

Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce  
General Meeting March 21, 2013

Attendance: Heather Marshall, Mayor Horace Hurlburt, Janice Gattie, Rita Hurlburt, Neil Cook, Clark Morris, Gerry Bezanson, Gary Olsvik, Kirk Lycett, Steve Raftery, Dan Forbes, Norm Hamelin  
Regrets: Andy Kerr

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Vice-Chair Heather Marshall with a welcome to all.

Minutes of February 21, 2013 meeting were read, motion by Dan to accept minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kirk, m/c.

Business Arising – None

Correspondence – None

Reports:

**Finance-** As of March 20, 2013 the operating balance is \$6935.88 which includes Ciderfest seed money - \$2935

Good Samaritan Account - \$35.11

There are no outstanding payables

Outstanding receivables in the amount of \$230 for Moonlight Madness

Ciderfest – The “Orchard of Memories” decals will be coming soon to mark the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the festival

Operating budget for 2012 was \$19,214.00

Operating budget for 2013 will be \$23,000.00

The Ciderfest committee will meet again on Monday and all committees have been progressing well based on feedback so far. New ideas are still welcome and the following committee members may be contacted for information or to serve as a volunteer as some committee members will be retiring:

Gary Olsvik, Heather Marshall, Steve Clayton, Gerry Lutley, Joanne Frost

Moved by Gary, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary to accept reports, m/c

**Tourism:** Grant applications for student have been forwarded to HRDC. Applications are also in from the Town of Bridgetown for funding. Ads will be in newspapers for manager of VIC, with closing date for applications on April 4, 2013

Kirk advised there is a broad base of retirees who could possibly help with manning the VIC, with a broad base of knowledge of our community, they could supplement our information center.

Kirk moved for acceptance of report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Rita, m/c.

**From the Town:** Mayor Hurlburt gave a brief update on the Town. He also stated there will be a caucus meeting to be held in Lawrencetown tonight, March 21/13, regarding the amalgamation. Annapolis County Trails Assoc. will be holding an information meeting in Kentville at the Kings Municipal Building, April 17, 2013, 3pm.

**New Business:** Neil gave update on Provincial Housing Strategy, will continue as a priority by the government for affordable housing for seniors, low income persons and persons with physical or mental health issues. A plan is being developed to acquire lands adjacent to Mountain Lea Lodge and Meadows ARC. Neil has submitted a plan to the Board outlining strategy to allow this to happen, using Mountain Lea Lodge and Meadows ARC as assistants to these homes. A detailed outline will be presented by Neil at the Committee of the Whole meeting in April. As a senior is usually considered to be 65 years and older, but other parameters are being viewed, such as seniors with health issues, possibly allowing younger seniors.

Steve advised the Planning Advisory Committee has been holding regular meetings to discuss strategies for by-laws and development within the Town boundaries.

Dan advised the Relay for Life will be held in Middleton on June 14 & 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. There will also be a walk for Autism. CBC will provide media personality and the Consul General to the US will also attend.

Moved by Gary to adjourn meeting at 8:45 am

Next meeting will be April 18, 2013