

## Minutes of the Mayne Island Chamber of Commerce Meeting.

When-Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm.

Where-The Montrose Local, Fernhill Center, Fernhill Road, Mayne Island, B.C.

Attending: Lise (Chair), Marcus, Gail, Kat, Steff, Emily, Jan, Karma.

Regrets: I've had a few, but then again too few to mention.

Item 1. Kat opened the meeting by acknowledging that we are meeting on a traditional meeting place of the local first nations since before recorded history, that we share this Island with them and are continually thankful for that sharing.

Item 2. Agenda changed to add reporting from Steff under new business and adopted. Moved by Jan, seconded by Kat, passed.

Item 3. Minutes from previous meeting approved. Moved by Kat, seconded by Jan, passed.

Item 4. Coorespondence:

a."Spend a Day in my Shoes", This item was deferred for further investigation and logistical overview.

b."Periods for All", It was agreed that the free fem hygiene kiosk should be located on our map finder. Moved by Steff, seconded by Kat, passed.

c."Pacific Heat Pumps", It was agreed that this company should have access to Chamber Membership and whatever privileges arise from said membership. Moved by Lise, seconded by Steff, passed.

Item5. Chair's Report. Lise noted that the Southern Gulf Island Tourism AGM was happening on Wed, March 13 and that no major changes in operations were anticipated.

Item6. Treasurer's Report. Jan delivered a detailed report on Drew's behalf the bottom line is we are sitting at \$69,475.91 in our bank account as of the meeting date.

Item7. Membership Report. Jan delivered on Drew's behalf. We have 3 memberships for 2024 still unpaid, 2 of which are on the current brochure. There has been a bit of uptake on the farmstand membership option which was met with a hearty round of Huzzahs by the Executive.

Item8. Executive Officer Report. This was prepared by Lauren for the executive and delivered by Lise.

Issues arising from the report:

a.The AGM will be held on Monday, May 13, commencing at 6pm at the Bistro. Lise will work on obtaining a guest speaker, Lauren and Lise will book the Bistro and have a budget number for the next meeting. Moved by Steff, seconded by Lise, passed.

b.The bylaw review has been completed by Gail and Marcus. Suggested changes and the process involved to make the changes was discussed. The Executive agreed that it should be clarified that the Chamber serves Mayne Island by replacing the term “district” in Article I, section 2 with “Mayne Island” and that the term limits stated in Article V, section 1 should be removed entirely. These changes should be circulated to membership, voted on at the AGM and then the revised bylaws will be sent to the Federal overseer for adoption. Moved by Gail, seconded by Steff, passed.

Furthermore, it was clarified that although the bylaws are set up to stagger Executive Membership it has fallen out of sync with only 2 members on a different rotation than the rest of the Executive. This can be addressed by a special motion of the Executive if desired.

c.Southern Gulf Island Chamber Get Together. This is planned for Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> with a lunch at the Montrose Local. Invites should be sent ASAP with an RSVP date of April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kat will reach out via her contacts on Galiano Island to see if she can find a willing participant as their Chamber has evaporated. Moved by Steff, seconded by Emily, passed.

Item9.New Business. This was led by Steff with an assist from Kat. Actions arising from the report:

a.Emily will contact Trish Morrow to offer that the Chamber replaces the cork message boards at the Mayne Center Mall. Kat has at least one corkboard to donate to this project. Moved by Kat, seconded by Emily, passed.

b.There is a potential synergy arising out of discussions with the Lions Club, the AG Society, the CRD and the Harbor Commission that could provide funding and finalize a plan to roll out the welcome signage that the Executive has been working to create and install. Steff has requested that she be put in charge of following up with these groups and bringing it closer to fruition. Moved by Steff, seconded by Lise, passed.

c.The HUB project. The meeting moved in camera to discuss this item as it pertained to land acquisition. Steff and Kat delivered an exciting, in-depth overview that was generally supported by the Executive and wouldn't you like to hear more. No action required at this time and that is all you are getting out of these minutes.

Item10.Continuing Business. As the bulk of this was covered already during the business of the meeting there was little to review. Lise gave an update on our BCIT App, still a work in progress, every day we get closer but we are still not ready to launch. Kat gave an Arts Council update, potential for a gallery to be in operation at the Georgina Point Lighthouse property was noted.

Item11.Roundtable.

a.Gail is excited to note that a story time for adults is coming soon to Books on Mayne, dig your onesie out of the closet.

b.Steff is excited to share that a full time chef has been hired and that renovations to the Local are now fully underway.

c.Emily is overjoyed to announce that the Sunny Mayne Bakery will be open Seven Days a week starting by the end of March and through Thanksgiving weekend if sustainable. The executive met this news with another hearty round of huzzahs.

d.Jan is heartbroken to report that his pickup truck has started for the last time and he is looking for a replacement. In better news his chances of paying for said truck are looking up as June is fully booked and he is taking requests for August as of now.

e.Lise is sorry to note that business a full 10 percentage points behind last year to date at the Blue Vista. However, she is enthusiastic about what is coming in May and June and I quote "Look out! May and June are coming in hot!" July and August have also started to book and quite positive that those two months will see the No Vacancy sign hanging out front.

f.Marcus noted that the changes to the Tru Value layout have made him happy and that is all he really cares about. Karma thanked everyone for the solid cuddles, thanked Steff for the invite and noted that next time she would like to be included in the Cronut sharing.

Item11.Adjournment. Moved by Emily, seconded by Gail, passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.