

Chamber of Commerce Executive Meeting: June 19, 2018

In Attendance: O Dobrostanski, Cindy Babyn, Kim Miller, Elayne Boloten, Audrey Atkins, Joseph Scott, Mandy Elliot, Sharlene Patterson, Trevor Morrison

Called to Order: 6:02 pm

Minutes: of April 30, 2018 board meeting moved approved as written: Sharlene Patterson ; 2nd Trevor Morrison with no changes:

Minutes: of May 25 dinner meeting moved approved as written: Mandy Elliot; 2nd Trevor Morrison with the following changes:

Specify which minutes were distributed

Treasurer: No report

Motion: Consolidate all accounts to a single checking account: Trevor Morrison; 2nd Doby Dobrostanski - carried

• **Economic Development**

- Project ends June 30. Report due by July 3. Print copy not needed.
- Digital copies can be distributed to anyone that wants one
- Next grant applications are due by July 31 (new stream). 20% is required to be supplied by us (10% can be in-kind but 10% MUST be cash)

Joseph Scott:

- Need photos for the report
- Draft report has been written – it has been broken into long and short-term projects
- Over 100 people consulted with. Themes were the same from month to month.
- Consider the document “living”.
- Met with Tla’amin– much more dialogue is needed. Right now their focus is 100% on Lund (as they own most of it). Their projects on Texada were turned down by the PRRD (ie. Long house at Shelter Pt).
- **Motion:** a letter of support for Tla’amin involvement on Texada be sent: Joseph Scott; 2nd Sharlene Patterson – carried
- Pocahontas Bay now belongs to Tla’amin (now called Shetehkwahn)

• **Visitors Guide**

- Down to last few copies
- Need another run of 500 – TACT has said they will donate \$250 more, Chamber should match this. Cindy will approach TACT
- In the fall, look at fundraising or a GIA to pay for further printings.
- Suggestion: QR code on cover and on posters so people don’t need to carry the book
- **Motion:** Sell advertising (4 pages) to pay for printing – 24 ads at \$25 each will cover: Doby Dobrostanski; 2nd Audrey Atkins – carried. Doby and Trevor will sell ads; an email will be sent to members first, then a call out on Facebook to find ads.

- In future issues, the size of the entries will be limited.
- Is on website, broken down to business, accommodations and events.
- **Membership Engagement**
 - 2 jobs: Catering/Dinner Planning and Membership
 - New cater needed. Mandy will look into finding someone for next year – Elayne will try to streamline the application then Cindy and Mandy will tweak it.
 - Do we keep the job as one position, or break it down to two
 - Elayne: since money and information of the new members goes to Trevor, could he not take care of the membership aspect of the job – not too onerous to keep an up-to-date list...Trevor declined
- **TACT**
 - Working with Cindy for an “a la carte” menu of day trips on Texada
 - Ie. Rack cards with a days worth of activities
- **Letters**
 - VAID asked for a letter regarding tax-forfeited properties – only one property in Van Anda fits the description (Elks Hall) so declined to write
 - Selkirk _____ (new TIFR) having trouble with deer eating plantings so want a letter asking for an extended doe season (ie. A cull). **Motion:** letter asking for extended doe season be written by Cindy when company gets back to her: Elayne Boloten; 2nd Joseph Scott – carried
 - A letter of thanks was sent to BC Ferries to thank them for the Ferry Passes donated to the Business Award winners. Sean Fincham and Rocky Gable to be highlighted in the BC Ferries Magazine
 - CoC support for Cannabis Industry – **Motion:** to give Faren Wolfe letter already written (see files): Cindy Babyn; 2nd Trevor Morrison – carried. Will be sent to Ministers of Justice, Health and Small Business
 - Terry Hollo and the Conservation group are worried about logging in Russ Creek. They’ve already written a letter. **Motion:** Instead of writing another letter, add us as in support of their letter: Elayne Boloten; 2nd Trevor Morrison - carried
- **Meeting**
 - Next dinner meeting September 28 – Cindy to be away. If Dave (VP) won’t chair the meeting, the date can be changed. No one will step up to chair the meeting at the set time.
 - Board Meeting: August 27, 6 pm, Seniors Ctr
- **Vessel Naming**
 - Cindy going to FAC meeting because neither Sandy nor Dave can – 43 submission
 - Will start developing connections in Comox and Courtenay in advance of triangle run

Adjourned: 8:10 pm