

Council Meeting April 26, 2010

President Kelly Foxton opened the meeting, 6:30 pm

Teresa Henshaw asked if she could record the meeting.

A vote was taken on whether or not to record the meeting:

3 abstained

7 were opposed

2 were in favour.

It was agreed that the meeting would not be recorded.

Kelly initiated a round circle in which we were encouraged to answer the following questions:

Why you are here, where you are with your job as a director?

Discussion ensued. All stated the desire to affect positive change in Bear River.

Complaints via email:

All came to the agreement that directors will NOT ENGAGE with emails. All complaints will be put through the proper channels for a reply. Proper channel as follows:

Emails are to be distributed to the executive. Secretary will bring printed copies of the complaint(s) to the next council meeting and distribute to all directors. The complaint(s) will be read aloud and then the entire council will word a response.

Discussion around email received from Zoe.

Operations Committee:

Regarding the 2010 season we are waiting for info to come from Destination NS. Bob will put in a query about the package tardiness while at Saltscapes this weekend.

Joe feels that the ball has been dropped by Operations Committee which will meet next week.

Discussion around whether or not to apply for 50% funding for 24/7 VIC kiosk:

Ginny makes motion that we decline the offer of assistance with kiosk.

Bob Benson seconds

No contrary minded.

Motion carried.

Website Committee outlined reasons for not applying a fee for business listings and defends its decision to use a blog on the first page as it always offers something fresh. The committee is limited in formatting options because we are using free software of Wordpress.com

There was discussion as to why Google Maps was used instead of Placial map as had

been used by Jennifer and Jeff.

There was a request that the dates of town events be included and placed on the front page so that tourists who plan their vacations around Cherry Carnival etc have this information readily at hand.

Waterfront Committee:

Would like to go ahead to place suggestion box for in Cherry Brook asking for waterfront development suggestions.

Transportation Committee:

Bob suggested we ask municipalities about the money given for the ICSP procedure of which transportation was a priority.

Kelly had a discussion with the new owners of PAB, who are going to provide the BOT with figures of their proposal to provide van transport from Annapolis to Smiths Cove. Due to summer employment Joe will be absent from BOT meetings over the summer months (June to September). Rick will take Joe's place.

Complaint:

Three formal complaints from Jeff Knorek (received by secretary via email April 26) were read.

The following response was prepared by all directors and will be typed onto letterhead and delivered to Jeff via the mail.

Response:

Dear Jeff,

Your concerns were brought before the council on April 26. Our response is as follows:

Regarding your first concern:

Kelly Foxton is our representative and spokesperson but all decisions are made collectively by the entire board of directors and this is why the email was forwarded to all directors. We recognize this resulted in miscommunication so the following procedure will be applied from now on:

When complaints come in addressed to any individual director having anything to do with complaints of behaviour, BOT business or individual directors, they will be forwarded via email to the four executive members, with the understanding that no one will reply to the original complaint email. At the next council meeting the complaint will be delivered to all directors in written form, read and discussed. Responses will be decided upon collectively by council and then delivered in writing to the complainant.

Regarding your second concern:

During our most recent council meeting, held April 26, this matter was resolved to the satisfaction of all directors.

Regarding your third concern:

The Operations Committee acknowledges a lack of organized activity and have agreed to schedule more regular committee meetings in preparation for the 2010 VIC season. The current council does not feel that the priorities of the past council have changed however housekeeping duties have been added by the new council as a serious priority.

Sincerely,
Erin Schopfer
As per council

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting:

May 10th ~ 6:30 Bare Canvas

The decision has been made to revert back to original schedule so that council meetings are held one week before regular meetings.