

Board Meeting Minutes May 16th, 2024

Present: Tyler Schroeder, Derek Hamilton, Stéphane Warnock, Brent Laverty, Susan Lee, Mariyam Tsygankova, Clare Agnew.

Regrets: Derek Wiebe, Zoria Constantino, Connie Pauls, Leah Olson

Welcome and Call to Order 12:08

Agenda: MOTION: D. Hamilton/B. Laverty. To adopt the agenda with revised order of items. **CARRIED.**

Introduction of New Board Members: Mariyam Tsygankova, Leah Olson, Connie Pauls.

Conflicts of Interest: nothing noted.

Minutes: MOTION: B. Laverty/S. Warnock. To adopt minutes of April 11, 2024 board meeting as presented. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer's Report: Motion: D. Hamilton/M. Tsygankova. To adopt the Treasurer's report as presented. **CARRIED.**

Election of Officers: Call for anyone interested in the Chairperson role. No response.

Call for anyone interested in the Vice Chairperson role. No response.

MOTION: S. Warnock/D. Hamilton. To adopt Tyler Schroeder as Board Chairperson and Derek Wiebe as Board Vice Chairperson for a one year term. **CARRIED.**

Treasurer position to be voted on at next Board meeting.

Executive Director Report: Clare shared information about the Your Region, Your Voice event. Golf tournament sold out. Review of conference in Brandon "make sure you're building the same duck". Discussion with ACC regarding nursing program.

Committee Reports:

Committee Memberships: complete by June meeting. (summary attached)

- **Advocacy & Governance:** Looking at Data Protection policy.
- **Executive:** met with Winkler's Chamber executive. More about relationship building and sharing ideas. Will meet a few times a year.
- **Member Services:** challenges with the website. Clare to call Homefield.
- **Networking, Events & Promotions:** nothing to report.
 - **AGM Feedback:** challenge with timing and buffet line. It was fine that Tyler started before everyone sat down. Good energy in the room. 46 different businesses represented.
- **Chairperson's Report:** as shared with Agenda.

New Business

- **Meetings with City of Morden & Winkler Chamber of Commerce:** to ensure we are presenting a regional voice when meeting with Brandon Leslie. City provided information on Economic Impact on not having our wastewater problem solved. Quantifies the ongoing concern. Referring to Advocacy Committee.
- **Roundtable with MP Brandon Leslie:** two messages delivered. Need for urgent and aggressive infrastructure funding and loss of investor confidence in Morden.

- **Summer Board Meetings:** consider not having meetings in July, and possibly an alternate idea for August. Need to ensure Committee work is still happening.
- **Menzies Medical Centre:** Susan has been the Chamber Rep on their board for a number of years now and would like to have someone else resume that role. Meetings are 7:30-8:30 am, once a month. Along with helping out at a couple fund raisers. Will confirm at June meeting.

Old Business – tabled to June meeting.

- Exploring New Revenue Streams
- Sponsorship Packages
- Member Feedback

Adjourn: B. Lavery/D. Hamilton.

Next Meetings: Board Meeting on June 20th, 2024

Upcoming Events: May 30 – Lunch & Learn @ 500 Stephen St. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion
June 3 – Children’s Market @ Maple Leaf School. Clare attending as a judge.
June 6 – Golf Tournament @ Minnewasta
June 19 – Lunch & Learn w/ BDC @ 500 Stephen St.
June 20 – Your Region, Your Voice, co-hosting with Winkler Chamber of Commerce
September 14 – Cider Brisket & Beer (tentative)
September 24 – Inspire Wellness @ Bella’s Castle (tentative)
September 25 - Lunch & Learn @ 500 Stephen St.
October 21 to 25 - Small Business Week
November 13 – Lunch & Learn
November 14 – Wrapping Up a Morden Christmas