

BRIDGETOWN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
GENERAL MEETING DECEMBER 17, 2015

Attendance: Steve Clayton, Chair Jen D'Aubin, Anne Crossman, Gerry Bezanson, Gary Olsvik, Chantelle Webb, Caroline Perriman

Meeting called to order at 8:00 AM by chair Jen with a welcome to all.

Minutes from November 2015 meeting read and approved, motion by Anne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chantelle, m/c.

**Reports**

**Finance-** Operating balance \$12,941.93 which includes a Ciderfest balance of \$500 to carry over for next year festival

There are still outstanding receivables in the amount of \$2100

And \$600 in Bridgetown Bucks outstanding

**Moonlight Madness-** advertising cost \$5189 which included ads, Bridgetown Bucks, flyer services, etc.

General discussion followed regarding the success of the festival. The tree lighting was well attended with lots of foot traffic on Queen St. ValuFoods advised they were not super busy, Home hardware advised same. Pharmasave recorded an outstanding day, the craft show was well attended. Overall consensus suggested a successful event.

The BACC will invite merchants to a meeting early in the new year to discuss options for next year's event.

**Trojan Center has been in touch with the province regarding housing refugees and were advised to get in touch with the BACC regarding sponsoring this. To date we have not received information from the Trojan Center. This will be discussed further upon receipt of the necessary information or if the Center wishes to do a presentation to advise the details.**

**Chase The Ace; a committee will be struck to start this process, with a possible start in February 2016. The Ciderfest committee will look at taking this project on.**

**Decorations; Nancy Price approached John Ferguson from the County regarding money available to update the Christmas decorations, etc. A meeting was held with Deb Ryan to move forward to renew the decorations. They will meet again in January to form a plan as there is transition money available.**

**Anne suggested maybe the BACC should consider putting flags, etc. on each road for Canada Day as we are the Bridgetown and Area Chamber of Commerce.**

**There will be a meeting on January 7, 2016 to meet the county. All are invited to attend.**

**There will be an Ecumenical Christmas dinner held at the Firehall on Dec.25/15. Prizes have been purchased by a local business at a cost of \$140. Moved by Anne and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary that the BACC cover this cost. M/C.**

**Steve Clayton provided an update on upcoming sports events to our town. The All Star Hockey tournament, male and female, will be held on January 17, 2016. Business should be advised that there will be many additional people in town for this event.**

**The High School Girls Senior provincials will be held in April 2016, dates to follow.**

**Steve also advised he has been using the current Santa suit for many years and it is getting very worn. This will be on the next agenda for improvement.**

**Chantelle suggested the BACC take a look at providing a grant for a small business start-up for refugees. Will be put forward for future discussion.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am.**

**Next meeting January 21, 2016**