



Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce
Board Meeting Minutes
January 14th, 2021 – 5:30pm



CALL TO ORDER: Vanessa Bell called the meeting to order, Thursday, January 14th, 2021 @ 5:30pm

ROLL CALL

- **MEMBERS PRESENT:**
 - Vanessa Bell – President
 - Doralee Booth – Secretary
 - Danielle Gaughen – Event Coordinator
 - Liz Thornton – Executive Director
 - Tonya Wahl – Treasurer
 - Derek Jones – Birch Bay Neighborhood Deputy
 - Nancy Stull – Visitor & Banker
- **ABSENT:**
 - Dave Brewin – Director
 - Jake Gobielle - Director

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3 Minutes)

- Derek Jones – 6th day in as Birch Bay’s new Neighborhood Deputy.
 - Patrolling & trying to get to know the businesses.
 - Doesn’t work 7 days a week – call 911 or non emergency number if needed
 - If it isn’t urgent and he can handle at a different time ok to use message line or email.
 - djones@whatcomcounty.us
 - Doralee asked us to put a blurb on next week’s BUZZ welcoming Derek as our new Neighborhood deputy!
- Nancy Stull – Worked with Doralee this week, need to get Tonya added to the signers for the bank account.
 - Need a letter for the online banking so the Chamber treasurer can see banking online.
 - Will work on all the paperwork next week.

FINACE REPORT:

- November turned out well. January a bit of a crunch due to grant checks being a little late.
- **BANNER BANK BALANCE: (\$477.70 per Tonya)**
 - Still able to collect on 2020 LTAC until 1/19 & tying up loose ends there.
 - About 10K left to spend. **(Actually was 27,280.03)**
 - 5-7K go to movie equipment – Already had been voted on.
 - Screen
 - Projector
 - FM Transmitter
 - Radios
 - Dave recommended a DSLR Camera - Already approved on a previous meeting
 - Webcam for the front of the VIC - Already approved on previous meeting
 - The rest to general bills/operations
 - Danielle’s Computer came from 2020 LTAC. Liz has \$1500 separate contract, wants to get herself a computer like Danielle’s with these funds.
 - Tonya made a motion to approve Liz to get a laptop – Seconded by Doralee & all were in favor.
- 2021 LTAC BALANCE : \$100,000.00 - Can start drawing on this now.
- Doralee asked about contract for building rental - Liz has been trying to reach them, but has been unsuccessful.
 - Nancy said that bill gets paid automatically, she will do some research for us.
 - Tonya stated that Billy knows and will get him to get us the information tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER MINTUES: Doralee asked to postpone the approval of December minutes, she didn’t get a chance to edit them yet. Next month we will approve December & January minutes.

All proceedings are recorded



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JANUARY MEMBER OF THE MONTH: BLAINE BIRCH BAY PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT 2 (BBBPRD2)

FEBRUARY MEMBER OF THE MONTH: The Bridge - will hopefully be joining us next week for Chamber Chat, along with BBSP Helpers Group Leader - Lorelie Bowers. Vanessa nominated & all were in favor.

WINTER EVENT WRAP UP:

- RING OF FIRE & HOPE: 390 flares were handed out by DG & LT to 177 families. (we used up some of the old ones we had up in the attic) 636 people; 47 zip codes; 10 counties; only 2 out of staters.
 - Very well attended.
 - Vanessa & Tonya stated that the resorts here in the bay were at fully capacity. Occupancy down now, but was very busy.
- POLAR BEAR PLUNGE: Got about 15 submissions of photos and videos. Handed out three prizes 2 from Woods Coffee & one from CJ's BeachHouse. DG played video for the Board.

NEW/ON GOING BUSINESS:

- 2021 Events: Many smaller events like last year. Festivals are probably out for 2021.
 - **Set up a Meeting for January, 28th @ 10am - Invite has been sent.**
 - Kite's June - On board at Library property if interested
 - Movies June - September
 - Sand Castle/Roll Back - July
 - Berm Celebration - July (Doralee join with BBBPRD2 & Library on this?)
 - Discover Days - August.
 - FOBBL - Golf Tournament
 - National Night Out - August
 - Haunted House - October (at the Waterslides) Fundraiser - separate budget.
 - Santa Pics & the VIC - December
 - Ring of Fire & Hope - December
 - Polar Bear Plunge - January 2021

OTHER:

- Recap - Chamber Chat Thursday, JANUARY 21ST, 2021 – Will be joined by Lorelei Bowers of the BBSP Helper Group & a hopefully a representative for the Bridge.
- Proposed to change the date of the board meeting to make it more accessible for the directors.
 - Liz to talk to Jake and see what day would be best for him.
 - Doralee doesn't love the 5:30pm hour.
- Next meeting is tentative for Feb 11th 2021 @5:30pm - will recommit.
- Next Meeting - talk about membership billing, change to 1x annually? Work on getting new memberships in 2021 - though many are struggling some new businesses are opening as well.
 - Talked about Rustic Fork, new spa @ resort, Drayton Harbor Oyster Co.

MEETING AJORNED

Respectfully submitted:
(draft Minutes from Danielle Gaughen)

Edited by: Doralee Booth, Secretary

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