



South Grenville Chamber of Commerce

Tuesday Feb 14, 2023

Location: CSE Consulting board room
3:30-5:00

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

Chairperson: Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Board Members Present: Rod Palmer(CSE), Lynda Joannis(SLA), Bonnie Pidgeon-Cougler(President - SGFB), Blinda Campbell(BMO), Debra Coles(SGChamber Treasurer), Andrea Desrochie

Other Members/Representatives Present: Sean Lucey(Windmill/Bridgeview), Dana Valentyne (Town of Prescott), Tracey Young (Town of Prescott), Brittany Matthie (CSE) Faith Miller (Mayfield), Laura Dunnington - GM (Mayfield), Darren Gallacher(GCFDC), Katie Nolan (Director GCFDC), Kevin Spencer(CPR Training), Sandra Lawn (SSLawn& Assoc),
Regrets(Board Directors): Lindsey Fox (Staff)

Welcome and Call to Order – President Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler

Approval of Agenda: Motion: Blinda and Seconder Kevin - **Motion Carried**

Approval of Minutes: Motion: Blinda Seconder: Deb - **Motion Carried**

President's Greetings

Treasurer's Report(Debra Coles) - See Attached

Motion: To accept Treasurer's Report - Motion: Deb Seconder; Blinda - **Motion Carried**

Motion: Deb - to Add up to 4 hours to Secretary Contract to compensate membership and bookkeeping in lieu of Deb Coles retirement from the position - Seconder: Blinda - **Motion Carried**

DISCUSSION: A partnership for a Boat Cruise Sept 2023 Partnership with Brockville & North Grenville Chambers

Any Monetary advantage?

How many SG Chamber Members?

Purpose?

ACTION ITEM: Blinda and Bonnie to prepare questions for organizers before tabling motion for vote

Secretary's Report (Lindsey Fox) - Not in attendance

New Membership:

Motion: Bonnie - To Accept the application from the Mayfield Retirement Residence - Seconded by Deb C. - **Motion Carried**

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Alliance Reports:

Town of Prescott

- Strathcona Cup - Curling - Very successful
- BIA Board - Town has approved new board
- LG Approved Small business and Trade Show at LEO march 2-4th
- Digital Mainstreet has been renewed and hiring opportunities will be posted next week.
Potential candidates - please spread the word

Township of Edwardsburg/Cardinal

No Representative in attendance

Township of Augusta:

No Representative in attendance

Special mention - every member of August Counsel

GCFDC: Katie Nolan

- Minister for Fed Dev - 3 more years of funding for Community Futures Programming.
- loans and business advisory programs continuing as usual
- Actively looking for more projects to partner on.

BIA REPORT

- Elections of new board - Kevin Bunce, Blinda Campbell, Sarah Cardinal, Jeanne Fox-Dibble, Johanna Freer, Nicole Hudson, Pierre Lalonde, Sandra Lawn, Charity Moran, Nidesh Naidu, Bonnie Pidgeon-Coughler, Natalie Sobhie, Ruth Lockett, Tracey Young

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Committee/Portfolio Manager Reports: PORTFOLIO COORDINATOR/Secretary: Lynda
Positions **Designated**, **Nominated** and **Available**

President: **Open For Nominations** - Nominations: Kevin Spencer

Vice President : **Open For Nominations** Nominations: Sean Lucey

Secretary: **Lynda Joannis** & Lindsay Fox (Paid Staff)

Treasurer: **Open For Nominations** & Lindsay Fox (Paid Staff)

New Board Members: Nominations: Sean Lucey, Kevin Spencer,

Portfolio Manager/Directors at large:

- Annual Awards Gala Committee (numerous positions available) - Nominated: **Jason Desjardins**
- Business After 5 Coordinator - **Rod Palmer , CSE Consulting**
- Event Coordinator - **Blinda, BMO**
- Membership/Marketing/Website Maintenance/Communications(Accounting?)- **Lindsay Fox, The Crafty Assistant**
- Chamber Liaison/Connection across Canada - **Bonnie Pidgeon Cougler, South Grenville Food Bank**
- BIA Representative - **Blinda Campbell, Senior Relationship Manager, BMO Bank of Montreal**
- Compliance Director(Policies and Procedures) - **Position Open** - Nominations: **Tim McKay, Kevin Spencer,**
- Volunteer Coordinator (reaching out to the community compiling lists of past members who would be willing to help with events etc.) - **Position Open**
- Tourism Specialist - Nominated: **Jason Desjardins** - Committee - **Sandra Lawn**
- AGM Report Coordinator - **Lynda Joannis, Director, St. Lawrence Academy**
- Marketing/Business Support Specialist (Business Support Ideas/Creating Ads for events etc) - **Position Open**
- Membership Liaison/Outreach Specialist - Reaching out personally to visit and recruit new members/new businesses - **Position Open**

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AGM UPDATE- Rod Palmer

- Slotted for the Spring - used as recruitment for Board

Planned for Tuesday March 28th 8am - at Prescott Golf Course

New tenant /restaurateur - Fat Les has signed a 5 year contract with the Golf Club

ACTION ITEM: Rod Palmer to meet with reps on Friday to solidify details

Special mention to Sean Lucey at Windmill/Bridgeview who offered as a back-up - thank you for your flexibility

Questions: Is Golf Course a member? - Yes

Will Fat Les become a paying member? **ACTION ITEM:** Rod to check

ACTION ITEM: Kevin to forward to LINDSAY copies of Policies and Procedures to forward to membership with charge to read through and bring alterations to next

Upcoming Networking Events - Rod Palmer

Business After 5 Portfolio Manager - Rod Palmer (CSE):

Tuesday, Feb 21st - 5:00-7:00

Possible Host: Prescott Curling Club (Not currently members of the chamber)

Back Up Host: The St. Lawrence Academy

TO ADVERTISE UPCOMING EVENT:

ACTION ITEM: Lindsay - to connect with members and all new businesses who have attended to invite to next business after 5

ACTION ITEM: Lindsay to follow up with all of those who have attended and submitted their business cards

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Open Discussion:

- Membership Meetings vs Board Meetings - Meetings will be defined as we go.
- Golf Tournament? Event Coordinator is looking at partnership opportunities for branching out in events.

Darren suggests working together with other chambers to build up events.

- 9 and dine's
- paintball?
- designating causes
- sharing "asks"
- Looking specifically for new and different events

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- Sandra Lawn shares that Shakespeare Festival has been granted the charity Golf Tournament Labour Day Monday

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**Next Member Meeting - Chamber - 2nd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday March 14th - Hosted by Bridgeview - Meeting 1pm
12:30 for Lunch**

***Interested in being the host of our next meeting? Or a featured business in the next meeting (5 min presentation of YOUR business) LET US KNOW!!!! **

Motion to adjourn: Rod - Seconded Kevin **Meeting Adjourned**

Action ITEMS RECAP: (Please ensure these things are complete by our next meeting:

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KEVIN & LYNDA:

ACTION ITEM: To connect regarding Policies and Procedures

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