

**Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce board meeting
November 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m by Jim Brickley, vice-president.

Present: Brickley, Sharon Holt, Gabriel Smith, Tracy O'Connell, and Nick Angeloff by phone. Excused: Susan Pryor.

Nick said he has received a \$2,500 donation from Natura Blu to replace the pole on Wildwood needed for holiday decorations. The permit and other aspects are in progress and the pole will be up by Thanksgiving.

Nick wants to keep the decorating day the Saturday after Thanksgiving because that's when people are used to it happening.

He will contact Santa or play the role himself, having a suit.

Nick will contact Tara Gurley of Proper Wellness Center to see if her business wants to have a member run for the board of directors for the open seat, having not heard from her previously in regard to that, before finalizing the ballot.

Nick says the paperwork on the 501.c.3 is in progress.

Nick had to leave the meeting to get on another call. Jim and Sharon discussed options to getting a tree, since none has been secured. Sharon says she is going to the mountain to gather branches for the wreathes she makes to sell, and can bring back a tree from there but will need a forestry permit and someone to cut it down.

Jim said he would talk to HRC about a tree, and was going to try to speak with John Anderson, the chief forester there and report back.

Reports:

Tracy said there were hundreds of people at the Trunk or Treat the night before, which Wynn Park of the TOPS group staffed for the chamber with candy donated by Root 101 and additional candy supplied by the exercise and weight-loss groups that meet at the chamber. She gave away all the candy and fliers and said there were 100 more people than the year before, and it wrapped up around 6 p.m. Facebook reports similarly said it was packed and well received by the community.

Tracy said she would promote the decorating work day and also the lighting event with fliers, in traditional media, and on the several relevant Facebook pages as the time got closer.

Tracy asked that people respond if they have changes to the proposed membership letter that was sent attached to two earlier communications so the membership drive can get underway promptly in December. Sharon suggested a different typeface and different placement of the membership level prices to be centered vs. appear off-balance.

Informal updates followed on the status of the wind farm proposal, upcoming membership drive, and the dispensaries opening in town. Gabriel needed to leave the meeting which was formally adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary