

Present: Frank Bourree (Chair), Al Hasham, Kathleen Burton, Capt. (N) Steve Waddell, Sang-Kiet Ly, Ryan Burles, Rose Arsenault, Mark Smith, Nigel Brown, Gary Kinar, Dee Govang, Mark Mawhinney, John Wilson, Jared Webb, Bruce Carter (CEO), Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (Staff)

Regrets: Dan Dagg, Natasha Reger, Darlene Hollstein, Richard Van Leeuwen, Tom Roemer

1) Motion to approve August agenda.

a. Additions or deletions

Add: Membership – Objectives & Strategies

Remove: N/A

Moved by: Nigel Brown

Seconded by: Mark Smith

Carried

2) Motion to approve July board minutes.

Moved by: Rose Arsenault

Seconded by: Kathleen Burton

Carried

3) Motion to approve July financial statements.

Investment policy to formalize the current procedures is in progress with the Finance and Audit Committee

Moved by: Sang-Kiet Ly

Seconded by: Mark Smith

Carried

4) Chair's Remarks

a. Update on Municipal Election

Review of Chamber's non-partisan position in the November election. Board provided early copies of September's Business Matters page on the upcoming municipal election.

b. Board Elections – update

Nine nominees will be running for seven positions. Election begins Sept 15 and closes Oct 8 at noon.

c. Royal BC Museum Meeting

Dr. Lohman has been invited to speak with the Chamber Board in October. The initial lunch meeting with Royal BC Museum reviewed long-term strategies for growth and success.

d. Membership

Leadership, networking and stewardship from Board, to foster membership growth, has been requested.

5) Governance

a. By-law Changes

Updates include clear delineation of Chamber's non-partisan position including Board membership and candidacy; duration of chair and vice-chair term; various updates clarifying term for vice-chair and re-election. Final review of by-laws to be distributed to Board for approval prior to Chair Breakfast meeting where by-law changes are scheduled to be voted on by membership.

Moved by: Kathleen Burton

Seconded by: Dee Govang

Carried

6) GVDA

a. Approval of Committee membership additions

4 new appointments to the GVDA Board were approved. Strategy is being implemented to develop diverse-skill sets for this committee.

Moved by: Sang-Kiet Ly

Seconded by: Rose Arsenault

Carried

7) Membership 90 Day Strategy

a. 90-day list of members pending renewal reviewed by Board

8) Municipal Election

a. Strategy

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9) Membership Poll

Membership will be asked to cast electronic ballots for the 2015 Board. Test of the electronic system was held in July.

a. Auditors reviewed process

b. Voting participation similar to mailed vote

i. 220 of 1353 voters 16.73% or

ii. 384 of 2100 weighted votes or 18.3% voters

Moved by: John Wilson

Seconded by: Rose Arsenault

Carried

10) BC/Canadian Chamber

a. Proposed bylaw change

Current rules allow individuals to be members of the Canadian Chamber without being members of the provincial Chamber. Canadian Chamber is being petitioned by provincial Chambers to change this.

11) Amalgamation

Recent poll showed clear support of amalgamation by public. The Chamber needs to continue to maintain awareness and remain engaged in determining next steps.

12) Local Chambers

Need to remain in close contact with all Chambers in the Greater Victoria area to maintain a harmonized voice on issues.

- a. Liaison appointments
Dee Govang – *WestShore Chamber of Commerce*
John Wilson – *Saanich Peninsula Chamber of Commerce*
Kathleen Burton – *Esquimalt Chamber of Commerce*

13) NEW BUSINESS

New Base Commander Steve Waddell was welcomed to the Board. On September 17th the HMCS Regina will be coming home after a long mission.

14) Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
- b. GVDA
- c. Policy
- d. Prodigy
- e. Finance and Audit
- f. Governance
- g. Our Vibrant Community
- h. Peer Advisory Group

15) Standing Reports

- a. Events Registration
- b. Executive Dashboard
- c. Membership Report
- d. Board Attendance Report

16) Additional information items

- a. Letter to Cool Aid
- b. Letter to Cruise Ship Association
- c. Distillery Letter

Motion to adjourn.

Moved by: Rose Arsenault

Seconded by: Al Hasham

Carried

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday September 23, 2014

Secretary

Chair

Date