

RIO DELL-SCOTIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

DATE: September 29, 2017 TIME: 12:00 LOCATION: Chamber Office 406 Wildwood Avenue

**EVERY MEETING: Need to sign checks**

Board Members: Nick Angeloff, President; Tracy O'Connell, vice president; Sharon Holt, secretary; Jim Brickley, Susan Pryor; Eldon Whitehead, historian;

Non-Voting Positions: Melissa Marks, treasurer; Frank Bacik, emeritus

1. CALL TO ORDER: 12:00, BY: Nick Angeloff, president
2. ATTENDANCE: Nick Angeloff, Sharon Holt, Tracy O'Connell, Eldon Whitehead, Melissa Marks, Maggie Whitehead
3. ABSENT: Susan Pryor, Jim Brickley, Frank Bacik
4. SECRETARY: No report
5. TREASURERS REPORT: BALANCE AS OF 08/31/2017 CHECKING \$94.00; SAVINGS \$2562.62;
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

Discussion was focused on the financial aspect of the overhead of the Chamber building and the role of the Chamber in the daily operations of the space.

Agreement was reached that the Chamber will, out of necessity, have to divest themselves of the financial liability of the maintaining the space at 406 Wildwood in its entirety. The Chamber will need to have zero monetary outgo for the operations of the building. The goal is to divest of utilities, rent and related non-chamber expenditures.

Nick has met with Rory Hansen and a financial exchange is in the negotiation process that would divest the Chamber of all monetary liability of the operation of the space.

Currently our largest expenses are the cost of Suddenlink to provide landline phone service and wireless internet connections at \$128.00 per month, and the \$100.00 per month to PSA to maintain the website presence. Discussion was continued to next meeting on the viability and necessity of maintaining these items. Melissa will research the internet cost and the actual WIFI usage for report next meeting.

Our current income consists of the monthly ads from the Newsletter (which are currently all paid until December 31, 2017) and the membership dues (renewal notices to be sent out next month)

Donations for Wildwood and Christmas pledge,s as well as the Parker fund, are earmarked for their respective events.

Note was made that our website needs comprehensive links to the member businesses. We will contact PSA to ask for a simplification of the members list and comprehensive links.

Note was made that Tracy is the administrator of the Facebook account and Eldon has volunteered to assist.

Sharon moved to transfer required funds out of savings to cover the October expenses.. Nick Seconded; Passed unanimously.

Adjourned 12:55.