

DIGBY AREA TOURISM ASSOCIATION [DATA]

2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting: May 10, 2017, 2pm, AGM, Municipality of the District of Digby Council Chambers

Present: Greg Turner, Saskia Geerts, Mary Tibbetts, Linda Graham, Tina Frost, Monica MacNeil, Nadine Lauren, Roger Outhouse, Robert Wiebe, Gail Hersey, Denise Alford, Don Alford, Virginia Tudor, Bernice Schrank, Bill Schrank, Peter Turnbull, Shelley Lonergan

- **Welcome and Call to Order:** Chair Greg Turner called the meeting to order at 2pm, welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
- **Approval/Additions/Deletions to Agenda:** Chair Greg Turner asked if there were any additions or changes to the agenda. Tina Frost asked for the Digby Neck and Islands marketing to be included.

Mary Tibbetts made a motion to approve the agenda with addition.

Seconded by Linda Graham. All aye. Motion carried.

- **Approval of previous minutes:** Chair Greg Turner asked if everyone present had a chance to review the minutes the 2016 AGM and called for any corrections or additions. There were no corrections or additions.

Mary Tibbetts made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2016 AGM.

Seconded by Roger Outhouse. All aye. Motion carried.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Carol Barnes sent her regrets but did submit a report which Chair Greg Turner reviewed. The attached report was not complete however it was noted that Jeremy Sanford prepares this report for free, which is appreciated, but it is not always available on time. DATA will work on getting an updated report which will be available at the next regular Board meeting.

It was also reported that the \$4,000 which is marked for the current project by the Freeport Community Development Assoc. (FCDA) is still included in our bank balance. Roger Outhouse reported that the project is still being worked on and close to the final stages for completion. An upcoming meeting of the FCDA will be able to better determine when these funds will be needed.

Saskia Geerts made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

Seconded by Tina Frost. All aye. Motion carried.

- **Annual Committee Reports:** Chair Greg Turner reviewed and gave a summary of each of the committees.

- **Election of 2016-2017 Board Members**

Chair and Smith's Cove Representative: Greg Turner has re-offered.

Past-Chair: No Vote. Saskia Geerts is Past Chair.

Vice-Chair: Tina Frost has re-offered.

Treasurer: Carol Barnes has re-offered.

Secretary: Mary Tibbetts has re-offered.

Municipality of the District of Digby Appointed Representative: George Manzer.

Digby Town Appointed Representative: Peter Turnbull.

Board of Trade Appointed Representative: Kevin Ellis.

Bear River Representative: Open Position.

No nominations for this area; a search will continue.

Long Island Representative: Tom Goodwin has re-offered.

Digby Neck Representative: Linda Graham has re-offered.

Brier Island Representative: Penny Graham has re-offered.

Barton/Brighton/Doucetteville Representative: This position is open.

No nominations for this area; a search will continue.

Weymouth and Area Representative: Hal Theriault has accepted the nomination.

Chair Greg Turner presented the list of Directors and for each position asked, three times, if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations.

At the completion of nominations Greg Turner asked again, three times, if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations.

*Bernice Schrank made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 Board of Directors.
Seconded by Linda Graham. All aye. Motion carried.*

Linda Graham, DATA's Board of Trade Representative, made the announcement that DATA has been awarded the Tourism Excellence Award for 2017.

- **Adjournment:** Chair Greg Turner called for adjournment at 3:20pm and thanked all members for their support.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Tibbetts
Secretary