

Sheet Harbour and Area Chamber of Commerce and Civic affairs
Annual General Meeting
February 19, 2014. Lions Centre.

Present: Anthony Farris, Cathy Farris, Penny Farris, Lynn Cameron, Jack Marshall, Gary Myers, Heather Myers, Wayne Malay, Warren Parsons, Robert Moser, Sandy Moser, Brian Murphy, Marilyn Murphy, Anne Keddy, Artena Webb, Rusty Webb, Janet Briggs, Jamie Briggs, Doug Keating, Patricia Holman, Eugene Holman, Andy Wright, Trevor Gammon, Brian Hutt, Coleen Martin, Dawn Howe-Power, Candace MacKean, Bill Armsworthy, Larry Smith, Helen Miller, Katie Tait, David Hendsbee, Doug Stein, Glenda Stein, Brenda McInnis, Tom McInnis, Norma McLeod, Terry McLeod, Jeff Hogg, Ralph LeBlanc, Meryl Atkinson, Donald Rutledge, Janice Christie. **Regrets:** Neil Parnell, Kim Parnell, Karen Wenous.

Minutes

- 1.0 **Welcome:** Chair Tom McInnis welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- 2.0 **Approval of Agenda:** It was moved by Ralph LeBlanc and seconded by George Child that the agenda be approved. Motion Carried.
- 3.0 **Minutes of AGM February 6, 2013** were read by secretary Janice Christie: It was moved by Dawn Howe Power and seconded by Doug Stein that the minutes of February 6, 2013 be approved as read. Motion Carried.
- 4.0 **Business Arising from Minutes:**
 - Court is now held in the South end of Dartmouth. What is the reason it was moved?
 - It provided revenue to the lions Club and a fair amount was spent setting the facility up to accommodate the court.
 - It was noted the crime rate was down...but was questioned is this because we are short staffed of RCMP members?
 - Wayne Malay noted that when the local members have to now attend court in Dartmouth they are gone from the area for the day. What happens when the case is delayed or dismissed?
- 5.0 **Treasurer's Report:** Jeff Hogg reported revenue of \$15,175. ; Expenses \$14,482; Net \$2,339.42 .
 - Largest revenue source is membership fees of around \$4,000 and the auction raised \$4,000.
 - MacPhee House costs \$2 - 3,000 per annum.
 - Tickets are currently being sold on a big screen TV.

- 6.0 **Nominating Committee Report:** Cathy Farris reported the Nominating Committee consisted of herself, Brenda McInnis, Dawn Howe-Power, George Child, Marilyn Munroe, Ruby Gammon.
- President - Tom McInnis
 - 1st Vice - Robert Moser
 - 2nd Vice - Anthony Turner
 - Treasurer - Penny Farris
 - Secretary - Meryl Atkinson
 - **Directors:**
 - Ralph LeBlanc, Wayne Malay, Sandy Moser, Marilyn Munroe, George Child, Cathy Farris, Ruby Gammon, Dawn Howe-Power, Sheila Martin, Jack Marshall, Doug Stein, Janice Christie, Trevor Gammon.
1. **Development Corporation**
- Wayne Malay, President

Hearing no nominations from the floor, Norma McLeod moved that the slate of Directors be approved as presented for 2014/2015. This was seconded by Jack Marshall. Motion Carried.

- 7.0 **President's Report:** Tom thanked Janice Christie for having served as secretary and Jeff Hogg for serving as treasurer. He welcomed Penny Farris as treasurer and Meryl Atkinson as secretary and Robert Moser as 1st Vice President.

-Tom spoke of the continuing volunteers who help out in so many aspects of the Chambers work: ie- Terry Rutledge with MacPhee House and Walter Warren and the Taylor Head Park, the Marina Committee and all the other committees who remain so active.

-He spoke of the very positive Town Hall meeting held the previous Saturday. He felt the vibe was pretty positive and confident in the direction the Chamber is taking in its Capital projects.

-He spoke of meetings with Peter MacKay and David Hendsbee and the round table discussions in Musquodoboit Harbour and Jeddore.

-The suggestion has been made that Musquodoboit Harbour and Middle Musquodoboit join in as Tri-Community organization that meets quarterly to discuss overall objectives.

-Tom spoke of the previous Industrial Commission and the benefits it provided. For 15 years it was an advocate on our behalf to all levels of government. He would like to see something similar revived.

-We do not want to lose sight of our goal. We wish to build our economy and hold on to our institutions.

-Within the senate Tom is working on a committee re: Rural Nova Scotia. We have to be proactive to hold onto what we have.

-We would like to see businesses that are good and can be maintained and that could employ 20-30 people.

-We are working to put the infrastructure in place: School/ Multipurpose Centre/ Marina.

-We are determining exactly what we want.

David Hendsbee spoke and said all over Nova Scotia and Canada they are doing the same thing.

Tom opened the floor to discussion:

-Russell Webb spoke about infrastructure and community development and recreational facilities.

-Norma McLeod spoke about MLA Lloyd Hines and his interest in having the Multi Purpose Centre attached to the school.

-Tom said: "The community coming to the school and the school coming to the community."

-Anne Keddy stated that she found the Town Hall meeting 'great' and that there was lots of enthusiasm . She inquired about the Cell Towers and made note of a few concerns with the placement of towers near residences. Tom will be in touch with her re: the next meeting in Moser River.

-Tom noted that people east of Ecum Secum cannot get service; fishermen can often not get service at sea; and Liscomb Lodge can often not get service. The suggestion was to use the broadband towers for cell transmissions.

-The Shore paper is no longer in existence.

-Tom invited chamber members to be involved. Any of the committees are always looking for members and volunteers.

8.0 Katie Tait called for Adjournment.

9.0 Next meeting **Wednesday, March 19 at 7:30 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janice C. Christie
Secretary