

Lyndhurst Seeley's Bay and Area Chamber of Commerce

Minutes

January 23, 2018

Lyndhurst Fire Station

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

John Sideris – Vice President

Annick Rousseau – Treasurer

Dawne Fiegen – Secretary (Shared duties)

Robert Burtch

Tanya Hammond-Director

Jean-Sebastian Gagne

Terri Wood-Director

David Tye

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Vice President, John Sideris

John Sideris read the minutes of the Dec 2017 minutes.

Terri Wood motioned that they be accepted and presented.

Dawne Fiegen seconded the motion. Carried.

NEW CORRESPONDANCE

1. A discussion was held regarding membership at the Visitors Centre in Gananoque.
A motion was put forward by Dawne Fiegen that the Chamber should become a member of the Visitors Centre in Gananoque so that we can display our Chamber Member Brochure there for the season.
Seconded by Terri Wood. Passed
2. The Chamber sends its congratulations to Dr. Dodie Elkins Seeleys Bay Chiropractic, who is celebrating her 17th year in business.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A **Tapping Out Party** is being held at the Horton Homestead Farm Sugar Shack on Dulcemaine Road in Lansdowne on March 3. There are opportunities for vendors of all types, but are specifically looking for a “maple” flair and since it is in the winter, winter equipment, safety or outside gear or athletics.

1. Lyndhurst 10th Annual Ice Fishing Derby

Wings Live Bait & Tackle is looking for donations for prizes for this Annual Community Event happening Saturday February 24th 2018. Please contact Shop if you would like to make a donation.

2. Bob Burtch Bluegrass

Bob Burtch made a short presentation regarding this event in support of the Olivet Church. There is limited seating for this event to be held at the Seeley’s Bay Fire Hall on Sunday January 28 from 2 – 4:30 pm. Please contact Bob at 613-929-4432 if you would like tickets.

3. Seeley’s Bay Frost Fest

Margaret Brooker and Ann Chase presented the highlights of the 2018 Frost Fest weekend being held from February 2 to 4 at various locations in the village of Seeley’s Bay. Of interest to members is an advertising opportunity in the Frost Fest brochure which helps to offset the cost of publication and mailing the brochure to residents of the Township and it was suggested that the organizers could contact the Chamber early in the planning stages next year so that we can pass along this advertising opportunity to our members.

Annick Rousseau put forth a motion to support Frost Fest by donation \$100.00 towards the fireworks show.

Seconded by Bob Burtch. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT

Annick Rousseau discussed the Treasurer’s report which has been completed to the best of her ability. There are some files that have not been located in order to finish the report.

A motion to accept the report as presented was put forth by Terri Wood.

Seconded by Tanya Hammond. Carried.

John Sideris discussed the need for the Chamber to have petty cash to be held on hand to pay for small items like stamps and photocopying and small office supplies.

Tanya Hammond put forth a motion to withdraw **\$100.00** from the bank to be held by the Treasurer to pay for small items.

Seconded by Robert Burtch. Carried.

Annick Rousseau discussed the need for clarity in Chamber Benefits to our members and has started working towards that by sending information to members upon renewal. Tanya Hammond suggested putting together a package for new members. This idea will be explored at the next meeting

1000 ISLAND GANANOQUE CHAMBER

John Sideris met with Cliff Edwards and Amy Kirkland of the 1000 Island Gananoque Chamber of Commerce. While our Chamber has chosen not to amalgamate with the 1000 Island Chamber, we would like to work with them in supporting events in the community. There is an opportunity for one of our members to sit in on their chamber meeting to represent our Chamber. Terri Wood offered to investigate the meeting dates and times and if possible, will attend.

Members discussed becoming a 'Not for Profit' member of the 1000 Island Gananoque Chamber as well as advertising opportunities within their publication and it was decided that the Chamber would table the discussion for later in the year for the 2019 publication since the publication deadline for 2018 is at the end of the month.

Dawne Fiegen moved that we become a member of the 1000 Island Gananoque Chamber for the 2018 season.

Terri Wood seconded the motion. Passed.

PEER

The Partnerships for Economic Enhancements and Revitalization Committee (PEER) is a committee of community-based groups who are interested in community revitalization and sustainable economic growth.

Past President, Mel Megalas will be our Chamber representative for PEER meetings. Mel was not in attendance, but sent along this message.

There is no PEER meeting in February.

New village welcome signs should be in the ground by July 1, 2018.

Property standard by-laws as updated by the Township of Leeds and the Thousand Islands will now be more strongly enforced.

ADVERTISING/GRANTS

The Leeds and the Thousand Islands Community Grant Application deadline is coming up in April and John Sideris will put in a request for the Chamber. Monies from this grant will be used towards items such as the Business Directory and other advertising opportunities. Should the Chamber not received

funding in April, we will apply again in September but it will mean that we cannot publish a 2018 directory.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Website: Kim MacIntire was not present at the meeting.

Update on Facebook: Tanya Hammond has been updating the Facebook page and ensuring that valuable information for members and the community at large is available. She has created a Shop section and listed all business there with links to their business pages. Tanya wrote, and made available for members, an informational paper on Helpful Tips for Social Networking that she passed out to members.

Update on speaker information: Tanya Hammond investigated some opportunities for speakers for our Chamber meetings and found them to be quite costly. It was decided that the best avenue for now will be to ensure that every opportunity for workshops that we hear about are posted on our Facebook page so our members can participate if they choose.

NEW BUSINESS

An opportunity for our members to take **the St. John's Basic First Aid training has been discussed. With so many members not available to take a course on a weekend, it was decided to hold the class over a 3 day period, February 19, 20 & 22. 6 people \$180 ea, 10 people or over \$150 ea. Max 15 People. 6 Pm Start. Members and their employees wishing to take this course should contact John Sideris.**

Terri Wood opened up a discussion for the Chamber to create a new event that would be hosted by the Chamber. Ideas, such as a car rally, or poker run type event were discussed as well as timing for the event. Members were asked to consider possibilities for a new venture and bring their ideas to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next Chamber meeting will be held on TUESDAY February 27 at 7 pm at the Lyndhurst Fire Hall. The Chamber is hoping to find a free meeting space in Seeley's Bay as well so that meetings can be held in both villages.

If you would like to hold a Chamber meeting at your place of business and have the opportunity to talk up your business to other members, let us know!

Chamber Secretary

To attach before sending:

Treasurers report (Annick)