



Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
July 14th, 2022 – 4:00 PM



**CALL TO ORDER &** Derek Jones – PRESIDENT,

**ROLL CALL PRESENT:** Danielle Gaughen – Executive Director; JoEll Abbott – Vice President; Dianne Marrs-Smith – Secretary; Linda Galle-Parent – Treasurer; Dan McEvoy – Director; Molly Ernst – Director; Doralee Booth – County Liason

**ABSENT:** Sacha Sanquinetti – Event Coordinator, Jake Gobielle – Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Derek Jones: Neighborhood Deputy

*National Night Out August 2<sup>nd</sup> 5pm – 8pm at Heron Center Parking Lot.*

- Setup 4 – 4:30pm – looking for volunteers.
- 100+ Goodie bags for kids with pencils etc.
- Sheriff's office buying hotdogs – we will give out tickets for food items to help limit seconds.
  - Di will bring buffet and grill & help cook hot dogs.
- Pacific Building lending cotton candy machine.
- Blaine is planning their own, this is a national program with communities throughout the nation participating.

Fourth of July Celebration:

- 3.94 tons of trash at the 4<sup>th</sup>, a ton less than last year.
- Sheriff's Office used the Library site and it worked out really well.
  - The Library site was well kept and clean!
- Porta-Potties were cleaned before the event. Additional units were ordered through United Site Services with approval for funding from Whatcom County LTAC.
  - Still had complaints about them being a mess, lines of 25 people deep happened all day long.
- Additional cleanings happened on the 4<sup>th</sup>, and again on the 5<sup>th</sup> of July by Baker Septic.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE MINUTES: Minutes Approved**

**JULY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Rooted By The Bay

**AUGUST MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Banner Bank – Motion Approved

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**AS OF JUNE 30<sup>TH</sup>**

- BANNER BANK BALANCE: **\$33,031.87** BALANCE PETTY CASH: **\$242.33**
  - APPROVAL OF JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT: **Motion Approved**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT – DANELLE GAUGHEN**

- CURRENT LTAC Balance: **\$62, 135.00.**
  - May Reimbursement of **\$10,973.62** was received and deposited.
  - June Reimbursement of **\$14, 447.77** was sent to Whatcom County on June 12th
    - Should receive reimbursement sometime the week of July 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mid-year Budget Review – Did get an additional \$5,000 for port-a-potties from the County. Grant request was submitted. We have not heard back from this yet. \$36,000 and some odd cents. Doralee met with Alicia Rule about port-a-potties, WA State has grants for vandalism and we should look and see if we can qualify for funds. We did get Park and Rec \$4,500 for Kite Fest.
  - Danielle is working on budget review. She doesn't believe we will need to do anything differently.
- **VISITOR COUNTS:**
  - June 2022 = 545 Visitors/ 140 BB nights
  - June 2021 = 306 Visitors/1018 BB Nights
  - June 2020 = 3 Visitors/8 BB Nights – Visitor Center Closed Due to COVID Closure
  - June 2019 = 450 Visitors/1898 BB Nights



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- **STATISTICS:** *See Attached Sheet*
  
- **MEMBERSHIP:**
  - *Total Members: 147*
  - *New Members:*
    - I've Got a Guy Tree Service

**EVENTS REPORT – Danielle Gaughen for Sacha Sanguinetti**

- Kite Fest Recap – Easy Estimate 2500+
  - Gave out 673 Kites (Thank you Molly!)
- Planning happening still for Sand Sculpture/Rollback; NNO & Discover – Summer scramble is real.
- Danielle needs help passing out posters for next 2 events.
- Parking will be behind old VIC - \$5.00 charge, Sea Cadets will get half and Chamber will get the other half.
- Car Show has a registration charge that will go to Chamber.

**COUNTY LIASON REPORT – DORALEE BOOTH**

- **Big Thanks to Danielle** for letter to County about Port-a-Potties. Long term solution is needed. Odor complaints were noted, returning in the Beach Park was supposed to happen in February or March, but nothing has been done.
- **July 4<sup>th</sup>** – As noted above 3.94 tons cleaned up on the 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - More fireworks on the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & even 7<sup>th</sup> brought more fireworks.
  - With the cleanup scheduled for the 5<sup>th</sup> & more activities there is still so much trash left behind.
  - Maybe a letter to discuss this issue with Whatcom County.
  - In the future, walking the beach on cleanup day and counting volunteers would be effective.
  - During the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Celebrations having volunteers talk to groups would be very effective. It is effective at North Cottonwood.
  - Thank you's sent to Public Works, BBWARM, Conservation District, & Bill Elfo.
  - Health Department organizes dumpsters and Corrections crew comes out to help. Funding comes from Adopt a Road.
  - We had 73 sign ups for cleaning but probably more than 125 working.
- **New Development: Sunset Bay** – New 45 unit Condo by South Cottonwood. 3 stories, Morgan Dr. Height and View Shed has been discussed – 35 ft. They can go to 40 ft, but they are going to try and stick with 35 ft.
- **California RV Estuary Park** is coming along with 24 acres; 40% of water from watershed comes into California Creek. Whatcom Land Title has about 100 acres along creek to protect that area.
- Christine Melher talked to Doralee about how we can get some grants to develop the Birch Bay Beach Park. Ted Morris will help write some grants for Beach Park. Next grant round is 2024.

**OTHER:**

- Career Path Services Intern – Brittini, 20 hours a week, is learning and getting work experience.
- Additional funds for bathrooms of \$5,000 available from LTAC as needed. Can request more if necessary.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- Request to Cancel July Luncheon. Board Approved this request.
- Next Board Meeting: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Adjourned at 5:28pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dianne Marrs-Smith, Secretary.  
Edited by Danielle Gaughen