

Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce

MINUTES

7:00 pm Thursday, March 25th, 2021

Virtual Zoom – General Meeting

Meeting opened 7:14 pm.

In Attendance:

John Sideris – President	Wings Live Bait & Tackle LTD
Ken Davies- Vice-President	Ken Davies Logistics Development
Irene Davelaar- Secretary	Sliabhin Custom Apparel
Annick Rousseau – Director	Berry Homestead Farm
Heiner Kammann- Membership Chair	Gleanna Lea Farms
Mark Jamison	Envericom
Karen Cornish	Kingston's Finest

1. Correspondence John Sideris

There was another letter from PicRights regarding use of photo.

A letter was received from Rideau District High School announcing their upcoming commencement ceremony for the graduating class. Enquiry was made as to whether the Lyndhurst, Seeley's Bay & District Chamber of Commerce would like to continue to support a graduate with a bursary. Discussion was held and it was decided to table the decision until next meeting at which time the 2021 Budget will have been reviewed.

2. February Minutes – Irene Davelaar

Highlights from the February 2021 minutes were read. **Mark Jamison motioned to accept the minutes as read. Seconded by Karen Cornish. Motion passed.**

3. Treasurers Report :

Cheques written: \$390.91 Tanya Hammond/Invoice 28
\$275.00 Farmers Table Eatery/ Leap
\$100.00 Moira's Fibre/ Leap
\$125.00 Wendy's Mobile Market/Leap
\$108.48 Athens Mural/ Ad
\$100.00 Barbara Jordan/ Website Management
Balance remaining in TD account \$2591.32

A deposit of \$225.00 was made March 16/21 to LSBC BMO account bringing the balance to \$8,407.50

It was noted that the Ontario Chamber of Commerce needs to be notified, by the Treasurer, of change of Bank and Account information for directly deposited Insurance funds.

4. Old Business

4.1 Seeley's Bay Poster Board: Ken Davies visited Seeley's Bay and checked with some of the local residents and Karen, Seeley's Bay Postmistress. It was found that they would be in favour of the replacement of the poster board sign situated next to the Post Office. Discussion was held. Further research to be conducted by Heiner and Ken.

4.2 First Aid Courses: First Aid Course attendant numbers have been dropped down to 10. It is yet to be established how a course will operate, if at all, while in the Covid Red zone.

4.3 2021 Budget Plan: The Budget Plan is still being worked on by the Sub-committee and requires to be reviewed by all sub-committee members prior to submission for approval. 2021 Budget plan to be submitted for approval April 22nd Chamber meeting.

4.4 Visitor Service RFQ: John Sideris, Ken Davies and Sonny Tessier are looking to schedule an outdoor meeting with Kim Goodman of the Township to discuss the RFQ.

4.5 Advertising: A quote for \$1,000.00 was received from the Athens Mural for a full centre page reformatted Business Directory Ad in July issue. It was noted that last year was a trial run with the insertion of LSBC Directories in the Athens paper with a distribution of 10,000.

Karen Cornish is going to look into Kingston's Finest pricing for similar distribution.

4.6 May Sidewalk Sale: Discussion was held. Annick Rousseau, who is familiar with Farmer's Market requirements during Covid restrictions, is going to contact the Ministry of Health to find out requirements of possible sidewalk sale situations.

5. Zoom Meetings Updates – Ken Davies

There was no report for specific meetings. Ken continues to encourage businesses, if having any trouble, to contact Ann Weir of Leeds and Grenville County Economic Development Office for direction to available assistance.

6. Township Update – Mark Jamison

The Township is starting a Strategic Plan. There will be an open beginning meeting to be held Tuesday, March 30th; with an opportunity for public input to follow. Watch Chamber postings for details.

A survey has been sent out by the Library. Mark encouraged Chamber members and residents to complete the survey, as a Library is important to the commerce of a village. This is the first thorough survey done by the Library in years and will contribute greatly to the Strategic Plan for the Landsdowne, Lyndhurst and Seeley's Bay library branches for years to come.

7. Membership update – Heiner Kammann

76 Members to date.

56 membership applications have been sent out to potential members.

Heiner expressed a need for assistance to follow up on these contacts. Ken Davies and John Sideris volunteered to help follow up.

8. Web Site/ Facebook –

Barbara Jordan has been posting any informative updates on the LSBC website homepage.

Please Contact: babs@barkinc.com if any changes of information are to be made to Business information or postings.

Businesses are encouraged to add to facebook postings to maintain viewer interest.

9. New Business-

9.1 A position on the Twp Economic Development Committee has come open. **Heiner Kammann motioned to nominate Ken Davies to submit for the position on the Economic Development Committee. Seconded by Irene Davelaar.**

The link to the position posting is to be forwarded to Pres. John Sideris.

9.2 Internet Server: Heiner Kammann

Heiner has had Star Link installed. Assistance is required for installation. Heiner, after recorded comparison study done with technical assistant, has found Star Link to be reliable and 30X faster.

9.3 Membership Discount: Annick Rousseau suggested that a possible chamber membership fee discount be offered to companies with multiple businesses. Discussion was held...to be continued next meeting.

Also, it was noted that following the completion of the Budget Plan, it is necessary to complete: a) Operating Rules for the Chamber, b) Chamber Director position descriptions, and c) Duties and Responsibilities of Executive positions.

Next Meeting to be a General Meeting virtual zoom teleconference meeting open to Chamber Members to be held April 22nd 7:15 pm. **POSTPONED TO 27 april**

Ken Davies motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Heiner Kammann. Motion passed. 8:56pm meeting adjourned.