

General Board of Trade Meeting

September 19/2011 at 730pm, Bear River Fire Hall

In Attendance:

Cody Joudry, Duff Wilson, Sandy Burrell, Catharine Summers, Don Rice, Rob Buckland-Nicks, Jane Kingston, Jon Welch, Simone Wilson, Carol Dibble, Alex Pulchny, Kelly Foxton, Reg Ritchie

Regrets from: Larry Knox, Flora Doehler, Rick Jacques, Noreen Miller, Peter Tomlin

As the above were absent from this meeting, no previous minutes or Treasurers Report were read. Carol volunteered to take minutes for this meeting in Flora's absence.

Kelly reported that the money has been received from Annapolis County for VIC.

Committee Reports

Tourist Bureau:

A report was given by Alex, who, while working at the Tourist Bureau produced a book on the artists of Bear River. She did extensive research on her project and the board and members thanked her for her good work on the project and her dedication over the summer at the Tourist Bureau.

Sandy Burrell reported that the numbers are up 200 over last year in June and July. Senior travelling numbers are up as are numbers to the wineries and to The Flight of Fancy.

Sandy attended The Saltscapes Expo in Halifax this year.

It was also reported that the tourist numbers for Bear River, Caledonia and Westport were all up this year.

The VIC will be open until October 2/2011.

Fundraising and Events:

The BOT hotdog cart will be in use over Fall for Bear River. Grape vines will be for sale during Fall for Bear River. The music night on Sat. Oct. 2/11 at the Rebecca will be a fundraiser for the coffee/refreshments. Looking for donations of hotdogs and for the cooker.

There will be a food handling course on Sept 29/2011. Encourage as many people as possible to take the training.

Transportation:

Larry Knox and Don Rice met with Trans County Transportation Society. Clare Transport would like to make a presentation to the Board on a Wednesday, the only day available to them. This meeting will be October 19th at the Bear River Fire Hall and will be our regular general monthly meeting.

By-Law: Nil

Website Report: New info has been posted for "Fall for Bear River", Bass Tournament

Waterfront and Greenspace:

D. Wilson still dealing with Dept of Fisheries and Dept of Environment on the Municipal leased land that needs to be developed.

Carol Dibble is to check with county on rough part of driveway near plant.

Rob Buckland-Nicks donated wood and the half-pipe will be set up after Fall for Bear River.

Carol to check with county on possible approval if set up on municipal site.

A thank you letter is to be drafted to Andre Bouchard and the mayor of Annapolis Royal for the generous donation of the half-pipe to the kids of Bear River.

Fall for Bear River Report:

Update report on Fall for Bear River given by Simone Wilson.

- Graveyard tour on Friday and Saturday
- Re-enactment will happen
- 1700's living history
- wandering minstrels
- canoe and kayak regatta and show
- Maude Lewis exhibit
- Art Collaboration with Wally Shiskov
- Barbeque
- Quilt show and tea
- Tours of wineries
- Wine Tasting at Flight of Fancy
- Grape Stomping
- Historical Dinner
- Sat. Music
- Sun. Farmers Market
- Information table

The funding has come through for culture days. Costumes will be made available. Annapolis Valley Radio (AVR) will be reporting live on Saturday. It will be seen on CBC on September 29 at 730pm on Maritime Cultureville.

New Business:

Cody Joudry reported on a quarterly meeting of Annapolis County Community Network. Do we want to send a person to represent Bear River?

A motion was made by Simone Wilson to continue the business of the Bear River Board of Trade, 2nd by Duff Wilson

Motion to adjourn, by Duff Wilson, 2nd Jane Kingston.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, October 19th/2011 at 730pm at the Bear River Fire Hall.