

BACCS AGM

May 2, 2024

Junction 16, Meeting Room

In Attendance: Ro Allen, John Osborne, Carrie Ness, Holly Kaulbach, Dustin Enslow, Harrison Murphy, Trudy White, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perriman, Zack Van Wagner, Heather Van Wagner, Samantha Langley, Steve Raftery, Laura Ricketts, Nancy Price, Ted Agombar

John called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

Agenda errors & omissions: none

Call for Nominations & Introductions:

Ro Allen reoffered for President and accepted.

John Osborne reoffered for Vice President and accepted.

Laura Ricketts reoffered for Treasurer and accepted.

Samantha Langley reoffered for Secretary and accepted.

Directors

Angela Prive-not reoffering.

Jacob Meisner-not reoffering.

Caroline Perrimen-is reoffering.

Trudy White-is reoffering.

Holly Kaulbach-is reoffering.

Zach Van Wagner-is reoffering.

Nominated for Directors:

Harrison Murphy-accepted

Carrie Ness-accepted

Samantha reviewed the minutes of the 2023 AGM. Zach motioned to approve the minutes. Trudy seconded. Carried.

Business arising from the minutes: none

Finance Report: Laura

Many things still coming in from last year, will have all updated soon.

Presentation of the proposed budget: Laura

Budget will remain the same as last year.

REVENUE:	BUDGETED
Membership	\$ 3,000.00
Chamber Insurance	\$ 3,500.00
Visitor Information Centre	\$ 5,000.00
Ciderfest	\$ 18,000.00
Festival of Lights	\$ 4,500.00
Total	
Revenue	\$ 34,000.00

OPERATING EXPENSES:	BUDGETED
Visitor Information Centre	\$ 5,000.00
Ciderfest	\$ 18,000.00
Student Bursary	\$ 1,000.00
Festival of Lights/Promo	\$ 4,500.00
Dues: Atlantic Chamber	\$ 250.00
Dues: Canadian Chamber	\$ 250.00
Marketing/Development	\$ 3,000.00
AGM	\$ 400.00
Directors Insurance	\$ 660.00
Service Charges: Banking	\$ 144.00
Administrative	\$ 600.00

Harrison made a motion to approve the finance report and proposed budget. Holly seconded. Carried.

BREAK FOR FOOD

Committee Reports:

Ciderfest: John & Carrie

Ciderfest was successful in 2023. The weather was great. There were a few new events- Busker Fest. Food trucks were brought in, we will need more for this year as it still wasn't enough. Cadets were involved in the duck race and that was very helpful. Car show was very well attended. A few glitches/things to improve on: the kids dance was cancelled last minute and there was some negative feedback on that. There are still funds to be collected from the event.

Development Committee: Nancy

April 2023 the committee tried to generate some community interest in refreshing the natural playground in Jubilee Park. There were several meetings with County staff and a few members of the public but unfortunately there was no individual willing to take on the leadership of the project.

The town sign was repainted.

November 2023 the parking lot in town was paved. The new location for the Christmas tree was installed and connected to power. BRCS students decorated the tree.

Decorative lit stars were added to the light poles, they were made by Cheryl Hanes and will be used again this year.

The Bridgetown Active Living Loop is in its final stages and the final grant report is due May 17. Brochures, interpretive signs and directional signs are being produced and benches and picnic tables have been purchased and waiting for placement. An official opening will be planned when everything is in place.

Caroline Perriman is selecting and purchasing plants for the planters. She has also agreed to purchase for other downtown merchants planters if they pay for the plants. A letter will be sent out to the core businesses. The planters will be watered by the VIC employee and merchants will be responsible for their own planters.

The large planter surrounding the parking lot sign has to be designed and planted. The goal is to get some perennials in as soon as possible so that there will be blossoms this summer.

The information signs have been edited and Integrity Printing will create the updated versions to fit the information kiosks. ACROSS will be installing one at the Sports Hub and there is one of the parking lot.

The committee has taken on the challenge of refreshing the VIC. The inside has been thoroughly cleaned, outdated brochures and handouts thrown out and other materials

organized. The north and south interior walls are being repainted. The goal is to achieve an inviting log cabin feel so that visitors feel comfortable and welcome to the community. We are also making technology available so that they can sit down and explore the local assets, do their bookings online and be encouraged to stay in the community a little longer. The building is not accessible. The committee would like to request consideration by the Chamber to widen the doorway and create one accessible bathroom from the two that are presently there. We would also like to remove the toilet and vanity from the East bathroom because it isn't working and this would create some storage space. If possible, we would like to get this done this summer.

Light Up The Town: Carrie

Successful event. We could use more food vendors for next year. The light competition was very successful and a well liked event, trophies were given as prizes and very well received. Fireworks were a huge success. We look forward to growing this event in coming years.

Membership: Ro

We have grown and will be producing an updated business/member list.

Presidents Report: Ro

We are winning! Things are moving forward in a positive direction. There is lots more the Chamber would like to do. Our goal is to reach 100 members.

NEW BUSINESS: none

Ro called to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm.