

Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Meeting Minutes - April 21, 2011

Attendance: Marion Tanner, Gerry Bezanson, Dick Campbell, Carol Carter, Andy Kerr, Heather Marshall, Mayor Marshall, Clark Morris, Kirk Lycett, Steve Raftery, Neil/Mountain Lea Lodge

Welcome by Chair Kirk Lycett to all in attendance.

Minutes of March 2011 meeting were read, motion by Andy to accept minutes as presented, 2nd by Marion, m/c

Correspondence:

Atlantic Provinces Chambers of Commerce letters regarding the following were circulated; copies attached to minutes;

APCC letter welcoming federal announcement of gateway strategy

Atlantic Prosperity Summit 2011 to be held at the Old Orchard Inn, Greenwich, NS May 12, 2011. The Harvey Weber Commemorative Award to be presented at that time

Program for young entrepreneur's letter from Tim Tucker, NS Chambers of Commerce

Letter to Honourable Marilyn Monroe, Dept. of Labour & Workforce Dev. regarding the increase in minimum wage

Business arising from minutes:

Carol Carter advised she will be unable to chair the Downtown Revitalisation Committee, as the responsibility is too much at this time.

Chantal advised Cindy MacDonald has a meeting with commercial members and they will soon start the building of flower boxes for Queen St. businesses.

Committee Reports:

Finance; there was no report as Gary was away, however advised there is not much change in the status of the accounts.

Holiday Draw: The first draw was held on April 14th. A special thanks to Sharon Lycett for selling 83 of the 321 tickets sold.

Ciderfest: A meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2011 at the Pub, all businesses and community persons welcome.

Tourism: There has been no grants received yet for the VIC from HRDC and Destination Southwest Nova.

Downtown Revitalisation: Things are well underway with activities such as concerts to be held in the Park every second Thursday during July and August. On alternate Thursdays there will be movies outside by the Centennial Pool. Home Roots are also interested in providing music entertainment. Concerts will be at 7:00 pm. The Annapolis Regional Library has the licence for the movies.

Motion by Heather to accept reports as presented, 2nd by Marion, m/c.

Old Business:

PeeWee Provincials went very well and the Town was busy. No incidents have been reported. The Vixens lost in the gold medal game putting on an excellent effort. Congratulations to The Vixens on their performance. The team also made a little money from the tournament.

Carol advised that having a schedule of events for tournaments such as the PeeWees would be an asset to the businesses.

Upcoming events:

Swim Meet July 17, 2011, approx. 1000 people expected.

Bridgetown Triathlon – July 30 Weekend

Atlantic Bowl (Lawn Bowling) September 9, 10, 11, 2011

ADEDA:

Mayor Marshalls working group have completed their tasks, and the new Board has had a meeting. John Smith will be the Bridgetown Town Council representative. Opportunities have been presented to the Board and representatives to be put in place for all sectors, including forestry, fisheries, etc. Funding provisions have been supported by the six municipalities and federal support for the RDA is in place. A committee to find a new director has been formed and Steve Raftery is serving on this committee for Bridgetown, hoping to have an effective RDA in place for next few years. A job for Office Administrator at ADEDA is posted on their website.

Membership Drive: Kirk has sent letters to all businesses and prospective members.

AGM: Hoping to have the Firehall Committee host a pancake breakfast for this occasion; tentative date is May 20, 2011 as we must give 30 days notice to all members. We will develop the program, guest speaker, awards presentation, recap of year. Meeting around 9:00 am.

Other option is to have the meeting at the Lions Hall on June 4, 2011 to coincide with the Lions Breakfast. Meeting to be at 11:00 am

New Business:

Youth Ambassador for Bridgetown; we will get in touch with Judy Marshall to inquire if she will be taking on this task again. Heather advised she will help Judy with this project.

Bridgetown High School Band is taking over the Fiddle Fling as a fundraiser for their trip..

There will be a Band Concert at the High School on June 5, 2011

Tenant space availability at Library is posted, submission closing April 29, 2011.

Library grand opening will be June 18, 2011. There will be refreshments, entertainment and guest speakers.

Active Living Fair will be held on June 8, 2011 at Jubilee Park, weather permitting, from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. VIC will be opened for this event.

Work on the property located next to Town Hall will start this summer; Town is still trying to get funding to complete project.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am, motion by Marion, 2nd by Heather, mc/

Next meeting May 19/11