

BACCS Meeting January 16, 2025

In Attendance: John Osborne, Laura Ricketts, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Trudy White, Carrie Ness, Holly Kaulbach, Zach Van Wagner, Nancy Price, Harrison Murphy, Ted Agombar, Christine Young, Steve Raftery, Andy Kerr, Elizabeth Taylor

Absent: Caroline Perriman, Dustin Enslow

John called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

We went around the room, and everyone introduced themselves.

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Review of November minutes, not October.

Nancy Price & Andy Kerr to add Track & Field Events information.

Ted Agombar to add County News

Review of November Minutes: Samantha read the minutes. Spelling Steve Rafterys last name to be corrected. Harrison made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Jennifer seconded. Carried.

Chamber Executive Re-Organization:

Ro Allen has resigned as President of the Chamber via email.

Laura Ricketts is also resigning as the treasurer.

Elizabeth Taylor has been recruited to take over as treasurer.

Jennifer made a motion to nominate John Osborne to be President. Trudy seconded. Carried.

Jennifer made a motion to nominate Samantha Langley as Vice President, concurrent with her secretary position. Laura seconded. Carried.

Jennifer made a motion to nominate Elizabeth Taylor as the treasurer. John seconded. Carried.

It is understood that Laura intends to help Elizabeth as she gets started in her new role as Treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Laura

Current Balance is \$8786.00. She received approximately \$2000 in cheques at the meeting that will be deposited. Holly made a motion to accept the report as read. Carrie seconded. Carried.

VIC/Tourism:

Jennifer had to leave the meeting early. We need to confirm with her that the grant for VIC Employee was applied for.

Development Committee: Nancy

Not much to report this month.

The committee would like permission to start the application process for a Credit Union Atlantic (CUA) Grant under the category of Health & Wellness for a natural playground at Jubilee Park up to \$7500.00. A vote was taken. Carried.

The committee also asked for permission to apply for a Provincial Grant for someone to collaborate with the VIC employee for boat rentals and children's games. The hope would be to have someone there to cover these things when the VIC Employee has days off. John felt that this application needed to go through the VIC Committee, not Development Committee.

It was mentioned that if time constraints were of any concern approval to apply for Grants can be through email to the board of directors.

Ted is going to look into Community positions that the County had committed to Bridgetown Community and see if there may be something available for us to utilize at Jubilee Park.

Ciderfest: Samantha/John

Jennifer is going to do a Ciderfest post in search of volunteers on the Bridgetown Forum Facebook Page as there is no one currently willing to take on Ciderfest 2025.

It was suggested that we consider hosting a meeting to give information about what Ciderfest is and what the volunteer positions look like or a social event to learn about BACCS in general.

Membership:

Laura and Ro previously made up this committee so the position needs to be filled. John made a motion to elect Trudy as Chair of the Membership Committee. Carrie seconded. Carried.

Light Up The Town: Carrie/John

The event overall was successful this year, it was very cold and that affected attendance. Fireworks had to be cancelled due to weather but did take place on New Years Eve and were a great success.

All leftover smore supplies and Santa candy from the event was donated to the foodbank.

NEW BUSINESS:

County News: Ted

The County is holding a survey called 'Listening to Every Voice', looking for feedback on local issues. The survey can be completed online through the Annapolis County Website or filled out and emailed or dropped off at the County Office.

The County is hosting two Community Grant Information Sessions to share information about the Annapolis County municipal grant program. January 20, 6:30 pm at Upper Clements Hall or January 28, 6:30pm at Lawrencetown Legion.

Commerce Committee Formation:

John would like to elect Zach as Chair of the new Commerce Committee. Trudy seconded. Carried. John made a motion to elect Trudy as Vice Chair of the Commerce Committee. Zach seconded. Carried. The focus of this committee will be on business.

The Commerce Committee will need members-if you are interested, please let Zach or Trudy know.

AGM:

Discussion took place and it was decided that the AGM this year will be held on April 17, 2025 at 6pm at Junction 16. Samantha will call and reserve the room for this date and time. The AGM needs to be posted on Social Media as well as an email needs to be sent to the membership in advance.

Track Events: Andy

May will be busy in town with track & field events, Bridgetown will be hosting District, Regional & Provincial Track & Field events on consecutive weekends. ACOSS wanted to make sure that the Chamber was aware of these events so that businesses could be prepared for the influx of people in town.

John called to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

Next meeting is February 20, 2025 at 6:30pm at the DeVenney Room.