

**Digby and Area Board of Trade
Minutes of General Meeting
Thursday November 29 2018
Fundy Complex**

Members Present: Karen Enright, Wendy Vissers, Kevin Ellis, Crysi Popowich, Julie MacLean, Beth Earle and Rose Allan, Jean Than and James Nguyen, Charles Cranton, Brendan Enright, Michael Carty, Ed Chisholm, David Cvet, Terry Thibodeau, Rick Foote, Nick Foote, Ken Flett, Jeremy Sanford, Angelique LeBlanc and Linda Weir

New Members: Rose Allan, new VP Sales and Marketing ABCC

Guest: Joe Fitzharris - SOAR (Sustainable Oceans Applied Research)

Regrets: Peter MacLellan

Call to Order: Meeting opened at 7:15 pm, following the AGM with Karen Enright in the chair.

Approval of the Agenda – Chair called for additions to the agenda. Hearing no additions, chair called for adoption of agenda as circulated.

Rick Foote moved to adopt the agenda for November 29 2018. Seconded by Edwin Chisholm.

Approval of Minutes –July 19 2018.. Chair called for errors or omissions. Wendy pointed out spelling errors page 2 – Jean and James.....made to feel (not fill) very welcome. Hearing no further errors, Chair called for adoption of the minutes as amended.

Beth Earle moved to adopt the amended minutes of July 19 2018. Seconded by Michael Carty. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising From the Minutes:

- January newsletter will feature new owners of Coastal Inn motel. Jean Than and James Nguyen.
- Business Kits for new members. It was suggested they could be picked up from CBDC, but these would be for business start ups.. and the kits should be a welcome kit for new members. Julie MacLean and Ken Flett both offered to provide relevant information if helpful. More discussion on inclusions at next meeting.
- Update of By-laws – forwarded to next meeting.

New Business

- \$500 cheque to Municipality of Digby for sponsorship of October Energy conference was approved Positive conference with 110 people showing up. Great comments and presentations.
- Relay for Life- Kevin Ellis put forth idea to see if board members would like to put together a collective team for the June event. Collective team could be made up of Individual members who do not have enough employees for a full team but want to participate in the fund raiser for cancer. Members would be responsible for raising their own sponsorship. Kevin looking to see if any members are interested. Bring to next meeting if interested.
- Energy Conference attended by David Cvet and he offered his comments and provided handout with transmission and distribution map for NS. Spoke on the challenges this area faces with lack of sufficient power when it comes to setting up or enticing new business development for this area. Grid enhancement is needed to resolve the issue. At it stands, Southwest Nova will only ever get a “garden hose” portion of power to this area without upgrades or change. Will be required if tidal power takes off. Terry Thibodeau, as organizer of the event added information and why they held the conference. He also requested the Board send letter to Minister of Energy outlining David’s comments.
 - Motion for the Board to issue letter to the Minister of Energy and Mines Derek Mombourquette regarding the importance of grid storage and storage grid to provide sufficient power for the community. Seconded by Kevin Ellis Letter to be sent to Minister

- Membership 2019 – Fees will remain the same as 2018. \$75 for business and \$30 for student, non-profit or individual membership.
- Update of Board's sandwich board with new logo needed
Julie MacLean moved to update the 2 panels on sandwich board sign with new logo. Seconded by Michael Carty. To check with Print and Promo re new signage.

Announcements

- ABCC – Beth Earle introduced their new VP of Sales and Marketing – Rose Allen.
- Terry Thibodeau said the Colin Fraser and Gordon Wilson will be making the announcement of 6 million funding for the Jordantown- Acaciaville-Conway Community Betterment Society community centre construction. Great news!
- Local Business ad and coupon booklet – available now – samples were on display

Adjournment – Adjourned at 7:33 pm Julie MacLean

Next Meeting – Next meeting will be moved to early January and will be held at ABCC. Will forgo December meeting due to late November meeting.