

BACCS Meeting

September 19, 2024

6:30pm DeVenney Room-Bridgetown Library

In Attendance: Ro Allen, John Osborne, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perrimen, **Carrie Ness, Zach Van Wagner, Nancy Price, Harrison Murphy**

Absent: Laura Ricketts, Trudy White, Holly Kaulbach, Dustin Enslow, David Hudson

Ro called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

Agenda Errors & Omissions:

Samantha added the Volunteer Expo, Firehall Rental for October 8, 2024, Riverfest Funds. Harrison added Banners for Cyprus Walk.

Review of June Minutes: Samantha read. Change to be made: \$2000 for the VIC was approved NOT received.

Zach made a motion to approve the minutes as read with the noted change. Harrison seconded. Carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: No report.

Ciderfest: Carrie

Ciderfest was a success despite the weather. Most events went ahead as planned at the rink. We are looking for volunteers to take over Ciderfest next year. Perhaps downsizing the event overall is something to consider.

John made a motion to donate \$500.00 to BCRA for use of the arena for Ciderfest. Jennifer seconded. Carried.

Development Committee: Nancy

Thanks to Caroline Perrimen for doing planters again this year. They maintained colour all summer and into fall. Trail Connector is 99% done. Four interpretive signs have been installed, more need to be done, hoping to have this done in the next few weeks. They will be working with ACROSS to have an official grand opening. VIC Building Renovation has received many compliments, the committee has discussed further improvements such as accessibility and washrooms. For Christmas decorations; for this year they will use what they have and work on a plan for future such as grant writing. Caroline Perrimen has agreed to take on the project. Steve Campbell has been contacted by the Legion regarding the plan to erect banners honouring our veterans from the beginning of the Poppy Campaign until the day after Remembrance Day. Steve has agreed to help install the banners. Our winter banners will go up at that time. Phil Marsh would like to organize a Santa, Elf run on the night of light up the town.

VIC: Jennifer

437 Visitors this year, compared to 206 last year.

197 from NS

175 out of province

65 from other countries

VIC was open from July 1-September 8. Only closed on Mondays. Kayaks/Paddleboards from the County were frequently loaned out. The employee also watered the plants downtown. A website and internet access would be helpful in the future. Neil, this years employee, is reoffering for next year.

Membership: No report.

Light Up The Town: Carrie

Things are underway. We will not be painting windows this year as cleanup takes too long. We were gifted some of Louis Ameros wooden cutouts-very exciting. We are going to apply to close the Highway for the parade and it will go to the arena this year. Would like insurance now, John volunteered to do that. Fireworks are a go! Dustin Enslow & Munroe Construction are taking care of that.

New Business:

Candidate Forum will take place October 8, 2024 at the Bridgetown Volunteer Fire Hall. This is an event for the public to meet the candidates and ask questions. We asked Jennifer to facilitate the discussion. Samantha made a motion for the Chamber to pay \$150 to rent the fire hall for the event. Jennifer seconded. Carried.

Riverfest Dragonboat Race was cancelled this year because the river was too high. We had entered a boat. The committee had contacted us with 3 options for refund. \$400 was non-refundable to cover cost of shirts, boat deposits. The remainder of funds (\$800.00) can be donated, used for next year or refunded. Samantha made a motion to push the funds ahead for use in next years boat. John seconded. Carried.

Duck Race Tickets: Discussion took place and it was decided that Cadets would get all funds for the Duck Race Tickets for their many volunteer efforts at Ciderfest. They will cover the cost of posters & ticket printing.

The Volunteer Expo is September 21, 2024 at BCRS, the Chamber will have a table, anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

Harrison let us know that the Cyprus Walk sign has been moved, all signs have been installed. Unfortunately there was a sign broken due to vandalism.

Harrison would like to order new holiday signs for the bridge at a cost of \$313.00 for 8 at bannerbuzz.ca. We would like him to check cost with Steve at Cats Meow before approving the funds. We would also like to see final design before anything goes to print.

Ro called to adjourn the meeting at 7:46pm.

Next meeting is October 17, 2024.