

VANKLEEK HILL

Business and Merchant Association

January 17, 2019 at The Review

PRESENT: Louise Sproule (President co-chair), Pat Deacon (President co-chair), Miria Baliddawa (Treasurer), Adele Robert (Secretary), Emily Gallagher, Deborah Jackson (Directors).

ABSENT: Laura Cross (Director).

The meeting was called to order at 5:45p.m.

1. Welcome

2. Quorum

This requirement has been met.

3. The Minutes of the October 3, 2018 meeting were approved by Pat, seconded by Emily.

4. Financials

- * Financial statement was presented by Miria and reviewed by the Board members.
- * Going forward, sort membership spreadsheet to ensure 2019 paid members are at the top.
- * Trade of memberships with Hawkesbury – approved by Board members.
- * Approach the Alexandria business association to exchange memberships. Miria to address.
- * Difficulties in resolving the situation with Ontario re our financial statements. Current Board members are not listed with them, so they will not speak to us. We will contact past Board members, Tara, Ken and Lisa to see if they can approach the government to update their list. Miria to address.

5. Membership

- * No change to the membership list.
- * Invoices to be sent out to members for 2019 dues. Deborah to address.

6. Newsletter, Facebook and Website

- * The newsletter is published on a regular basis and Deborah is always looking for content. Members provide little or no feedback to the Board for insertion into the newsletter.

7. Website

- * Domain expires in February 2019 and the current provider WICS is asking \$80 to renew. Ben does not like the site and would prefer to go out for bids with a new provider. Board members approve and Ben to address.
- * Digital Main street grant – presented by Louise. Deborah advises that she is reading through the documentation for Arbor Gallery and will update us at the next meeting.

8. Special events

- * Trash and Treasure is approaching on June 1st. Louise is already addressing permits, etc. with the Township.

9. Other business

- * Digital directory - Emily is working with the Amell sisters to provide the Township with a proposal.
- * Trivia Night – The next event is scheduled for February 28th at The Windsor. Emily will ask The Windsor to sponsor the evening. We will look to changing the emcee of the evening as the costs are very high.

- * Bingo – we cannot move forward until the financial documents required by the government have been filed.
- * Gala – The Board members discussed a different approach. Speed networking followed by dinner would be a nice get together for our members. It could be held at Herb's. Tentative date would be March 21st. Louise and Emily to address.
- * Edible Gardens – Mary Higginson is looking to find someone to take this on.
- * VKH bucks – Louise submitted a report on costs to revamp this project. Foodland has confirmed that they will be our new Buck Bank. Louise is addressing this issue with Kelsey Parent of Foodland.
- * Ecofriendly shopping bag – deferred to a future meeting.

The next Board meeting – TBD

Next OGM – February 21st @ Arbor Gallery