

BACCS Meeting

June 19, 2025

6:30 DeVenney Room , Bridgetown Library

In Attendance: John Osborne, Elizabeth Taylor, Samantha Langley, Jennifer D'Aubin, Caroline Perriman, Zach Van Wagner, Nancy Price, Harrison Murphy, Dustin Enslow, Ted Agombar, Christine Young, Steve Raftery,

Absent: Trudy White, Carrie Ness, Holly Kaulbach

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions: None

Minutes of May Meeting: Samantha read aloud. Harrison made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Zach seconded. Carried.

Business Arising: Councillor meeting discussion & budget meeting report need to be added to the end of the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance: Liz

Current Balance: \$9747.53. Outstanding cheque: 3000.01. Reconciled Balance: 6747.52.

A question came up about \$2000.00 that we received in previous years from the County for VIC, Ted & Dustin are going to look into this.

VIC/Tourism: Jennifer

\$3000.00 TIANS Grant & \$2000.00 County Grant are expected. No Federal Grant this year because our CRA issues have not been resolved. Liz is continuing to work on this.

Neal (last years employee) is keen to come back.

Discussion took place about highlighting the Chamber in the VIC, we are in support of anything that the committee decides to do.

Discussion took place about the 'Tourism Levy Funds' being collected by Annapolis County and where those go. Ted is going to look into it and get more information for BACCS.

Development Committee: Nancy

The three track meets brought an estimated 7000 people to town over the 3 week period. Everyone was very appreciative of the hospitality of the community and the beauty of the area.

Suggestion: a digital format for a town map, perhaps something for VIC.

Nancy announced that she will be resigning as Chair of the Development Committee effective July 1, 2025. She will continue to volunteer.

Thank you for your leadership Nancy, you are an incredible asset to the community.

Ciderfest:

David Mack is looking for help to run his car show, anyone interested can reach out to him on an individual basis.

Membership: John

The current membership list is daunting, a group is going to get together to go over and weed out the list so we can get started contacting people who may need to get current with their membership.

Andy Kerr is going to simplify the online membership application.

LUTT: No report.

Commerce: Zach

Postcards are finished and distributed throughout town. The committee plans to distribute them to other VICs throughout the province as well to promote Bridgetown.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dragonboat: John will get people for the boat. Liz has a canopy she will bring for the park the day of the event.

Chamber Meet & Greet: This came up as an idea at the budget meeting, we will invite other community groups to share what they are doing and to bring everyone together. This will be one evening in the fall. Sub Committee volunteers are : Christine, Liz, Harrison, Trudy. An email will go out looking for more volunteers.

Budget Meeting Report: It was decided no budget is needed until a fixed income is figured out. We will be keeping things as simple as possible. Committees will be encouraged to fundraise or apply for grants to generate funds.

Councillor Meeting: Tentative date is September 24, 2025 at the Bridgetown Legion. We plan to have a Q&A, moderated by Jennifer D'Aubin. The Executive will plan this event, invite people and advertise.

Next meeting is September 18, 2025.

John called to adjourn the meeting at 7:35pm

