

Meeting Minutes for the Bridgewater & Area Chamber of Commerce Board

January 11th, 2019

In attendance

Dan Hennessey, Debra Porter, Brooke Nodding, Jeff Langille, Reid Whynot, Shawn Patterson, Jim Brown, Andrew Mutch, Emily MacKay, Melissa Prime, Joel Holland, Bill Bruhm, & Caitlyn Doherty

Regrets: Blair Lipsett, Lee Wallet, Bill McInnis

Call to order

8:30am Committee Room Town of Bridgewater

Additions to Agenda

N/A

Correspondence

Funding request by Motorcycle Maritimers for another Rally on the River, which took place last July on King Street and was a success. More details to follow.

Canadian Chamber of Commerce invoice was received and paid in the amount of \$252.42 to renew our membership, cheque to be issued.

2019 GARY L. WENTZELL MARCH BREAK TOURNAMENT MARCH 20-24, request for funding (minor hockey) \$200 to sponsor and have our name displayed. Shawn made motion to support, Reid Whynot 2nd motion passed by board.

Chamber Chat Presentation

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Approval for previous meetings minutes from the December 7, 2018 Board meeting was passed.

Business Arising

- Chamber Snowman was decorated and will remain in place until February will continue next year.
- Downtown merchants meeting date still required

Old Business

- Chamber Outreach Program moving ahead with the list being updated and meeting will be scheduled for January 2019

- Downtown Merchants meeting scheduled was postponed due to wide spread power outages. To be rescheduled

Financial Update

Reports distributed prior to meeting.

Committee Reports

1. Events Committee Chair Debra Porter provided update:
 - a. Feb 13th is the Town Hall Meeting with Mayor David Mitchell and Mayor Carolyn Bolivar-Getson at the Best Western 7:30am to 9:30am.
 - b. 902 Athletics Chamber Event new date TBD
 - c. Toonie Toss has been launched, need more participation from board.
 - d. Computer Chat with Berthold January 16th Committee Room
 - e. Winter event at MARC planned for February 23rd
 - f. Next meeting to be January 18th 8:30 AM at the LCLC
2. Membership committee- N/A
3. Nominating committee-N/A
4. Budget committee- Will be meeting Jan 23rd, 2019 at noon at BMO.
5. Chamber Mandate committee- N/A
6. Executive Directors Report distributed to board members in advance of meeting.
7. From Reid Whynot on MODL business updates: Focus is on connecting people to high speed internet and better cell service.

New Business

Establish date for AGM, board decided on Thursday, June 13th, 2019. We are looking for a keynote speaker.

Bill Bruhm provided a Bridgewater Toonie Toss Run update. Bill kindly explained to us how to play, for those who didn't know. More active participation from the Board is required, including helping with the weekly Friday draws. Please follow and share on Facebook.

Discussion on supporting Tina Grace's family, Emily MacKay made motion to purchase \$200 gas card and have board sign a sympathy card for her and her family to support their ongoing trips to Halifax, 2nd by Shawn Patterson, motion passed by board.

Next board meeting discuss our committee breakdowns and alignments with our mandates and values.

Adjournment

Next meeting is Friday, Feb 1st 2019 @ 8:30am sharp Town Hall committee room.