

BACCS Meeting

February 20, 2025

6:30pm DeVenney Room, Bridgetown Library

In Attendance: John Osborne, Elizabeth Taylor, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perriman, Carrie Ness, Nancy Price, Harrison Murphy, Dustin Enslow, Ted Agombar, Christine Young

Absent: Trudy White, Holly Kaulbach, Zach Van Wagner

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Nancy asked to add ACOSS

Ted asked to add Summer Employment

Review of January Minutes:

Samantha read the minutes. Harrison made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Elizabeth seconded. Carried.

Business Arising:

Jennifer is going to make a post about Ciderfest, calling for volunteers on the Bridgetown Forum Facebook page.

Jennifer will contact Kirk about the VIC Grant for this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Elizabeth

Currently about \$2800.00 in accounts receivable. A deposit of \$3100.00 was made today. Approximate balance is \$11 0000.00. The executive is working on getting bank access with changes made.

VIC/Tourism: Jennifer

No information at this time as VIC is closed for the season. Internet was not shut off at the end of the season and we have been getting billed, Kirk is having it shut off and looking at getting us reimbursed for this.

Development Committee: Nancy

Due to ice the Christmas decorations are still up, they will come down ASAP when the weather breaks.

The committee has applied for the VCU Grant of \$7500.00 and should hear back by the middle of March.

County is in discussion regarding doing upgrades to the natural playground in Jubilee park which would be great news.

Ciderfest: No report.

Jennifer will be doing a post as mentioned above, if there is sufficient interest from that post we should plan an event to share information with people willing to take on Ciderfest.

Membership: John

The executive and Trudy are working on getting a full list of members by the AGM.

A discussion took place regarding increasing membership dues. Elizabeth made a motion to increase dues starting on April 1, 2025 to: \$25/individual person, \$35/1-3 employees, \$60/4-9 employees, \$110/10+ employees with a 10% discount offered to Chamber members when they sponsor any Chamber event. Jennifer seconded. Carried.

LUTT: John

John will get a copy of the fireworks invoice to be paid to the firehall.

Commerce Committee: John

John will reach out to the Commerce Committee about the potential of doing a billboard (mentioned below).

NEW BUSINESS:

ACOSS: Nancy

ACOSS is meeting regularly to prepare for Track & Field events in May. They would like to create a committee with business owners to help with planning. We will send out an email to Chamber Members with a call out for this-Nancy will be preparing the email.

Caroline brought up that it would be a good idea to have a temporary sign/billboard to display at the events in May to promote businesses and places to eat. This is a task for the Commerce Committee.

It was also mentioned that the Chamber should consider a shuttle of sorts to get people from the school to the downtown core and back during the largest tournament which is the last weekend in May.

ACA-Annapolis County Athletics is looking for donations. John asked if there was any objection to him sending emails to the Chamber Members promoting community groups that may be fundraising or looking for supports. All agreed.

Summer Employment: Ted

Following up from last months meeting where he was going to look into whether or not there were County funds allocated to supply an employee at Jubilee park/Bridgetown. There are no specific funds allocated for student or summer term positions. If the Chamber makes a request for another employee they will see what they can do. We have missed the deadline for 2025 but could apply for 2026.

County survey results 'Listening to Every Voice' should be in soon and the pop-up meeting should happen in the community shortly to share results.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

Next meeting is March 20, 2025.