



Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
AUGUST 12TH, 2021 – 11AM



**CALL TO ORDER:** Danielle Gaughen **ROLL CALL:**

- **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doralee Booth, Secretary; Tonya Whal, Treasurer; Danielle Gaughen, Executive Director; Dave Brewin – Vice President; Sacha Sanguinetti, Event Coordinator
- **BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** Jake Gobbille, Director

**APPROVAL OF JULY MINUTES:** Dave moved to approve, Doralee seconded all in favor, no discussion.

**AUGUST MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Bay Center Market      **SEPTEMBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** -  
Boarderview Lawn Care

**FINANCIAL REPORT: TONYA WAHL TREASURER – Review of June Financials**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

- BANNER BANK BALANCE: **\$49,744.53**      BALANCE PETTY CASH: **\$2,353.74**
- 2021 LTAC BALANCE: **\$45,152.86**
  - May Reimbursement of \$9,764.68 was received & deposited
  - JUNE Reimbursement of \$15,495.21 was sent on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
    - Much higher due to summer porta-potties & new insurance.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tonya Motioned, Dave Second – All in favor, no discussion.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: TONYA WAHL TREASURER**  
**AS OF JULY 31, 2021**

- BANNER BANK BALANCE: **\$51,415.13**      BALANCE PETTY CASH: **\$2,873.25**
- 2021 LTAC BALANCE: **\$32,109.67**
  - JULY Reimbursement of \$13,043.19 was sent on August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021
    - Included 3 payrolls & extra porta-potty cleaning
  - June Reimbursement of \$15,495.21 was received & deposited.

**APPROVAL OF JULY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Tonya Motioned, Doralee Second – All in favor, no discussion.

September Luncheon – Perhaps Heron Center, use of projector to expense against LTAC.

**EXECUTIVE REPORT – DANELLE GAUGHEN**

- 2022 LTAC Funding Mtg. with County was August 4<sup>th</sup>. LTAC committee approved us for \$110K for 2022.
  - Should have a signed contract early September 2021.
  - Perhaps 2022 we should separate LTAC applications – one for VIC operations and one for porta-potties.
    - More discussion on that in January/February 2022.
  - Future Bathroom's in Birch Bay Beach Park – 6 family restrooms planned & 1 million set aside in LTAC Capital Funds previously set aside per Exec. Jack Louws.
    - Nothing set in writing per Tyler & Tawni.
    - Without that \$ guaranteed, that money will have to come from somewhere.
    - Cost 19K yearly to take care of Bathroom up at Glacier.
- New Members: US Bank Blaine, Drayton Harbor Home – VRBO in between Blaine & Birch Bay & Birch Bay Realty. Total Members: 132 – Recently dropped several we have had no contact with regarding membership payment. Delinquent Members: 10 – most have been talked to and they say they will pay, - some are non-active due to COVID & possibly hurting for cash. **Tonya asked for The Bridge's invoice to pay.**
- Helped with Pirate Daze for BBBPRD2, did buried treasure on the beach. Kids had a good time, still possibly missing a treasure box.

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**EVENTS REPORT – SACHA SANGUINETTI**

- BuzzPod – Going well, trying to keep it short. Trying to get listeners – possibly doing some in-program promotions.
- Sand Sculpture/Rollback Recap – Sand Sculpture Competition was not as big this year, but mostly families, lots of fun. Car show – went well, looked beautiful along the Bay. The Bridge made over \$1200 with parking donations.
  - T-shirt sales went well. Tammy Carrington did an awesome job selling them.
- Movie Recap/Update
- Berm Celebration Update – Ceremony at noon – signage along the bay for the history of the berm. Wolf Bauer poster. Poker run will be on the Berm this time – will start about 1:30 PM.
- Discover Birch Bay Days Update – Parade is a no go per the County this year. Ducky Derby – Gathering info on bringing that back. Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Crab Derby, Games & activities by BBBPRD2.
  - Possibly golf cart shuttle – talk to BBBPRD2 about shuttle? Worried about insurance on golf carts.
  - Movie that night will be Uncle Buck.
- **Sacha to do some research on generators for the Board to consider for purchase.**
  - No overhead powerlines in the Beach Park....power will be underground when park is developed.
  - What would we use it for, how often would we use it?
  - Need a quiet generator
- 2022 Event Planning – Dates etc.
  - Kite June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022?
  - Rollback/SandSculpture – 5 weekends in July – 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.
    - Third weekend is Raz Fest – Car Show
    - Last weekend is Pioneer Days – Car Show
  - Discover Birch Bay Days – Over Labor Day again.
  - Poker Runs have been a lot of fun, would like to continue to do those.
  - Movies in 2022 – Crowds have been average this year, how do we continue to make these relevant and fun?
    - Renting our equipment? Board requested to table this for now, readdress it after our 2021 season has completed.
  - Tonya – St. Patrick’s Day Pub Crawl – costume contest, help support the businesses in the slower seasons!

**COUNTY LIASON REPORT – DORALEE BOOTH**

- WCLS, Yes! Whatcom Libraries & Friends of Birch Bay Library going for LCFA in November.
  - Signage at the Chamber – Chamber helped start the Library
  - Tonya Motioned that the Chamber support proposition14 to build a library in Birch Bay. – Dave Second.
  - One sign OK.
  - All Social Media – Not vote yes, just education that vote is happening.
- Wolf Bauer Poster for Berm Celebration - \$52+ Tax - Doralee Motioned to approve, Dave Seconded & all in favor.
  - Displayed in the Chamber after event.

**OTHER:**

- Vanessa’s Departure
- Dianne’s Interest Letter – Board will talk about that in executive session
- Masks at the Visitor Center – Board decided that until it is a mandate we will not require masks.

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

- **Chamber Luncheon:** In Person... August 19, 2021 @ 11:30 AM
  - **Featured Speaker** – Dr. Granger will fill us in about school planning 2021-2022
  - **Location** – Bob’s Burger & Brew (outside seating)
- **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 @ 4:00 PM

**EXECUTIVE MEETING AFTER BOARD MEETING**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Doralee Booth, Secretary**  
**(Draft minutes from Danielle Gaughen)**