

Digby and Area Board of Trade
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 2018
Thursday, November 29, 2018 - Fundy Complex
6 PM

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

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

Regrets: Peter MacLellan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm with Karen Enright in the Chair. Welcome and regrets given.

Approval of the Agenda – Chair called for additions to the agenda. Hearing none the chair called for a motion for approval of the agenda .

Julie MacLean moved to adopt the AGM agenda as presented. Seconded by Wendy Vissers . All in favour.
Motion carried

Approval of AGM Minutes – November 9 2017 . Chair called for errors or omissions. Hearing none, chair called for adoption of the minutes as presented.

Beth Earlie moved to adopt the minutes of November 9 2017 as presented.. Seconded by Julie MacLean. All in favour. Motion carried.

Business Arising From the AGM Minutes:

Hearing no business arising , meeting continued with annual reports.

Annual Reports

- Presidents' Report – Karen reported on a busy year as the Board undertook to make a lot of changes - website, communications, supporting community events such as golf tournament for hospital foundation, spring into Summer and fall energy conference, plus offering business courses. It was a big initiative and she is going to ask for assistance to do more . Thanked the Executive for hard work and Kevin for attendance at Atlantic Chamber meetings, marijuana conference etc. Would like to see more volunteers and support to spread out the jobs.
- Finance Report – Copies of Treasurer's financial statement handed out. Jeremy Sanford, past treasurer gave a financial recap for 2017. Reviewed and provided copies of balance sheet and income statement. Crysi Popowich, current treasurer gave a report year to date as of October 5 2018. She reviewed income and expenses and anticipates a surplus at year end.

Kevin Ellis moved to accept the Treasurers' Reports as given. Seconded by Rick Foote. Moved and accepted.

- In the absence of past president, Kevin Ellis read the new Slate of Officers President - Karen Enright, Vice Presidents Kevin Ellis and Wendy Vissers, Treasurer- Crysi Popowich, Secretary -Linda Weir, Past President - Peter MacLellan, Director at Large - David Cvet . All current executive to continue for 2018-2019.

Julie MacLean moved to adopt the nomination report as read by Kevin. Seconded by Ed Chisholm. Moved and accepted..

Jeremy Sanford, as professional accountant, performed the swearing in ceremony All repeated oath and sworn in.

Guest speaker - Joe Fitzharris of SOAR was introduced and bio read by Kevin Ellis. Mr Fitzharris provided a power point presentation and spoke to Global, Tidal, Oceans and Coastal Communities. Talked about the focus area being tidal energy. Outlined how SOAR was set up in April and noted it is still in the development stages. Spoke on the locations for tidal energy and activities planned for the area, and what has been done to date. SOAR is collaborating with local fishermen and how they have community engagement in Digby Neck and Islands. Spoke to their existing partners, assets and to their vision of what they hope their facility will be. Looking at rural NS energy. . Other companies have gone too big too fast. They have a more realistic approach to get into the business and how everyone can co-exist. Their strategy is to collaborate with tidal developers in coastal communities and to create hydrokinetic energy solutions. Also spoke on research projects and activities that are on the go, tidal system testing done with local boats. They are open for business and in the process of finding a piece of land for office, applying for funding to support development of the SOAR test centre. They want to work with the municipality to determine level of involvement in progressing the industry and develop world class research facility and outlined the next steps in their process. Terry Thibodeau commented that energy storage is on its way and hope that we will have something in place by this time next year. Comments and questions from the floor and Mr. Fitzharris was thanked for his very insightful presentation.

AGM was moved to adjourn at 7:10 by Wendy Vissers. Seconded by David Cvet . General Meeting followed.