minutes for the Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce

Call to order

A meeting of Bridgewater Chamber of Commerce was held at Town Hall Chambers on March 2nd, 2018. Attendees included Dan Hennessey, Exec Director, Emily MacKay, Secretary and acting chair, Harry Rhyno, Director, Brooke Nodding, Director, Andrew Mutch, Director, Reid Whynot, Director, Lee Wallet, Director, and Jim Brown, Director. Members not in attendance were Bob Richards, President, Blair Lipsett, Director, & Bill MacInnis, Council Member.

Approval of Agenda

The Agenda set forth for today's meeting, received by all board members prior to the meeting.

Correspondence

Dan H. discussed the Parkview Education Centre request for Bursary for 2018. This has been left with the budget committee to review.

The Town hosts an Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony during Provincial Volunteer Week to officially thank volunteers for making our community a better place to live, work and play. Dan H. is speaking at this event and has nominated Blair Lipsett and Emily MacKay to attend as representatives from the BACC. The date for the Volunteer reception and awards is April 18th and will be held in the BJHS gymnasium

MCT Insurance (Directors Insurance) has been paid and is up to date as well as our dues to the Atlantic Chamber of Commerce (ACC).

Resignation letters from Sherry Spidle and Shawn Patterson were received, since our last meeting. We thank them for all of their hard work.

Chamber Chat Presentation

Mark Nodding, Operations Manager, from The Nodding Group presented on the 4 subsidiary companies the Nodding Group owns and operates: Sea Coast HVAC Residential; Nodding's Sales & Service; Sea Coast HVAC Commercial & Industrial; and Nodding Industrial. Full presentation is available on the BACC website.

Minutes approved

Approval for previous meetings minutes was asked for by Dan Hennessey, approved with an amendment to the Feb 2nd meeting minutes. Reid Whynot was present at that Feb 2nd meeting.

Business Arising

Lee Wallet was named as chair of the Budget committee.

Welcomed Andrew Much to the Board.

Reports

Financial Update was presented to each Director prior to the meeting for review. There were no questions or comments so the report was accepted as presented.

Debra Porter, Events Committee Chair, presented an update on events. Events committee met on Feb 14th (Dan Hennessy, Brooke Nodding, Debra Porter, & Matt Zinck from BACC present). Charles Otter & Annette St. Onge from SSREN (South Shore Regional Enterprise Network) presented on Economic development strategy for the area, the Business Now program, & supporting tourism. Charles is to attend the occasional BACC board meetings as an observer, and Annette has offered to help with the design /delivery of our membership survey. SSREN has offered to co-host an Entrepreneurship Event for about 30 participants at the Best Western April 25, 2018 7pm to 9pm. Tentative OH&S presentation booked at the Bridgewater Fire Hall May 9, 2018 from 9-11am Brooke to follow up and confirm with David Welsh. Debra is working on a possible Toonie Toss fundraiser in conjunction with the rotary club, more details to follow. Next meeting March 21, 2018 @ 10am location TBD.

Membership Comm/Welcoming Comm – Jim Brown New Chair, no updates.

Nominating Comm –Vacant Policy #7 –nominations to be submitted prior to AGM in June. Jim Brown and Blair Lipsett will take on this committee.

Budget Committee, Emily M. provided update from previous Budget committee meeting that was held Feb 22nd between Emily Mackay, Lee Wallet and Bill MacInnis. Budget committee has recommended we go ahead and move our banking to BMO as per the proposal Lee Wallet submitted. It is the budget committee's recommendation at this time to continue with our annual bursaries for education, but not to continue providing donations at this time unless margins improve. Fundraising for those bursaries as per Debra Porter's suggestion would make continuing the bursaries even more feasible. Budget committee to meet again in March and review revenue and expenses more in depth.

Ex Directors Report-membership at 162 people. Dan H. reviewed his Directors Report from February that was previously circulated.

New Business

Discussed setting a meeting date for the annual AGM. Tentatively June 22nd at 7:30am. Dan H. will keep us posted on location and confirm the time as we get closer.

Adjournment

Emily M. announced the end of the meeting.

Emily MacKay, Secretary

March 6th, 2018