

**Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce & Community Affairs**  
**Lions Centre, Sheet Harbour, N.S.**  
**Minutes of AGM February 16, 2011**

**Present:** Trevor Gammon, Brenda McInnis, Tom McInnis, Tom Myers, Kay Boutilier, Helen Miller, Jack MacDonald, Terry Rutledge, Tom McNair, Erin Boutilier, Anthony and Cathy Farris, Warren Parsons, Andy Wright, John Wood, Charles Martin, Sandy Moser, Janice Christie, Dawn Howe-Power, Wayne Malay, George Child, Sheila Martin, Ralph LeBlanc, Wanda Purcell, Ruby Gammon, Brian Smith, Gordie Holman

**Regrets:** Katie Tait

**Minutes**

- 1.0 **Welcome:** Chair Tom McInnis opened the meeting at 7:40 p.m. Tom apologized for canceling last week but with weather conditions uncertain, he felt it was prudent to do so.
- 2.0 **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by **Ralph LeBlanc** and seconded by **Jr. Martin** that the agenda be approved as circulated.
- 3.0 **Minutes of AGM February 3, 2010:** Tom McNair moved that the minutes of February 3, 2010 be approved as circulated; seconded by Kay Boutilier. **Motion Carried.**
- 4.0 **Business Arising from Minutes:** No business arising from minutes of February 3, 2010.
- 5.0 **Treasurer's Report:** Jack Marshall reviewed financial statements ending December 31, 2010. Copies of the **Balance** Sheet and Income Statement were provided to members. Hearing no questions, **Jack moved that the financial report be approved as presented; seconded by Ralph Leblanc. Motion Carried.**
- 6.0 **President's Report:** Tom thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the Chamber these past 5 years. The Chamber has been active with many projects completed and many in progress. Committees have formed and have transformed into Societies. Sub-committees of the Chamber include: Historical, Friends of Taylors Head, Art Society, Economic Development and Transportation, Education, Fundraising and Social Committee, Maintstreet/Streetscape, Multi Purpose, Civic Centre, Port Committee and Watershed Committee. In Tom's role as Chair and involvement with the Nova Scotia Chamber of Commerce, he has had opportunities to observe other Chambers at work, and from this perspective, applauds the work being done in Sheet Harbour as being first rate. The Chamber has strived to be open and accountable with town hall meetings being held. Among successful projects is the sidewalk initiative led by Wayne Malay. Ninety-six to Ninety-eight trees were planted, an RFP issued for a winter maintenance agreement that was awarded to Eastern Cartage, and an RFP will go out for a summer maintenance agreement. Sidewalks have been enhanced with the Mosaic Art Project, wreaths and plans for hanging baskets. Good relationships have been established with all levels of government. In response to a petition circulated opposing rate increases, the Chamber will increase efforts to meet with

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the petitioners, hear their concerns and communicate the Chamber's goal and that is to build a strong economic core. Having heard the President's report, Tom handed the meeting over to Ralph LeBlanc, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

- 7.0 **Chamber Board of Directors Membership 2011:** Ralph LeBlanc reported that all were contacted prior to their names being put forward. Directors: Wayne Malay, Dawn-Howe Power, Ruby Gammon, George Child, Russell Webb, Kent Smith, Charles Martin Jr., Sheila Martin, Janice Christie, Antony Turner, Sandy Moser, Don MacDonald, Tom McInnis, President, Ralph LeBlanc, Vice President, Antony Turner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice, Jack Marshall, Treasurer, Wendie Russell, Secretary. Ralph requested further nominations from the floor and hearing none, **Ralph moved that the slate of Directors be approved as presented for 2011/2012. This was seconded by Jack Marshall. Motion Carried.**
- 8.0 **President Comments:** Tom thanked the Chamber for the opportunity to serve as President. Janice Christie thanked Tom and Brenda, on behalf of the community, for their continued work and dedication for the community. Projects being worked on include: ownership of our port in early 2012 and new opportunities, vision of expanding the current port to a fully serviced port, a Victoria Garden proposal, to gain control of land around the falls, beautification of Sheet Harbour with the disposal of the ship in East River and the tank, a proposal for a new parking lot in location of the old theatre. To promote the McPhee House area as a Civic Centre with tourism, art gallery, museum, business information centre. Continue to explore a multi purpose building in connection with a new school. A concentrated focus on building a strong economy with jobs.
- 9.0 **Adjournment: Next meeting March 2, 2011.** Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendie Russell  
Secretary