

BACCS Annual General Meeting

April 17, 2025

Junction 16, 6:30pm

In attendance: John Osborne, Elizabeth Taylor, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perriman, Trudy White, Zach Van Wagner, Nancy Price, Dustin Enslow, Steve Raftery, Rose (RMT), Christine Young, Glen Young, Carrie Ness

Absent: Ted Agombar

John called the meeting to order at 6:43pm

Agenda Additions/Deletions: none

Introductions: everyone went around the table and introduced themselves.

BREAK FOR FOOD

Nominations: no applicants.

John Osborne reoffered for President, accepted.

Elizabeth Taylor reoffered for Treasurer, accepted.

Samantha Langley reoffered for Secretary, accepted.

Vice President-not reoffering. John nominated Christine Young for Vice President. Holly seconded. Christine accepted.

Jennifer D'Aubin reoffered as Past President, accepted.

Directors:

Caroline Perriman-reoffering.

Trudy White-reoffering.

Zach Van Wagner-reoffering.

Carrie Ness-reoffering.

Holly Kaulbach-reoffering.

Harrison Murphy-reoffering.

Review of 2024 AGM Minutes: Samantha read the minutes. 3 different names spelled wrong. Zach made a motion to accept the minutes as read with the noted changes. Holly seconded. Carried.

Finance: Elizabeth

(Attached)

To be added to the agenda at the next meeting: discussion about the possibility of a stipend for the Treasurer position.

VIC-Tourism: Jennifer

There is an ongoing CRA account issue which is the reason they have not been able to apply for the Federal grant for the VCU employee. Elizabeth is going to look into this.

The Tourism NS Grant will not be affected by the CRA issue, they should hear back on whether or not that was approved in the next month.

No decisions have been made on the employee for this year, last years employee is interested in coming back on.

Last year the VCU was repainted and cleaned up. There were lots of visitors over the season, the new employee Neal did an excellent job.

Development Committee: Nancy

The Bridgetown Community Active Living Loop has been completed, signage will be installed in the next month and an official opening will happen in June.

The planter in the parking lot was used last year, mostly flowering perennials were used.

The committee held a Jubilee Park cleanup and invited the public. Thank you to Caroline & Mike Perriman for installing buntings at the natural playground. Thank you to David Bent for donating a fibreglass boat to the playground which has been very popular.

Queen Street was decorated for the holidays again this year. The committee would like to thank everyone who came out to help with decorating.

Jubilee Park was the big initiative for holiday decorating this year, VIC building was transformed into a Gingerbread house. Thanks to John Osborne for all of your help with installation of decorations made by the committee.

The Development Committee has partnered with ACOSS to address the influx of people expected with the Regional and Provincial Track and Field meets being held in May.

Ciderfest: Carrie

There was major rain the weekend of the event this year, we pivoted well. Parade had to be cancelled but all afternoon activities were held at the arena and were still very well attended. The event overall was a success in spite of poor weather.

There is no chair for Ciderfest 2025, if a committee has not been formed to take over Ciderfest by the regular Chamber meeting in May, we will announce that Ciderfest 2025 will not be happening.

Membership: John

A new member list is coming in the next 90 days. Once a list is complete the website will be updated to reflect current members.

LUTT: John

The event was successful but very cold. Great attendance. Santas workshop was a big hit. The fireworks had to be postponed and took place on New Years Eve-a great success.

Commerce Committee: Zach & Trudy

They are a very new committee so there isn't much to report for 2024 but things are happening and they are excited to get going.

Presidents Report: John

John has just taken over as President but is excited to get going and report to the Bridgetown Community and local businesses.

John called to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm.

Bridgetown and Area Chamber of Commerce

2024-2025 Financial Year

Profit/Loss Statement (*Unofficial*)**Revenue**

4000 - Sales - Products (Membership Revenue)	\$	200.00
10000 - Membership Revenue	\$	945.00
10100 - Chamber Insurance Revenue	\$	3,823.51
10200 - Tourism Revenue	\$	5,500.00
10210 - Beautification Grant Fund	\$	300.00
10300 - Ciderfest Revenue	\$	7,117.40
10400 - Festival of Lights Revenue	\$	10,080.00
Total Revenue	\$	27,965.91

Expenses

5000 - Cost of Goods Sold	\$	47.84
6000 - Accounting and Legal	\$	381.04
6050 - Advertising	\$	1,200.00
6200 - Bank Fees and Interest	\$	146.81
6250 - Business Fees & Licenses	\$	62.30
6400 - General Expenses	\$	150.00
6500 - Insurance	\$	660.00
20000 - Tourism Expense	\$	8,280.10
20010 - Beautification Expense	\$	929.99
20020 - Trail Project Expense	\$	3,703.73
20030 - Cypress Walk	\$	1,841.36
20100 - Ciderfest Expenses	\$	5,282.85
20110 - Ciderfest Children's Carnival	\$	2,696.05
20400 - Festival of Lights Expenses	\$	10,372.41
20600 - Annual General Meeting Expense	\$	396.93
Total Expenses	\$	36,151.41

Net Profit/Loss \$ (8,185.50)

Bridgetown and Area Chamber of Commerce

2024-2025 Financial Year

Budget vs. Actual

Revenue	Budgeted	Actual
Membership	\$3,000.00	\$1,145.00
Chamber Insurance	\$3,500.00	\$3,823.31
Visitor Information Centre	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00
Ciderfest	\$18,000.00	\$7,117.40
Festival of Lights	\$4,500.00	\$10,080.00
Beautification Grant Fund	\$0.00	\$300.00
	\$34,000.00	\$27,965.71

Operating Expenses	Budgeted	Actual
Visitor Information Centre	\$5,000.00	\$8,280.10
Ciderfest	\$18,000.00	\$7,978.90
Student Bursary	\$1,000.00	
Festival of Lights/Promo	\$4,500.00	\$10,420.25
Dues: Atlantic Chamber	\$250.00	
Dues: Canadian Chamber	\$250.00	
Marketing/Development	\$3,000.00	\$7,825.08
AGM	\$400.00	\$396.93
Directors Insurance	\$660.00	\$660.00
Service Charges: Banking	\$144.00	\$146.81
Administrative	\$600.00	\$443.34
	\$33,804.00	\$36,151.41

Net Loss **-\$8,185.70**

Please note: Actual numbers have not been finalized, as some 2024-2025 items are still outstanding