

**Board of Trade General Meeting  
July 19, 2010**

**Role Call:**

Kelly Foxton

Members:

19 members in attendance; 7 non-members in attendance

Carol Dibble, Kris Murdock, Jay and Cheryl Stone, Bob and Phyllis Woods, paid for memberships.

**Reading of previous General Meeting Minutes:**

No errors or Omissions:

**Adoption of minutes**

Valda Acker moves to accept minutes as read

Richard McCann seconds

**Reading of Previous Council Meeting Minutes:**

No errors or omissions

**Adoption of Minutes as read**

Larry moves to accept minutes as read

Flora Doehler seconds

**Business Arising from Minutes**

Glendean Parker compliments BOT on 2<sup>nd</sup> place received for Cherry Carnival Float. A thank-you card via email will be delivered to Diana Galvin, thanking her again for all the hard work she put into that float.

Jane Kingston thanks Rick, Noreen and Andy for their continued work at the **O**akdene.

**R**ob thanks Jane Kingston for stepping in at last month's meeting. It was a difficult meeting and she did a wonderful job as secretary.

**Correspondence**

Letters **f**rom resigned directors were summarized and read aloud.

Letter from the Historical Society read, received July 19

Thank-you **c**ard from Rob Buckland-Nicks

**Business arising from Correspondence**

Re: Historical Society Letter:

Jane Kingston confirmed that if a lawsuit were to prove Historical Society content loss was due to BOT negligence, payout could legally go to the Historical Society. Also, according to the NS Commercial Land Act, an inspection of building is up to the owner, NOT the tenant.

Bruce clarified letter.

Rick Jacques told the **B**oard that the intent of our letter was to start the dialogue of how we can best address priorities of both societies. To this end, clarification of wording of

the current lease is needed. Jane asked that “trespass” be clarified. By NS commercial property law **landlord** is allowed to enter when they wish.

Richard and Bruce, Historical Society members, have been delegated to liaise with BOT.

Peter Tomlin makes motion that two BoT members are nominated to liaise with Richard and Bruce and that the Historical Society directors are notified by letter.

Erin Schopfer seconds

No contrary minded

### **Canada Day Thank you:**

Rob Buckland-Nicks’ Thank-you card:

A very nice thank-you card from Rob Buckland-Nicks was received with a \$125 donation as thank-you for hosting a great Canada Day. The P.S. on the card to be brought to the attention of the general membership. Friends of his staying in Keji on Canada Day let him know that they had called the phone number in the Annapolis Valley Events and Attractions and while it was a wrong number the person they reached told them not to come to Canada Day in Bear River because it was going to be “shitty.”

Lynn Belanger also had communication with this couple. The phone number that they had called was 467-3930, Teresa’s Hairstyling.

A call to Wanda (at Annapolis Rec) needs to be made so that the phone number is corrected for next year. Rick has already asked VIC staff to check all other publications to make sure that this number is not published anywhere else.

### **Acceptance of new Members:**

Motion from Valda to accept new members: Don Rice, Rob Buckland-Nicks, Lynn Belanger, Larry Knox, Pat Woods, Peter Tomlin, Noelle LaLonde, Diane Griffiths, Stewart VonKoeke.

Jane Seconds

Welcome aboard new members!

### **Treasurer’s Report:**

As of July 19, 2010:

\$5,766.74 in Chequings Account

\$83.10 in Savings Account

\$1,227.42 reconciliation statement (Cheques uncut)

Income this month: \$3,074.70

Expense this month: \$4,655.02

Full Treasurer’s Report in Resource Binder.

Peter Tomlin asked why the BOT directors moved to retain a lawyer.

Kelly explained that as volunteers, we wanted to be sure that any concerns regarding BoT buildings, leases, outstanding mortgages etc. are being handled in an appropriate and legal

manner.

Flora moves to adopt Treasurer Report as read and discussed.

Jon seconds

Motion carried

Kelly declares that all bills be paid as received.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Greenspace and Waterfront:**

- Oakdene ground beautification continues to go well.

- Volunteers continue to mow grass for weekly Farmers Market

- Community Visioning Strategy July 22: should be clarified that though most of us think Bear River has been “meetinged to death” BOT has been invited to host this meeting by our municipalities and funding agencies so we can hear from new businesses what they wish to offer and we can avoid duplication of services.

Carol Dibble will be meeting with the engineering firm Thurs July 22 re: Waste Treatment Plant Expansion and will possibly be able to bring information to the community Thursday evening.

Rick will deliver a Hillsborough Water Society update.

#### **Operations (VIC) Committee:**

Stayed within projected budget to get it up and running, are staying within our operating budget, and are projecting that we will be able to stay open beyond Labour Day. And, we opened ON TIME! Huge thanks to all our volunteers and staff, who came in prior to being on the payroll. Stats from visitor logs available in Resource Binder. Visits up 4.3% from last years. 230 comments left in visitor’s book so far. 100% unanimously positive.

Of special note: mobility access given thumbs up, many, many comments on the bright airy space.

One negative comment in the box.

Operations Committee is reviewing the historic component of the VIC space. A huge thank you to Simone for her exceptional work laying out the artwork, consignment and designing the space in general. A huge thanks to Noreen for her coordination and hard work.

Carol expressed her thanks for the new VIC on behalf of the community.

Peter asked if Louise’s signage issues has been addressed. It has. There are two more signs: one at the corner of Chute Rd. that reads: “VIC 200 metres” and another one at the corner of the Legion which reads: “VIC has moved (1 block east).”

Jill commented on the eye-sore orange fencing at the edge of the waterfront. Can it not be made a different color?

Rick replied that while we are open to suggestions and free donations for different

coloured fencing, the orange colour does help address the liability issues of the waterfront and helps prevent vandalism.

**Promotion Committee:**

Arts and Culture Days is happening September 24-26. There is funding for this.

The PR Committee will put together an action plan which will involve communication with the wineries.

First run of Bear River Brochure will be placed at the VIC. Second run to follow shortly.

**New Business:**

**Election of New Directors:**

Vice-President:

Larry Knox offered his name to stand.

Valda called for nominations from the floor three times.

Larry Knox elected VP by acclamation.

Treasurer:

Rick Jacques has offered his name to stand.

Valda called for nominations from the floor three times.

Rick Jacques elected Treasurer by acclamation.

Directors:

Duff Wilson, Rob Buckland-Nicks, Don Rice and Peter Tomlin were elected directors.

Thank you new directors!

**New Business:**

Larry Knox:

As a member of the Board of Trade, in the interest of the membership, I offer the following resolution:

Whereas, Zoe Knorek-Onysko while a member of the BoT has attended meetings and then subverted the democratic process of the membership outside of these meetings disseminating misinformation; and

Whereas, she has publically challenged the authority of the council of the BoT in print, the repeated overt attack in the *Tributary* culminating in Vol. 8, issue 7, which was defamatory and hostile, showed her to be acting against the interest and reputation of the BoT and its membership;

For these reasons, I move that Zoe Knorek-Onysko's membership be revoked as of this date.

Lynn Belanger seconds.

The option was given by the President to vote by secret ballot or a show of hands.

The membership agreed upon a show of hands.

18 members agreed with the motion.

1 abstainer

No contrary-minded  
Motion carried

Zoe will be informed in writing of this passed motion.

Richard McCann:

As a member of the BoT in the interest of the membership; I offer the following resolution:

Whereas, Teresa Henshaw while a member of the BoT has attended meetings and then outside of these meetings disseminated misinformation while hosting the contact number in the Annapolis County Festivals and Community Events 2010 booklet showed herself to be acting against the interest and reputation of the BoT and its membership;

For these reasons, I move that Teresa Henshaw's membership be revoked as of this date.

Rob Buckland-Nicks seconds

No contrary minded

No abstainers

Motion moved

Teresa will be informed in writing of this passed motion.

Rick motions that a By-Law Committee be appointed to update our by-laws, to address conduct issues, clarify roles and better meet the needs of the Board of Trade.

Jane seconds

All in favour

No contrary minded

Motion moved

Valda makes a motion that Don Rice heads the new By-law committee and pick two or three members from the general membership as necessary to help him in the task.

Flora seconds.

All in favour; no contrary minded

Rick, as new Treasurer, makes a motion that in the interests of continuity and transparency surrounding issues of finance a new Finance Committee be created,

Glendean Parker seconds

All in favour

No contrary minded

Kelly moves that the president and the directors carry on the business for the Board of Trade until the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**