

MINUTES
OF THE BLYTH BIA BOARD MEETING
HELD AT THE BLYTH MEMORIAL COMMUNITY HALL
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2016 AT 8:00 A.M.

Board Members Present

Rick Elliott, Chair
Peter Gusso, Vice Chair
Gary Vanleeuwen, Treasurer
John Stewart, Secretary
Irene Kellins
Lissa Kolkman
Averly Kikkert
Cat O'Donnell
Bill Knott

Others in Attendance

Connie Goodall, North Huron Economic Development Officer
Denny Scott & Brenda Nyveld, The Citizen
Bev Blair

Call to Order, Welcome & Opening Remarks

Chair Rick Elliott called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interests - None Declared

Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION BBIA01/16

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Averly Kikkert

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

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Delegations/Invited Guests

Chair Rick Elliott introduced Bev Blair and invited her to make a presentation on behalf of the Blyth Witch's Walk.

She stated that the Witch's Walk had been an annual event in Blyth for fourteen years. The Witch's Walk is attended by about 2000 individuals annually. Admission is by donation and all proceeds after expenses are donated to various community charities. The event had been held on the Blyth Community Greenway Trail for the first 13 years but had been moved to a building at the Blyth Campgrounds due to weather and safety concerns. The event had been cancelled this past year due to safety concerns. She indicated that these concerns could be addressed this coming year as there was now adequate time to deal with the situation. She indicated that going forward the Witch's Walk Committee wished to become a sub-committee of the BBIA and asked what arrangements were required to do so.

Chair Rick Elliott stated that the Witch's Walk was an excellent community event. He advised that the BBIA Executive would meet with the Witch's Walk Committee to establish the Terms of Reference as required by the BBIA.

Bev Blair thanked the BBIA and she departed.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

MOTION BBIA02/16

MOVED: Peter Gusso

SECONDED: Gary Vanleeuwen

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Minutes of the Board Meeting held December 2, 2015 as printed and circulated.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report

(a) Treasurer's Report & 2016 Draft Budget

The Board reviewed the Draft Budget as presented by the Treasurer. Several recommendations were brought forward. The revised Draft Budget will be presented at February Board Meeting. The Final Budget will be adopted at the annual General Meeting.

(b) Adoption of Treasurer's Report

MOTION BBIA03/16

MOVED: Averly Kikkert

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

That the Blyth BIA Board hereby adopts the Treasurer's Report as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Business Arising From Previous Meetings

(a) Golden Ticket

Peter Gusso advised that ticket sales had went well. He will be collecting outstanding ticket stubs and the draw will be made on January 30th.

(b) BBIA House Decorating Contest – 2015

Irene Kellins reviewed her written report with the Board. She advised that the judging had taken place on December 17th and the judging had been done by herself, Sharon Davis and Steve Switzer. Six prizes had been awarded. A thank you has been sent to the local business which donated prizes.

(c) BIA National Conference – April 10-13, 2016, London. Full Registration \$499.00

Correspondence

- (a) OBIAA – December Newsletter – forwarded to members
- (b) OBIAA – Seasons Greetings – forwarded to members
- (c) Wingham BIA, Minutes – October, 2015 Meeting

Committee Reports

There were no Committee Reports brought forward.

North Huron Economic Development Officer's Report

Connie Goodall, North Huron Economic Development Officer, advised that the Strategic Plan was nearing completion. After a final review it will be sent to Huron County.

North Huron Council Report

Bill Knott, North Huron Councillor, advised that Council continues to work on the municipal Budget. Public Meetings for Budget review will be scheduled shortly. He also stated that due to expanded duties of the Provincial Ombudsman the municipality has developed a program for the North Huron website where ratepayers can submit requests or concerns. The municipality is obligated to act on these requests/concerns.

New Business

- (a) Highway #4 in Blyth – A section of highway to be closed on Thurs., Jan. 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in order to film a commercial promo video.

- (b) BBIA Annual General Meeting

The Board decided to hold the annual General Meeting on Wednesday, February 24th in the Bainton Gallery commencing at 7:00 p.m. An alternative date will be selected if the room is not available.

- (c) Family-Fun-Apalooza-Winter-Luge-Athon. BBIA Breakfast, Monday, February 15th, 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, Adults \$5.00 & Children 10 & under \$2.00.

Chair Rick Elliott advised that volunteers would be needed to assist with this breakfast.

- (d) EmployerOne Survey – open for input from January 1st to 31st. www.planningboard.ca/survey

Connie Goodall advised that it is important for employers to complete the survey. The survey information is collected by the Four County Labour Market Planning Board and the results are used for economic development purposes.

Coming Events

- (a) Bandstand Revisited '1960s Dance Party' – February 20th – Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (b) Sears Drama Festival – February 28th to March 6th - Blyth Memorial Community Hall
- (c) Rural to Rural Conference – September 22-24, 2016

Next Meeting – Wednesday, February 3, 2016, 8:00 a.m.

Adjournment

MOTION BBIA04/16

MOVED: Gary Vanleeuwen

SECONDED: Irene Kellins

That there being no further business before the Blyth BIA Board, the meeting be hereby Adjourned at 9:27 a.m.

DISPOSITION: Motion Carried

Rick Elliott, Chairperson

John Stewart, Secretary