



**MINUTES OF THE BLYTH BIA BOARD MEETING
HELD AT BLYTH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017 AT 8AM**

Board Members present: Karen Stewart (Chair), Gary van Leeuwen (Vice-Chair), Deb Sholdice (Treasurer), Irene Kellins, Cat O'Connell, Crystal Taylor, Natasha Fritzley, John McHenry (Secretary).

Others in Attendance: Sharon Davis, Bev Elliott, Paul Hallahan, Les Cook, Peter Guso, Gil Garratt, Connie Goodall (North Huron EcDev Officer), Denny Scott (The Citizen).

1. Call to Order, Welcome and Opening Remarks

Chair Karen Stewart called the meeting to order at 8am and welcomed everyone.

2. Motion to Receive the Agenda

MOTION: BBIA66/17

MOVED: Gary Van Leeuwen

SECONDED: Deb Sholdice

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Agenda.

DISPENSATION: CARRIED

3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None declared

4. Motion to Receive Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: BBIA67/17

MOVED: Gary van Leeuwen

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

That the Blyth BIA Board of Management hereby adopts the minutes of the board meeting held on October 18, 2017.

DISPENSATION: Carried

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Connie Goodall will send the the letter re: Vacant Unit Tax Rebate. Connie also said that RTO4 has scheduled a second meeting on Nov. 2 at 6:30 so that retailers can attend. The meeting is still on at 1:30 for those who can make it. Both meetings are at the Community Centre.

John said that Richard Al had sent an email saying that North Huron Council has not signed the R.E.D. Grant contract as stated in the Minutes of Sept. 6. It will be signed once all the RFP documentation is received. This may be done at the Nov. 6 Council Meeting, dependant on when information is received.

6. Correspondence

Connie said that Nov. 20-24 is Wingham Medical Professionals Recruitment Week and they are asking for donations to a gift basket.

7. Financial Report

Deb reported that there has been nothing “in or out” in October. Deb asked that Gary and Karen sign new signature cards at CIBC.

8. Economic Development Officer's Report

Connie reported that there are not the people out looking for jobs. The County is holding a round table on November 20 in Exeter from 7:45AM to 10AM.

Connie also mentioned that on January 20 there is a non-traditional job fair in London.

9. Township of North Huron update

No report

10. Events Reports

Blyth 140

Crystal said that the next meeting will be on Monday Nov. 6. They are looking for a pyro technician through the Wingham Fire Dept. That's the hold up at the moment. A discussion ensued about writing to businesses asking to donate to the fireworks fund. Also, there needs to be a letter written to Council asking to forgive rental fees.

MOTION: BBIA68/17

MOVED: Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Gary van Leeuwen

That the Blyth BIA supports the committee asking the Township of North Huron to waive rental fees and assist with the implementing the event as applicable which includes but may not be limited to permission to use spaces and assistance with snow blowing, garbage containers, and collection, access to washrooms, tables and chairs for activities inside the arena.

DISPENSATION: Carried

MOTION: BBIA69/17

MOVED: Crystal Taylor

SECONDED: Gary van Leeuwen

That the Blyth 140 Committee write a letter to Blyth businesses asking for donations to the End of Year Bash Fireworks Fund.

DISPENSATION: Carried

A discussion ensued about the amount of donations etc. It was stated that fireworks cost about \$225 a minute.

Streetfest

Irene reported that there has not been a meeting yet, so nothing to report.

Festival of Wizardry

Sally Litchfield will attend at the end of the meeting.

Lighting of the Lights

Is moving ahead.

Keith Roulston Community Event

A notice is in the Citizen and invitations will be sent out.

11. Other Business

Nominations: Paul Hallahan was nominated to the Board.

MOTION: BBIA70/17

MOTION: Crystal Taylor

SECONDED: Gary van Leeuwen

That Paul Hallahan be elected to the Blyth BIA Board of Management.

DISPENSATION: Carried

Hotel Feasibility Study

Natasha reported that there were no new updates. The offer still stands to set up a meeting with the consultants. A discussion ensued on how the money is to be paid and who will sign the contract.

RTO4

The second of three meetings is scheduled for Nov. 2; 1:30pm-4:30pm and also at 6:30pm. Both meetings are being held at the Community Centre.

12. Next Meeting

Wednesday, December 6 at 8am at Blyth Memorial Community Hall.

13. Around the Table

Peter said that he still has Golden Tickets available. Connie mentioned about selling the tickets at the Silver Stick games at the Arena in Blyth.

MOTION: BBIA71/17

MOVED: Irene Kellins

SECONDED: Cat O'Connell

That the Blyth BIA donate one Golden Ticket to each gift basket for the Doctors.

DISPENSATION: Carried

A discussion ensued about the selling of Golden Tickets.

Crystal will sell at Elvis and Surfin' Safari concerts

Karen will sell at the Mudmen concert

Cat will sell at Welcome to Nashville

There are two other opportunities for people to sell Golden Tickets at:

ABBA – Dec. 8 and Home for the Holidays – Dec. 17. Call Karen if you are able to help.

Les said that if you drop into Queens Bakery before the monthly BIA meeting, tell them that you're going to the BIA meeting, you will receive a complimentary coffee or tea.

14. Adjournment

MOTION: BBIA72/17

MOVED: Gary van Leeuwen

That there being no further business before the Blyth BIA Board, the meeting is hereby adjourned at 8.55am.