



Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce General Meeting October 19th, 2017

Attendance: Andy Kerr, Gary Olsvik, Jerry Publow, Clark Morris, Jane Bezanson, Maureen Publow, Anne Crossman, John Burris, Dan Harvey, Steve Clayton, Bridgetown Food bank Reps (Sandra and Gerald Hackenschmidt), Nova Scotia Power Reps.

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by President Andy Kerr. He welcomed and thanked everyone for coming.

Reports:

Financial – As of October 18th the book balance is \$12,874.42, \$2,530 outstanding receivables, 414.05 in payables.

Ciderfest:

Gary rated this one of the top 2 Ciderfest in all his years of being involved. He felt that the Team worked well together and kept the whole weekend as a Community and family event. The budget was \$19,000 and they were just under the budget with a \$300 to \$400 left over. Still a few things to come in.

VIC:

Kirk was not here to give report but Gary gave the financial report. They are \$319 in the negative. This was due to purchasing 2 mew laptops to upgrade computer system. Andy will get visitor numbers and send them out.

Gary moved that reports be accepted

Dan Harvey 2nd the motion

Motion carried

The County Joining the Valley REN (Regional Enterprise Network)

Andy gave an overview of what REN was and how at this time it is cut off at Middleton Town limits. This is a member-based and municipal member/government funded. There is a cost to joining and in the past the County of Annapolis has declined to join.

Discussion was held and it was concluded that we would put it to motion to approach County to convince them to join, if this does not work may contact Annapolis Royal and get them on board with us and the last resort would be to get our MLA involved.

Moved by Anne Crossman

Maureen Publow 2nd Motion

Motion carried

Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce

Discussion was held on approaching AVCC about our Chamber joining theirs without losing our identity. Andy to open communications with AVCC.

Moved by Gary Olsvik



Clark 2nd motion
Motion carried

Moonlight Madness

Do we want to change the date from first weekend in December to Black Friday weekend?

Discussion was held and everyone agreed that keeping it on first weekend of December seemed to be better for the town as everyone likes to go up the line on Black Friday for the big electronic deals.

Liaison with Local service/citizen groups

Andy brought forward that he would like to invite different groups to attend meetings quarterly. This would allow for sharing ideas and information to help such groups such as Lions, Library, Recreation and school. Everyone agreed and Andy will take care of inviting groups.

Membership in general

Gary said there were some past members not paid as yet and unsure if they had just forgotten or not. Andy will approach these members to see what is going on.

Youth Ambassador or other such program

Andy would like to get this program or revamped program running again. After a short discussion Andy asked Team members to come up with ideas and forward them to him via email.

Other Business

Steve Clayton said the 16th Annual Colin Chipman Memorial Tournament is all set to go. He is fully booked with 22 teams and town should be busy this weekend.

Food Bank attended meeting to see what joining the Chamber could do for them. They are looking for a partnership with the Chamber and will take the information back to their board.

Nova Scotia Power had 2 representatives attend meeting. Their agenda is to get out in the local areas and see what they can do to contribute or help out with.

Next Meeting November 16th, 2017

Maureen proposed the motion to adjourn

Gary 2nd motion

Motion carried.