

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs
Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.
October 5, 2011

Present: Robert Moser, Warren Parsons, Sandy Moser, June McInnis, Ruby Gammon, Sheila Martin, Charles Martin Jr., Wanda Purcell, Jack Marshall, Penny Farris, Tom McNair, Gordon Holman, Jason Blanchard (RCMP), Jeffery Higgs, Susan Boutilier, Kay Boutilier, Helen Miller, Dawn Howe-Power, Jack MacDonald, Harold Taylor, Brenda McInnis, Kent Smith, Irma Snyder, Anne Thomas, John Wood, Mark Krause, Wayne Malay, Tom McInnis, Wendie Russell

Minutes

- 1.0 **Call to Order:** Chair Tom McInnis called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.
- 2.0 **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as circulated.
- 3.0 **Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Sandy Moser and seconded by Wayne Malay that the minutes of September 7th, 2011 be approved as circulated. Carried
- 4.0 **Business Arising:**
 - 4.1 Chamber Banquet October 15th: 100 tickets have been sold to date with the ideal being 150. \$5,000 was raised last year. Plans are well in hand for the evening. Ruby reminded all that the hall is being set up on Friday, October 14th. Help is needed either in the setting up or preparation of vegetables.
- 5.0 **Welcome Harold Taylor, Health Services Manager ESMH/DMNH:** Harold said he was pleased to join the Chamber and is looking forward to becoming more involved in the community. He is committed to learning from the community what their concerns are, and what services are needed within the community. Although there is concern in the community regarding the reduction of bed numbers, these beds were seldom at full census approximately 90% of the time. Harold reiterated that if anyone needs admission, a bed will be found in one of our Tri-Communities if not in Sheet Harbour. A Tri-Community Coalition consisting of health care providers is currently meeting to look at services and sharing on how these services are and can be provided. What has been offering positive outcomes for clients are our ambulatory clinics and home care service. The goal is to provide a sustainable service that meets the needs of this community. Recruitment has and will continue to be a challenge although we currently are at staffing complement.
- 6.0 **Committee Reports:**
 - **Art Society:** Sandy Moser offered an update on the Art Association. The Association was formed in 2006 and currently there are about 30 members. The Association is very active offering education, workshops and experiences for artists. The group has hosted open houses although the response rate has not been great. An artist of the week program was started at the Tourist Bureau this summer. Julie Adamson-Miller has been busy with the Art Park, pebble art and banners involving both adults and students in the community. The Art of Giving Project saw about 30 to 35 pieces of art being donated to the hospital. Sandy hopes that something similar will be done at the nursing home. Our art symbolizes a very important part of our being and culture. Sandy encouraged all to participate in the Society. If interested, contact Rosalie Parsons or Sandy Moser.

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- **Friends of Taylors Head:** Sandy Moser reported for Warren Parsons. The extension of park hours was made possible with the help of volunteers. Volunteers are needed. Insurance is in place to protect Directors. Services will be offered until about December 5th.
 - **Heritage Society:** John Wood echoed Sandy's concerns regarding a need for volunteers. An intern is working in November, and the Society would like to retain phone and internet service for that month Fund Raising calendars are on sale for \$10.00 with \$5.00 going to the Society. If anyone is interested in joining the Society, please contact Judy Smiley. The Society meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month at ESMH Board Room or Multi Purpose room.
 - **Sheet Harbour and Area Development:** This group was principally developed to deal with government as a separate entity from the Chamber. Its mandate is to facilitate projects and promote new business. A new manager for the port will be announced soon taking effect next June. Hopefully business will be brought to the port.
- 7.0 **Director's Report:** Tom suggested that as we move closer to the end of this year, we have a discussion as to where we are going, current resources, and next steps. Tom read a letter from a pleased summer resident regarding the sidewalks and paving. The RCMP is hosting a Community Engagement Session at the Sheet Harbour Fire Hall on October 19th beginning at 7 p.m.
- 8.0 **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendie Russell, Secretary