

# Minutes of the Rio Dell-Scotia Chamber of Commerce

## September 3, 2021

Members on conference call: Nick Angeloff, president; Jim Brickley, vice-president; Sharon Holt; Susan Pryor; Tracy O'Connell, secretary.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

Participants discussed the Wildwood Days parade, deciding the Center Street staging area was the most successful method of lining up yet. Susan said the fire department in its recap meeting the night before was happy with that location. Sharon said the Scotia Band sound system would be available next year; ways to ensure the judges have time, the participants stayed in line so the information going to the emcee was accurate, and other traditional concerns were aired.

The theme for next year is to be a salute to medical and other first responders facing the years-long challenges with fires, Covid and more. Tracy moved and Jim seconded the idea, which passed.

Discussion moved to the upcoming flag events and November veterans' salute. Sharon is going to research the cost of obtaining the five, armed service flags and a POW/MIA flag for placement in this and other flag displays and tell us the cost. Nick moved and Jim seconded the motion, which passed.

Nick said the board needed to complete the effort to establish the new, 501.c.3 organization that would enable receipt of grants. Tracy said she would circulate the draft bylaws and constitution for input and approval.

Coming up are the election of officers and the membership drive. Tracy will promote the opportunity to serve on the board in the October newsletter and on Facebook, and update a membership pitch letter.

Nick thought the chamber building should be kept at least through Christmas rather than let go to save rent and other expenses. Discussion included the decision to work with the fire department and other stakeholders to have a Christmas parade as was done last year.

Christmas decorations should start to go up the weekend of November 20/21. Tracy will contact the CCC and attempt to secure five to 10 workers for that weekend to help; the weekend of Thanksgiving will be back-up for those projects not completed. Tracy will attempt to get a phone meeting with the decision-makers at Cal-Trans to tie up the aspects of the proposal that are lingering concerning lighting the bridge.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy O'Connell, Secretary