



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

Welcome and Call to Order – President Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Confirm Quorum Present: Blinda, Ben, Bonnie, Andrea, Deb, Lynda

Introduction of Guests: None

Approval of May's Agenda : Blinda **Seconded:** Bonnie **Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes February 06, 2020: Deferred to a later date

President's Greetings & Report – President Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

A special Thank you to Mika for moving everything out into storage. Everything is being stored for free in Tim's Garage. Important documents and computer are on site with Bonnie for security reason

Treasurer's Report – Deborah Coles

Monthly Statement Inquiry- Deb shares numbers:

Chamber Master - \$149.00 US

Internet – Domain Name \$20.00 – Buy outright? Will look into viability

Wix Fees – Yearly

Ben: Interested in seeing a graph indicating when people sign up. Especially as we move ahead with amalgamation etc. good idea to look at numbers.

Andrea: not keeping track of those number in the past but with the new Chamber master membership, those numbers will be available.

NOTE: the reserve has been cashed out. Should we move some money over to a savings account. Blinda checked rates (.1% - 9%) but did suggest it was not the best idea as it adds extra steps to managing moneys.

Approval for financials as presented

Forwarded: Deb Seconded: Andrea Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

1. Memberships – Andrea Derochie

\$4655.00 in accounts \$4420.00 collected in membership fees representing 43-45 businesses

105 members – Outstanding fees - \$5145.00

Deborah to be sending another list to Andrea to update lists to confirm

Deborah – Priority – reach out to members who received benefits to ensure that they keep up with their fees.

IDEAS to champion: BIA is speaking of providing masks to local businesses (purchased by Kevin Lucce) and are speaking of hand sanitizer

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Pick a date for AGM meeting via Zoom: Give three-week notice? Wednesday or Thursday? First week of June – June 3rd 1:00pm tentatively set

3rd party invitations- Speakers: Brett Todd-Economic Task Force? (Ben) Doug Malanka?(Ben) Pat Sayeau (Deb)? Wendy or Jeanette(Blinda), Doug Phillips (Chamber Benefits)? Health Care Field Rep? Darren – Grenville Futures (Grants)- (Bonnie- Confirmed), Management Team at LLGMHA – Mental Health Perspective(Blinda)? **5 minutes to speak**

Ben: Perhaps at the AGM – Give businesses the floor just to share? Also, Ben has offered to prepare a slide show to start off the event.

Blinda: will follow up with Mayor Todd about possibly having a Chamber representative on the new economic Board

To Do: Invitation to AGM and send reminder of payment of fees or mention after actual meeting. Split list to call between the Board

2. HR Committee – Bonnie Pidgeon Coughler MIKA – not currently working for the Chamber. Was looking at other options. Not a contracted employee at this point and is volunteering. Looking at a summer student but feel she is a necessity. Cannot afford her at this time. Also, she has applied for other programs that make it impossible for her to have a job.
3. Marketing and Communications – Blinda Campbell
 - a. **Golf Tournament**– Probably should cancel? Is it a money maker? Can we make it more leisure without fundraising as the focus? BBQ or stand-alone refreshments? Possibly push to the end of summer/Fall? Ben will call Mark.
 - b. **All other events have been put on hold.** Will begin to meet weekly s soon as social distancing is lifted.
4. BIA update – Blinda Campbell & Ben Quenneville
 - a. Joint meeting occurred in regards to leasing the space and potential for employee. Decided at this point in this atmosphere – would be put on hold. Will re-visit in the Fall.
 - b. Darren has resigned as coordinator – looking at options how to move forward. Darren’s absence will be hard to fill. Will Re-visit. Mini-merger and sharing resources? Ads are running with a Town Initiative – brought forward by Dana and Matthew from the Town.

General Business:

Tuesday May 19th at 3:00pm – Zoom Marketing Meeting to prep for the upcoming AGM – Aiming for 30-40 in attendance

Closing Remarks – President Bonnie Pidgeon Coughler

Meeting Adjourned: Motion Deb

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