

RIO DELL-SCOTIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING

DATE: February 2, 2018 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; Gabriel Smith

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: Called to order by Tracy O'Connell at 12:03
2. ATTENDANCE: Sharon Holt, , Jim Brickley, Gabriel Smith, Tracy O'Connell, , Nick Angeloff, Susan Pryor
3. ABSENT: Eldon Whitehead, Frank Bacik, Melissa Marks
4. SECRETARY: Sharon will send December & January minutes to Billy Joe after approval. December & January minutes approved by consent
5. TREASURERS REPORT: BALANCE AS OF 02/01/2018 Savings: \$2,563.27 Checking: \$3,699.66
6. COMMITTEE REPORTS/OLD OR ONGOING BUSINESS:

Discussion ensued as to the garbage situation and the cost of individual bags as opposed to the curbside. Sharon made a motion to go back to garbage: Tracy seconded unlimited garbage and free recycle.

ONGOING BUSINESS:

FACILITIES: No formal lease yet, carpets have been cleaned. All static. No change.

RENT: EPAD is paying \$300; Rodney Hamilton \$300; Glenn White \$300 and Nick Angeloff \$300.

MEMBERSHIP LETTER: Pending report. Memberships are beginning to come in.

NEWSLETTER: Nick is completing ads.

ADVERTISING LETTER: Second billing for ads has gone out.

DECORATIONS: Have been removed. All are in the back room of the chamber. Jim will finish painting the back sides.

Jim has volunteered to organize the back room. Jim will take arms of tree stand and store it in the back room.

Possibly next Tuesday.

ANNUAL DINNER: went well, will recommend participation 2018.

FAMILY ART DAY: Resource center organized the event and event was well staffed. Only 4 children showed. Amy and Olivia Rodrigue from resource center wish to try again.

ART ON THE BOULEVARD: Cougar is up. ETA is shortly for the next sculpture. Next sculpture is the Elk with tree.

NEWER BUSINESS:

Discussed the Grand Opening ceremony. The thinking is that most business are handling their own grand openings and disseminating media without the assistance of the Chamber. The Chamber has traditionally been the vehicle to get publicity for this type of event, but in the technology age, it is being covered by a myriad of sources. The Chamber can use the ribbon cutting ceremonies for our publicity, as it has come to be mostly a photo opportunity. Discussion will continue on whether the Chamber should continue to pursue or if the web would be better use of the medium for announcing new business.

Green Bean is open, possibly ribbon cutting for March newsletter. Also discussed making the business the monthly feature when a ribbon cutting is coordinated and putting of the businesses on the website. Need ribbon cutting for Root 101 Nursery. Discussed new business: Dr. Fisher has re-opened his practice. Root 101 has added a second store in Redway: Root 101 Meadows. New laundromat, with new owners, is in process of getting dryers.

Election of officers/directors.

Sharon moved, as Scotia Band COC member, to nominate 2018 board as currently seated. Susan seconded, passed unanimously. Board will pursue membership participation for the 2019 board elections, which will have three positions open, Sharon Holt, Eldon Whitehead, and Gabriel Smith.

City Hall is reviewing the planning commission council study session RE: Cannabis production in the Industrial Park. PC recommended approval by adding recreational to the ordinance as is currently allowed for medicinal permitted only. New wording would provide that permittees must hold medical license to be licensed recreational.

It was approved by consent that the CoC will support the planning commission recommendation to the City Counsel for the medical/recreations business of cannabis in the Industrial Park.

Discussed the Membership list and how it appears on the website. If we have PSA change the format, the cost will be approximately \$200 for the coding in the front end.

Agreed by consent that there are not enough hits on the website at this time to justify the cost to modify the format of the membership listings.

PSA has fixed the links and Facebook, as well as Eldon's Historical site, will be linked to the website.

Melissa will have membership and ad list for next meeting.

Next meeting March 2, 2018

Adjourned 1:02

Submitted by Sharon Holt, Secretary