

TIDNISH CROSSROADS & AREA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (TCCA)

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President: Keith Hunter

Vice President: Barry Burke

Secretary:

Treasurer: Nancy Baxter

Keith, called the meeting to order at 6:35PM.

In attendance: Piercy Haynes, Nancy Baxter, Jack Brown, Barry and Margie Burke, Pierre Pinet, Gordon Davidson.

Non board members, Rod Gilroy and Mike Leblanc attended.

The meeting agenda was approved with the addition of "Secretary"

Minutes of the last board meeting, Feb 7th, moved to be approved by Jack, seconded by Barry. Motion carried.

Minutes of special meeting Feb 12th, moved to be approved by Margie, seconded by Jack. Motion carried.

A lively discussion ensued regarding the posting of the minutes to our web site and other social media. Pierre moved we do so, seconded by Barry. Discussion resulted in an amendment, re the timing of the posting. Should DRAFT minutes be posted, or should "APPROVED" minutes be posted, moved by Barry seconded by Nancy. Further discussion, resulted in the motions being carried, the minutes should be posted, with the proviso ONLY APPROVED minutes be posted.

Mike Leblanc, last years' chair of the Festival committee led a discussion on last years' results and problems, and his take for this years' Festival. He indicated he had sent out 8 emails to some of last years' volunteers and as yet had not received any response.

Last year 6or7 people did the majority of the work, consequently were overwhelmed and burnt out by the end of it all. His plan is to avoid that problem this year, even though he will be unable to chair the committee due to previous family commitments. To set this up, he will email our volunteer list, and try to set up a meeting with them, prior to our next board meeting. The problems stemming from the consumption of beer and alcohol in the park was discussed, and while no concrete solution was found, we shall investigate further.

Moved by Nancy and seconded by Barry, Mike be authorized on our behalf to obtain a liquor license for the festival through Ron Downey, and also investigate particulars of segregation re the consumption of alcohol, primarily by having a "beer tent" and restricted area for this purpose. Motion carried after much discussion. We also authorized him to speak with our insurance provider to investigate our responsibilities and potential liabilities, and what coverage we have.

Jack moved, Piercy seconded a motion for Mike to establish a budget for this year's Festival, which the board will fund, pending discussion at the next board meeting. Motion carried. This action on our part will make the Festival a community function rather than just a "fund raiser" for the board. It was pointed out 'optics' are everything, especially after the bridge fiasco! Further, Keith indicated he would approach our Councillor Joe Van Vulpen regarding a grant towards funding a portion of the Festival's expenses.

Mike agreed to have the Festival volunteers meeting on March 27 at 6:30 PM, at the community center.

Rod Gilroy opined an interesting thought, why not separate the Ball tournament from the Festival, and perhaps this 'liquor problem' might dissipate. Discussed but no real solution found. Tradition holds strong in the community.

Rod Gilroy attended the meeting as an interested party, as well as chairman of the kitchen committee, and we accepted his application to become a full board member. He will, however have to await full acceptance by the community at the AGM in May.

Harry Thurston has been requested to have the Art Gallery's "stuff" removed from the building. They will comply, by the end of this summer's season.

Water lines and a new hot water heater have been installed at the Art Gallery. There remains the outside tap and relative line to be renewed, and it shall be done in warmer weather.

Rod will contact Loagan (Len) Hendra, regarding Len's soccer proposal for the community. More detail would be appreciated.

Barry will obtain kitchen door keys for himself and Keith

The stale dated cheque will be reincorporated into our bank account and a new one issued to Mike Purdy. He paid for the first cheque.

Once again our financial position is very good. Nancy's comprehensive report indicates a working capital position of \$32,758.95.

The Bingo account will be left as is for now, and Barry moved seconded by Piercy, that we should post on Facebook and other social media to see if there is an interested party who would like to coordinate a Bingo night at the community center, as Northport has decided to cease their own Bingo night. The motion was carried. Jack will coordinate with Charlie to see if this can be posted.

The board asked Jack if he would ask Alan Morrison to perform the annual "audit" of our books.

We were unable to present a bursary this year as there were not any successful, qualified, applicants.

Keith indicated Nancy Hunter-Jollota would be interested in becoming our secretary. Whole heartedly approved by the board. Keith will deliver the message to her, with our thanks.

Piercy advised us there should be rain gutters on the new extension,(kitchen). Moved by Jack seconded by Nancy, that this be done. Motion carried, and Piercy will coordinate.

Keith will contact Michelle Byers from the Municipality office, to see if she will revisit us, with a view to providing us with some "board member" training. He will try to have her with us at the next board meeting.

The Fire Marshall's report, with several recommendations has been corrected, amended, fixed, with the exception of diagrams for instructions for the fire exits. These will be done forthwith.

Rod Gilroy, chairman of the kitchen committee, presented the board with five rules to be implemented when our kitchen is rented by an outside group. The board agreed with the rules, and indicated the list will be provided to the renters at the time of rental. Further, it was recommended the list be laminated and left in an obvious place in the kitchen, for ALL users to see.

Rod is also heavily involved in getting elementary children interested in cooking, and envisions a fund raiser in the future at the center, when the children can showcase their abilities. We indicated we would be interested, whenever, and would provide funding for the food and condiments needed, when and if this transpires.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

The next board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2017 at 6:30PM