Board Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025

**Present:** Tyler Schroeder, Derek Wiebe, Mariyam Tsygankova, Stéphan Warnock, Connie Pauls, Derek Hamilton, Clare Agnew

**Regrets:** Leah Olsen, Zoria Constantino, Brent Laverty

**Welcome and Call to Order** at 12:05pm

**Agenda: MOTION: D. Hamilton/S. Warnock.** To adopt the agenda as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Conflicts of Interest:** nothing noted.

**Minutes: MOTION: D. Wiebe/C. Pauls.** To adopt December 19, 2024, board meeting minutes as presented. **CARRIED.**

**Treasurer’s Report: Motion: C. Pauls/D. Hamilton. CARRIED.** To adopt the Treasurers report as provided. Derek will assist in reviewing the books prior to taking to KFN.

Draft Budget: 2025 Budget presented. **Motion: C. Pauls/D. Hamilton. CARRIED.**

Municipal Funding Requests: Requests have been sent to the City of Morden and RM of Stanley. No response from City of Morden to date, RM of Stanley declined request.

**Member Feedback:** during annual membership requests there was a request for feedback on what the Chamber is currently offering. A few comments on social media regarding the Suncatch.

**Executive Director Report.** Report provided. Clare highlighted information regarding the Business Awards.

**Committee Reports:**

1. **Advocacy & Governance:** 
   1. Activation of Nominating Committee: M. Tsygankova, T. Schroeder, S. Warnock
   2. Tyler will share the Board Matrix to be completed by next week, the committee will review the results and identify gaps. All Board Members are encouraged to provide ideas for possible new Members.
   3. Confirmed one vacancy to be filled.
2. **Member Services:** Annual Memberships went out in January.
3. **Networking, Events & Promotions:** Awards Banquet is January 30, 2025. The International Women’s Day venue changed to Finer Spirit.
4. **Executive: D. Wiebe** summarized Clare’s performance review.
5. **Chairperson:** nothing to report.

**New Business**

* 1. **Correspondence:** 
     1. Letter from the RM of Stanley regarding funding request.
     2. Message from website link from R. Bezan for R.M. of Roland citizens against the Morden wastewater project.
     3. Email from S. Bissett, President of Morden Curling Club regarding Hotel Pricing during U18 Provincial Event.

**Old Business**

* 1. **Exploring New Event ideas** – nothing further at this time.

**Adjourn: D. Hamilton/D. Wiebe. CARRIED.**

**Next Board Meeting**: February 19, 2025

**Upcoming Events:** January 30 - Morden Chamber of Commerce Business Awards Banquet

March 7 - International Women’s Day Luncheon

April 10 - Morden Chamber of Commerce AGM & State of the City Address

June 5 - Morden Chamber Nine & Dine golf tournament

November 20 - Wrapping Up A Morden Christmas