

Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce
Annual General Meeting June 25, 2012-09-27

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by chair Andy Kerr with a welcome to members and guests

Minutes for 2011 AGM were presented, motion by Tim Habinski to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Carol Carter, m/c.

Reports:

Financial:

Financial report income statement was presented to all, copy attached to minutes. Gary gave detailed report on all income and expenses listed on report.

Holiday Draw is no longer running due to lack of interest in ticket sales.

Ciderfest was well attended last year and Gary thanked his committee for all their hard work. They will continue with ongoing meetings to get ready for next years' festival.

Motion by Gary to accept financial report as presented, 2nd by Heather m/c.

Motion by Gary to accept Holiday Draw and Ciderfest reports as presented, 2nd by Kirk, m/c.

Tourism:

Kirk advised the VIC will open end of June and close first week in October 2012. He advised traffic at the VIC was down in 2011 with 1012 visitors compared to 1038 visitors in 2010.

In 2011 the managerial staff of Joann Kittell and Nicole Tanner developed a managerial operations manual along with a new flyer. They helped in planting flowers at the VIC, sold local art works, produced a weekly newsletter and held an open house. They will help with the Triathlon, swim meets, etc for this season.

Still waiting on information for one of the grants to help with the VIC this season.

Youth Ambassador:

Heather Marshall, the BACC representative, gave a report on how Shae Gorham, our Youth Ambassador for 2011-2012 is progressing. She had been heavily involved with the 2011 Ciderfest celebrations, Canada Day celebrations and the Santa Claus parade and with the Youth Dance fund raising for the school, realizing a profit of \$530. Her project of painting a mural on the back of the Sears building is now in progress, depicting scenes of Bridgetown past and present.

Report is attached to minutes.

From the Town:

Mayor Fowler advised he is very proud and impressed with local volunteers and the BACC for their ongoing commitment to keeping our town alive.

The Town is hopeful they will have a new CAO in place by August and are actively pursuing candidates for council election in October. Many candidates are needed so we can be assured of a good council to help us move forward with a clear vision of what this Town can be in the future.

Steve advised elections are very important for our future survival. Encourage people to step up for council positions as the election process is very important.

There will be fireworks on July 1, 2012 and a breakfast being held at the Lions Club.

ADEDA: Liz Morine, managing director for ADEDA advised support from the BACC has been very beneficial both to the agency and herself as well. ADEDA has delivered on their agreement to discuss, change, and restructure its focus, especially on business and industry, looking at business retention and business start-up, allowing growth in the six sectors. The business plan can be downloaded on-line.

Steve advised ADEDA and its very well informed staff is there to help businesses in any way possible along with assisting families to move to our area.

Presidents Report

Andy thanked all who attended and gave special thanks to Cathy Graves and Joanne Frost for their contributions and time served as directors on the BACC.

He also advised the list of new members to the BACC;

Hallidays Pump & Repair

Timothy Harps

Tracey Forbes

Discover Drawing

M.R. Poole Works Ltd.

Bridgetown Farmers & Traders

Bright Beginnings

The Board was then dissolved by Andy.

Mayor Fowler took the floor to run the election of officers for the BACC. Nominations were as follows.

Chair – Andy Kerr

Vice- Heather Marshall

Treasurer – Gary Olsvik

Secretary – Gerry Bezanson

Past President - Kirk Lycett

Directors:

Tim Habinski, Jason Rice, Neil Cook, Dan Forbes

Motion by Bruce Hutchinson to cease nominations, 2nd by Rachel, m/c

Floor opened for questions, there were none.

Kirk gave a report on the Trojan Sports Society. There will be an open house on July 21, 2012. Target date for opening of the Sports Academy is September 2013.

The BACC Presidents Award was given to Gary Olsvik for his ongoing contributions to the BACC.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm