



Board Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024

Present: Tyler Schroeder, Stephane Warnock, Susan Lee, Brent Laverty, Derek Hamilton, Derek Wiebe, Grant Nicholson, Clare Agnew.

Regrets: Zoraia Constantino.

Welcome and Call to Order: 12:04

Agenda: MOTION: B. Laverty/D. Wiebe. To adopt the agenda with the addition under news business: City of Morden. **CARRIED.**

Conflicts of Interest: nothing noted.

Minutes: MOTION: S. Warnock/D. Wiebe. To adopt minutes of January 18, 2024 board meeting as presented. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion: Accept Income Statement and Balance Sheet as presented. **D. Hamilton/G. Nicholson. CARRIED.**

Motion: That Budget 2024 Draft #2 be approved as presented. **D. Hamilton/D. Wiebe. CARRIED.**

2023 books are being prepared to take to KFN for the audit completion. Request them back by April 10, 2024 to approve prior to the AGM.

Executive Director Report: attached for your review. Additional notes:

The date for Inspire Wellness will be changed.

The Board meeting is moved to April 11 to accommodate the AGM.

'myChamber!' Is now online – I was trained in new software. Look at setting up a lunch and learn with direct invites. Farmers, small businesses, family-owned businesses with succession planning of future family owners.

Accreditation requires renewal this year: cost \$150. Board agrees to proceed.

Committee Reports:

- Advocacy & Leadership: will have the By Laws ready for the next meeting.
- Executive: nothing new to report.
- Membership: Survey: sent out, closed this morning. Will share information once compiled. Interested in comparing 2020 results. Clare to look for 2020 results.
- Networking, Events & Promotions: nothing new to report.
- Nominating Committee: Mariyam Tsygankova from Many Hands interested. Cassandra Morrow from Co-op considering. Jessica Lautenschlager is interested in one more year when she is off the Day Care Board. Brent to talk to Leah Rampton. Derek Wiebe to talk to Jenn Ching-Fox.

New Business

- Awards Banquet debrief: liked how the venue was set up, lots of networking, entertainment/emcee was weak, awards portion went quick; good that the industrial park businesses were recognized, videos were good, lighting – problems for photos, suggest a 'roll call' to know who everyone is. Help new people get to know others.



- Member Survey, initial results: discussed in Membership report.
- Board member recruitment: discussed in Committee reports.
- Sponsorship Packages: Susan, Tyler and Clare had first initial meeting. Clare met with KB Marketing. Received a first draft. Will continue to make this a priority.
- City of Morden: reached out to schedule our quarterly meetings. Response back, on the direction of Mayor Penner, we will no longer be having the separate meetings and they invited the Chamber to the Committee of the Whole meetings. Discussion on how to proceed. The Chamber prefers informal collaboration. We will need to focus on our advocacy topics.

Odd Business

Exploring New Revenue Streams: tabled until next meeting.

Adjourn: S. Warnock/G. Nicholson. 1:30 CARRIED.

Next Meeting: March 21, 2024.