



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

June 20, 2018 – noon

Turkish Restaurant

“Building bridges to better business in Augusta, Edwardsburgh/Cardinal and Prescott.”

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

Board Members Present – Lisa Temple, Dan Cook , Deb Coles, Rod Palmer, Blinda Campbell

Regrets – Ben Quenneville, Jeff Morris, Lynda Joannis, Tim MacKay

Board Members Absent- Gerry Hasiuk

In Attendance – Deron Johnston representing Prescott BIA, Sandra Lawn representing Prescott BIA, Councillor Mike Ostrander- representing the Town of Prescott, Bill Buckler representing Augusta Township, Amanda McNamara representing RBC

Welcome and Call to Order – Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 and it was confirmed that there was not a quorum but Andrea Derochie agreed to give approval by text.

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of June’s Agenda

Dan commented that he wanted to add the topic of Insurance under the General Business category.

Moved by Andrea Derochie by text

Move to approve June’s revised Agenda

Seconded by Rod Palmer

Motion Carried

Approval of May’s Minutes

Moved by Deb Coles

Move to approve May’s Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Blinda Campbell

Motion Carried

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President's Greetings – Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler

Bonnie commented on attending the Business Fair and Expo in June that was held at the Ingredion Centre in Cardinal.

Liaison Highlight Reports (5 minutes each)

- BIA

The BIA gave a presentation to the Committee Of the Whole on June 18, 2018 which gave a quick overview of their Action Plan for 2018 focussing on the four pillars. There was a request for:

- Agreement in principle for the outlined collaborative approach to downtown rejuvenation
- Agreement in principle for support for EODP and other applications for funding.

Sandra commented that Port Days which was held at the Port of Johnstown in June was a successful event.

- GCFDC – no report

- Town of Prescott

Mike Ostrander commented that the Town of Prescott along with Townships of Augusta and Edwardsburgh/Cardinal held the Business Fair and Showcase on June 15 and June 16 and reported that it went quite well. The Taste of Prescott was held on Friday, June 15th. Although the weather was good, the numbers were down from previous years. They were disappointed in numbers and will work on promotion moving forward. Recent store openings include Your Dressing Room and Furniture Past. He reported that Prescott Memorials is under new ownership.

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- Augusta Township

Bill commented that he has received a lot of positive comments about the Business Showcase and Expo. There were 74 vendors who registered. The breakfast went well. Bill also commented that there may be some new businesses coming to Augusta to occupy the old DuPont site.

- Township of Edwardsburgh/Cardinal – no report

Treasurer’s Report

Deb reported that there is one sponsorship that is still outstanding for the 125th celebration.

Moved by Deb Coles

Move to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented

Seconded by Lisa Temple

Motion Carried

Secretary’s Report

Joan reported the Business Networking Barbeque will be held on Wednesday, July 18th at Dewar’s Inn on the River at noon. Invitations will be going out to all directors and members with more details. We are looking for a \$125.00 sponsor for this event. There will be no meeting that day.

General Business:

1. Charlie McFarlane Golf Tournament

Blinda reported that the golf tournament has been postponed until Wednesday, September 12. The meal is going to be Roast Beef. Tim MacKay has agreed to phone members to see if their business wants to donate to the silent auction. We are currently looking for an event sponsor (\$1,000.00). Once we get this sponsor we can finish the poster and go ahead with publicity.

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Income Tax

Bonnie reported she has discussed the income tax issue with 2 accountants and they told her that it is a requirement to file a T2 short. There was a short discussion on this and the following motion was put on the table.

Moved by Bonnie Gommert-Cougler

The South Greenville Chamber of Commerce will file their taxes for the one year that Deb Coles has been treasurer.

Seconded by Blinda Campbell

Motion Carried

St. Lawrence Shakespeare

The General Manager of St. Lawrence Shakespeare sent a note asking if we were going to place an ad in their summer program. Bonnie commented that we have supported Shakespeare in the past and the committee agreed that we should continue this.

Moved by Bonnie Gommert-Cougler

Move that we spend up to \$300.00 on advertising with St. Lawrence Shakespeare

Seconded by Dan Cook

Motion Carried

Insurance

Dan reported that the insurance the South Greenville Chamber of Commerce presently has around general insurance and directors' insurance is under 2 different liability amounts. For consistency purposes, Dan recommended that we increase the one liability to \$2,000,000.00.

Moved by Dan Cook

To increase the general liability from \$1,000,000.00 to \$2,000,000.00 at a cost of \$125.00

Seconded by Rod Palmer

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Amanda reported that the RBC has recently come out with a new program called Futurpreneur which is designed to help people who want to be self employed. This program is designed to help people with setup, business plans and loans. There are certain provisions such as the participant must be between 18 and 39 and the business has to be brand new. More details can be seen on the RBC website.

Moved by Deb Coles to adjourn the South Greenville Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Meeting on June 20, 2018

Meeting adjourned

1:30 p.m.

Chairman

Date

Secretary

Date

Meeting adjourned at 1:30

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