

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 Feb 2nd, 2018. Attendees included Bob Richards, Pres., Dan Hennessey, Exec Dir., Shawn Patterson, 1st V Pres., Emily MacKay, Secretary, Harry Rhyno, Director, Brooke Nodding, Director, Blair Lipsett, Director, Trevor Walters, 2nd V. Pres, Council Member Bill MacInnis, and new board member Jim Brown, Director. Members not in attendance was Sherry Stewart-Spidle, Treasurer, Lee Wallet, Director, & Brooke Nodding, Director.

Approval of Agenda

Noted by Bob Richards, Pres & Dan Hennessey, Exec Dir, the Agenda set forth for today's meeting, received by all board members prior to the meeting. Amanda Fancy was not able to attend, Chamber Chat was removed from agenda, to be rescheduled. Blair Lipsett made motion to move changes on agenda, 2nd by Emily MacKay, motion passed.

Chamber Chat Presentation

Rescheduled

Minutes approved

Approval for previous meetings minutes was asked for by Dan Hennessey, approved.

Business Arising

Bob R. brought up BACC possibly helping to fund the Music on the River Program. Noted the importance of working with King Street merchants, and it is only viable if it makes a positive impact to business. Dan H. discussed the necessity of promotion of local businesses at the event. \$500 sponsorship request from the Music on the River Program is going to be put off until the Budget Committee reviews.

Harry Rhyno suggested we look at a more stringent process for donations. Bill McInnis suggested we should consider the idea of getting rid of our donation policy all together as businesses are approached daily with requests and are often supporting effectively twice. Jim Brown suggested we consider support for charitable, local events from an advertising stream instead.

Harry Rhyno made a motion to have the Budget Committee encompass reviewing the donation policy and consider if the BACC should even have a donation policy. Reid Whynot 2nd that motion, motion passed.

Bill McInnis & Emily Mackay joined the Budget Committee with Sherry Spidle and Lee Wallet.

Old Business

Harry Rhyno wrote an email to survey our membership, to be reviewed by Events Committee & SSREN (South Shore Regional Enterprise Network) are to help with reviewing this poll and providing feedback.

Charles Otter, SSREN Manager, was in attendance of our meeting & is attending our Feb 14th Events Committee meeting.

Correspondence

Trevor Walters is resigning from the BACC board, he has offered up a replacement, Andrew Much, plant manager of Michelin. Trevor made a motion to replace himself with Andrew Much, 2nd by Blair Lipsett. Discussed amongst board, board agreed Andrew Much will serve as a replacement for Trevor Walters as a director, but not as 2nd V. Pres. Motion passed Andrew Much will serve on the board as a director.

2nd Vice President position is open.

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.

Jim Brown made a motion to review non-traditional business approach to recruit to BACC. Jim Brown joined welcoming committee with Shawn 2nd by Blair Lipsett, motion passed.

Debra Porter provided an update on events. Next meeting Events Committee on Feb 14th.

Nominating Committee is vacant until November.

Dan H. reviewed his Directors Report from January

New Business

Items noted:

Bill McInnis & Emily Mackay joined the Budget Committee with Sherry Spidle and Lee Wallet. To review the donation policy and consider if the BACC should even have a donation policy, based on available finances.

Continued effort to bring the Chamber & Town together. Some of the BACC board members attended town presentation on the transit project that is currently in place. General discussion.

Presentation

Craig Collins Principal of NSCC Lunenburg Campus provided an update on the Make Way Campaign and the impact the fundraising initiative will have on students.

Adjournment

Bob R. announced the end of the meeting, and noted he will not be around for the next meeting.

Emily MacKay, Secretary

Feb 12th, 2018