

BACCS Meeting

May 18, 2023

6:30pm-DeVenney Room-Bridgetown Library

Attendance-Ro Allen, Zack Van Wagner, Trudy White, Angela Prive, Jennifer D'Aubin, Samantha Langley, Laura Ricketts, Gary Olsvick, Harrison Murphy

Absent with notice-John Osborne, Caroline Perrimen, Holly Kaulbach

Absent with no notice-Jacob Meisner

Ro called meeting to order at 6:32pm.

Welcome to new directors.

Reviewed Last Meeting Minutes: Ro called for errors or omissions. Jennifer motioned to approve minutes, Trudy Seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Finance=same/no report

Ciderfest Committee-Harrison Murphy

- Looking into food vendors
- Booked Monster Trucks
- Have booked amusement rides for 2024, does not look like they will be able to get rides booked for this year
- Logo-feedback received was that people would like a prize to participate, it was decided \$100 in Bridgetown Bucks would be given to the winner

Jennifer D'Aubin mentioned that D'Aubins Meats is willing to do sausages during Ciderfest, if Harrison could please let the committee know.

Development Committee-Jennifer D'Aubin read report

- Municipality had delivered benches to Queen St.
- Committee met to discuss their vision, Nancy Price stepped down as Chair, Jennifer D'Aubin is new Chair.
- A successful cleanup took place at Jubilee Park with over 20 volunteers
- Carol Weidhaas has offered to restore the mural on the VIC, she is waiting to hear back from the Chamber

- Committee decided that the kiosks wouldn't be painted until they are installed

VIC-Ro Allen

- Ro read an email from Kirk regarding VIC Employment, two applications have already been received. After discussion it was decided that there would be interviews held for the position.
- VIC will open the end of June
- Discussion regarding the duties of the employee took place, more discussion is necessary to decide what their duties should be
- It was suggested that the employee should visit each Chamber Business so that they know what each business does/provides
- It was suggested that there be an open flag placed on VIC to draw people in.
- Discussion took place regarding getting a billboard sign, some business owners are going to look into this and keep the Chamber posted

Budget Report-Laura Ricketts

- Adjusted the budget from concerns of last meeting
 - She mentioned that she is a bit late getting membership invoices out, our #s will climb when more membership dues are received.
- Trudy made a motion to approve the report. Zack seconded. Motion carried.

Devour Magazine is doing a 4 page article on Junction 16. Jennifer messaged them and asked if they would join the Chamber. They are in.

New Business:

Riverfest: Ro asked if we should enter a boat, we would need 17 rowers & 3 spares. It was agreed that is a good idea. Ro is going to email membership about joining for \$50/person – that will cover the cost of the boat. Harrison suggested having a banner to put on the boat to promote the Chamber.

Sports Hub:

- We would like to be more up to date on events happening there that will bring people to town.

- We would also like to be aware of events at BCRS, Lawn Bowling Club, Arena, Curling Club.
- We should work towards a monthly newsletter to notify Chamber Members of events happening in town.

Website:

- We would like to work towards having more correct information on the website. It was decided that once the membership/invoice list is updated for this year we will look into revamping the website.

Development Committee & Planters:

- Nancy Price had emailed Ro asking for \$500.00 to purchase plants for the planters on Queen Street.
Jennifer made a motion to provide \$500.00 from the Marketing Budget to the Development Committee with the provision that there is a plan to keep the plants alive throughout the summer. Trudy seconded. Motion carried.

Queen Street Market:

- Laura read her proposal for the market.
- Discussion took place.

Laura made a motion requesting \$700.00 from the Chamber for the Queen Street Market based on the proposal presented. Trudy seconded. Motion carried.

*Proposal Below

John David Smith with the Soldiers Memorial Hospital Foundation regarding Physician recruitment and retention had contacted the Chamber. They would like for us to appoint a member to attend their meetings and report back to the Chamber. Ro volunteered. Jennifer will go in her place if she can't attend.

Trudy brought up member benefits, asking what they are. After discussion it was decided we would like to request a Chamber of Commerce representative come and explain the benefits to us as a group.

Ro brought up BACCS Awards Night. It was decided this would be discuss further at the next meeting.

Trudy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:17pm. Jennifer seconded. Motion carried.

Queen's Corner Market - BACCS Proposal

Where: Jackie Foster's lot at the corner of Granville St. and Queen St.

When: Weekly on Fridays from 10am – 2pm, June 2nd to September 29th (18 weeks)

Revenue:

\$15 weekly x 10 vendors or \$200 for full-time vendor paid in full at beginning of season.

Total: \$2000 - \$2700

Expenses:

Rental of green space: \$350

County permit: \$10

Public Market Permit: No fee (will confirm with Seamus)

Advertising:

Potential profit: \$1640 - \$2340

10 vendors responsible for their own set up and tear down and must provide their own equipment, tables, tents, etc. Vendors can arrive at 9am to start set up and must be cleared out by 3pm. No power available for Vendors. Aroma Mocha/Chamber committee to be responsible for a final cleanup after each market.

A Vendor application will be required whether they are part-time or full time vendors and they must have their own appropriate permits on file with the Chamber prior to the 1st week.

The County is looking to see if there is an additional garbage/recycling/compost bin available to put at the location. Picnic tables and benches are being loaned to Aroma Mocha for the space for the summer.

Vendor fee: \$15/week or \$200 for full-time vendor - must be paid before start of the season

Potential vendors to approach:

- Warren Maple Syrup
- Casa Nova Wines
- Bruce Family Farm
- Lunn's Mill
- Creamy Bubbles Goat Milk Soap
- Goat Island Bread Co.
- Bill McKee Honey
- Woolly Mammits
- Beach Baby Bath and Body
- Meals by Miles
- KB Homestead
- Glory Farm
- Happy Hippy Soap Company