



Blyth BIA Annual General Meeting  
February 22, 2018  
Blyth Community Memorial Hall, Lower Hall  
7:00pm

Attendance

Rick Elliott, Steven Sparling, Laurie Sparling, Grant Sparling, Natasha Fritzley, Deb Sholdice, Denny Scott, Rachael King, Peter Gusso, Gary Van Leeuwen, Lissa Kolkman, Neil Vincent, Crystal Taylor, Cat O'Donnell, Karen Stewart, Irene Kellins, Jennifer Triemstra, Peter Smith,

Karen Stewart – Chair Annual General Meeting

Call To Order

Karen Stewart Calls meeting to order at 7:01pm

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests

None

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion: BBIA-01-18

Moved: Rick Elliot

Seconded: Irene Kellins

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Motion Carried

Delegations and Invited Guest:

- None

Motion to receive minutes of prior meeting

Motion: BBIA-02-18

Moved: Crystal Taylor

Seconded: Cat O'Donnell

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

Disposition: Motion Carried

Chairperson's Report

- Karen Stewart Summarized the 2017 events and success in Blyth

- Celebrating 140 years of heart and history: 140 events across the year, profits from the final 140 event are going to the Blyth Lions' Club
- Memorial Hall Renovations, Streetfest, Lighting of the Lights,
- Karen spoke about the digital audit of Blyth conducted by Arcane (Thanks to Laurie Sparling and Natasha Fritzley for shepherding this)
- Karen spoke about RTO4's public meetings with Blyth businesses and citizenry, and the "Future Proofing" of the Blyth Festival, CCRC, Cowbell, and G2G trail. This will impact Marketing Committee Plans very positively.
- Opening of Cowbell Brewery in town has been a big success, with more than 100,000 visitors since opening in August
- Karen also talked about the successes of the Festival of Wizardry, and the Huron Pioneer Threshers and Steam Show, as well as a banner year at the Blyth Festival
- the Event Committee has done a thorough review of past events and has made recommendations: essentially consolidating events like Streetfest and the Lighting of the Lights into a single Christmas/Winter in Blyth. Gil Garratt will head that committee
- The marketing committee is now fleshing out its full plan, including the slogan "Stories Live Here". The committee is also looking to initiate a micro-grant program to help local businesses promote themselves. Karen thanked Jennifer Triemstra for her energy and support

Adoption of Chair's Report,

Motion BBIA -03-18

Moved – Crystal Taylor

Seconded - Deb Sholdice

That the Blyth BIA hereby accepts the Chairperson's report.

Disposition – Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report: Deb Sholdice

2017 Financial Statement

Deb introduced the financial statements, highlighting:

-Surplus as shown is \$7600

-these financials are yet to be amended to include a final donation to the Blyth Lions' Club of \$2104 re the net proceeds from the Blyth 140 events.

-Final Net Income should be approx: \$5500

-Total Accumulated Surplus: \$10,000

Adoption of Treasurers Report, pending amendment to reflect the donation to the Lions  
Motion BBIA -04 -18  
Moved – Crystal Taylor  
Seconded - Rick Elliott  
Disposition- Carried

That the Blyth BIA hereby adopts the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2017.

2018 Budget:

Karen presented the 2018 budget as attached. In the budget there is a proposed increase of minimum membership fees of \$125 and maximum \$2500. This increase will add just under \$1000 to the operating budget - and increase it from \$6512 to \$7500.

MOTION: BBIA 04.5 - 18

Moved by - Deb Sholdice

Seconded by: - Crystal Taylor

Disposition – Motion Carried

-Intention is to increase the minimum membership to \$125/ maximum to \$250

Board of Management: Nominations for 2018

Karen Stewart, Deb Sholdice, Gil Garratt, Cat O'Donnell, Crystal Taylor, Gary Van Leeuwen

Motion – 05-18

Moved – Rick Elliot

Seconded – Cat O'Donnell

Disposition- Carried

Other Business – Governance Committee

-Karen and the committee have thoroughly reviewed the By-laws/Constitution

-Highlighted changes include: no levy charged on vacant lots/parking lots, majority of the board of management must be rate-paying members, chair is a voting member, no remote voting or e-voting, remote members do not count towards quorum, any expenses over \$200 must be brought to the board of management

Motion to amend the BBIA's constitution as presented at the 2018 AGM

Motion – 06-18

Moved – Deb Sholdice

Seconded – Rick Elliot

Disposition- Carried

#### Other Business- Signage

There was much discussion about signage & maintenance, and the responsibilities between the BIA, the Ward, and the Municipality.

A recommendation was made to strike a sub-committee to annually liaise with Council re: signs and signage.

#### Other Business- Gateway Project

Les Cook presented an initial concept drawing for a gateway project for a set of walkways that would function as a point of entry, welcoming people to the Village of Blyth, at the corner of Hwys 25 & 4. Rough estimates were \$120k-\$125k. Some discussion. No engineers, or permits, or carpenters have been consulted.

Next Meeting – To be Determined for 2018

Meeting Adjourned 9:11pm

Motion BBIA -07-18

Moved – Rick Elliot

Seconded – Crystal Taylor

Disposition – Carried

Motion to Adjourn

Karen Stewart, Chairperson

Secretary – Gil Garratt