



Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce  
**Board Meeting Agenda**  
May 12th, 2022 – 4:00 PM



**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:** DEREK JONES – PRESIDENT

Roll Call: *Present:* Derek Jones – President; Danielle Gaughen – Executive Director; Dianne Marrs-Smith – Secretary; JoEll Kuoppala – Vice President; Dan McEvoy – Director; Molly Ernest – Director; Sacha Sanquinetti – Event Coordinator; Linda Galle-Parent – Treasurer; John Roy - Guest

- Doralee Booth – Director via ZOOM

*Absent:* Jake Gobielle – Director

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**John** – he and his wife recently joined the Chamber. Just purchased commercial space and will be the Chamber neighbor. Not sure what he and his wife will put into the space. Looking for ideas!

**Derek** – Bike Safety Day Friday, 5/13. 1<sup>st</sup> part Bike Safety. 2<sup>nd</sup> part Picnic in the Park. 3<sup>rd</sup> part movie Uncharted. Property crime and vehicle theft is up in Birch Bay and surrounding area. Meeting with Morrison/Wood HOA to talk about issues. People are upset with homeless population coming into the community and do not understand what Officers can do. Citizens on Patrol starting backup. Could do write up in BUZZ on Safety issues.

Things you can do:

- Make sure trees are trimmed and house lights are on.
- Keep trailers and hitches locked.
- Write your name or Driver's License on a vehicle/trailers so police can identify items.
- Seniors on Patrol will be starting soon.
- Neighborhood watches are being considered by some neighborhoods.
- Others are using Rings to help keep an eye on the neighborhood.
- If your gut feels like something is wrong, it's ok to call 911, non-emergency and ask for drive by walk through.
- We do have someone sleeping on the beach. Remember to contact the Bridge for help.

**APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES:** With move, minutes were not sent out. We will review and approve in June.

**MAY MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** The C Shop

**JUNE MEMBER OF THE MONTH:** Doug Parent Fine Art - **Motion Approved**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**AS OF APRIL 30**

- BANNER BANK BALANCE: **\$44,258.05** BALANCE PETTY CASH: **\$512.18**
  - APPROVAL OF MARCH FINANCIAL REPORT: **Motion Approved**

**EXECUTIVE REPORT – DANELLE GAUGHEN**

- CURRENT LTAC Balance: **\$73,107.57**
  - March Reimbursement of **\$7,857.96** was received and deposited.
  - April Reimbursement of **\$9,028.49** was sent to Whatcom County on May 2nd.
    - Should receive reimbursement sometime this week.
  - Will send May Reimbursement on June 1<sup>st</sup> – Don't have an accurate estimate right now. Between 8 & 9K.
  - Mail has been worrisome with move. Danielle is looking into that.

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- **VISITOR COUNTS:**
  - April 2022 = 138 Visitors/420 BB nights
  - April 2021 = 162 Visitors/327 BB Nights
  - April 2020 = 0 Visitors/0 BB Nights – Visitor Center Closed Due to COVID Closure
  - April 2019 = 187 Visitors/539 BB Nights
  
- **STATISTICS:** *See Attached Sheet*
  
- **MEMBERSHIP:**
  - Total Members: 146
  - New Members:
    - Adobe
    - Whatcom Excavation
    - Westside Pizza

Haven't updated unpaid memberships since last month due to moving workload. Will reach out to those who haven't paid this month and have an update in June.

- Danielle shared the signs for the Chamber at the new location.

**EVENTS REPORT – SACHA SANGUINETTI**

- **Bike Safety Day** – May 13 - 6-8pm we are cooking hot dogs. 20 kids last year.
- **Kite Festival** – June 25 and 26. Meeting with Park and Rec and planning is happening. Volunteer group has been sent a message and we will see how that goes. Beer Garden for Sandcastle will be at Beach Cat.
  - **To help mow field the weekend before – Sacha wants to do a FATHER MOWS BEST COMPETITION.**

**COUNTY LIASON REPORT – DORALEE BOOTH**

- Update from County that Birch Bay Beach Park Completion will be delayed to the fall.
- Park and Rec is having public meeting 5/12. Char will be there to talk about the Beach Park. BBBPRD2 interested in Beach Park.
- Amy Keenan and is involved in planning and development with county for 20 years.
  - Recently she has been involved in Horizons, Semiahmoo Highlands & Iverness Developments.
  - Highlands is split between Blaine & County – Currently the county officials don't have paperwork on the development.
  - All three will cause Traffic issues/congestion that needs to be addressed.
  - Meeting May 25 at Semiahmoo Resort. It is important to Birch Bay because these developments are in our watershed and storm water will come our way. Doralee explained the different road ways and divisions of water and traffic. We need more liaisons to help Doralee with County issues.
    - Potential flooding issues: Horizons will flow towards Birch Bay Drive. Iverness will flow down Shintaffer & Semiahmoo Highlands will flow into Birch Bay Village.
  - All for planned development, but there are issues that need our attention.
  - Danielle said she would try and attend the next meeting.

**OTHER:**

- **Port a Potties** - No port a potty at 7900 location, but port a potties will be around Birch Bay and chained to trees. As possible.
  - 1 at Cottonwood; 2 a Birch Bay Beach Park on Berm Side; 1 at Alderson; 1 at Jackson.
- Doralee says next year we will need to get County help with this as it is expensive and this is a County issue. Health Department and County Council need to be involved and we do need cross-departmental help with this.

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Sandy Ward is aware of ADA port a potty blowing across the street and into the park. Danielle and Sacha will be having a meeting with Sandy soon to discuss.

- **Hiring** – Trini is out for foreseeable future. 2 good resumes and emails. Some interest. Danielle will be doing interviews next week. Volunteers are needed. Need volunteers for Saturday and Sunday afternoons on the weekends. 9-3 Saturday and Sunday.
- **Derek** will be gone June 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>. JoElle will run the next board meeting.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- **Chamber Luncheon:** April 19th, 2022
  - At the Bridge.
  - Sandwich platters possibly from the Market and Salad from Costco. Barista set up.
  - Bridge will be the speaker and Derek will invite a mental health adviser
- **Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. 2022.

**Adjourned 5:10pm; Minutes submitted by Dianne Marrs-Smith, Secretary**