

Our mission is to grow, enhance, and support a vibrant business climate through leadership, professional development, and community involvement.

Board of Directors Meeting Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - 8:30 AM Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM.

**BCCC Mission Statement -** The mission statement was read by Trevor Juntunen.

#### Roll Call -

- Board Present: Debbie Stouffer, Trevor Juntunen, Jacob Ostermeyer, Nathan Grave, Mary Stafford, Carla Engle, Annie Cranford, Burt Mason.
- Staff Present: Mary Merver, Dianne Koskinen.
- Board Absent: Chelsea Klobucher (excused), Nicole Acciacca (excused), Megan Haataja (excused), Kristin Kahler (excused).

Guests and Visitors - None.

# Consent Agenda -

Agenda 03/01/23, Minutes 02/01/23.

*Discussion:* Additions to meeting agenda under Discussion Items - (d) Notary Public. *Action:* Motion to approve the consent agenda with meeting agenda addition by Jacob Ostermeyer, second by Nathan Grave. All in favor.

## Finance Report -

January and February Finance Reports tabled for April meeting.
Discussion: IdentoGO paid through January. Quickbooks deposits. Nathan will send out a revised finance report later today.

### **Executive Director Report -**

• The Chamber welcomed one new member in January and three new members in February.

## **Action Items -**

- (a) Conflict of Interest Policy.
- (b) Confidentiality Statement.

*Discussion:* Both the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Confidentiality Statement need to be signed by board members, renewed at the annual meeting, and added to the new board member packet.

**Action:** Motion to adopt the Conflict of Interest Policy and the Confidentiality Statement by Trevor Juntunen, second by Burt Mason. All in favor.

#### **Discussion Items -**

- (a) Guides needed for the ATV ride (8): Guides will be given a stipend of \$50 and the GPS application. Ideas for prospective guides were submitted to Burt along with the suggestion he attend a Baraga County Sno-Drifters meeting.
- (b) Review committee positions: Chamber committees and appointees were reviewed. Changes should be submitted to Dianne as soon as possible.
- (c) Village of L'Anse Master Plan: A notice was read regarding the Village of L'Anse five year master plan. Those interested in attending a planning session or those seeking more information were directed to contact the L'Anse Village manager.
- (d) Notary Public: Carla suggested adding Notary Public services to the Chamber's membership and public services. Mary Stafford will email the Chamber with information regarding establishment of Notary Public services. Mary Mervar will become a notary, and possibly Dianne, depending on the cost.
- **Board Training -** Tabled for April meeting due to projector malfunction. Mary or Dianne will try to determine if the projector is repairable or if purchase of a new projector is needed.

### **Committees Updates -**

- Next Gen:
  - Keweenaw Bay Classic fishing tournament planning is going well. Next Gen asked for volunteers. The Lake Trout Festival is going forward, being planned by the Convention and Visitors Bureau.
    - **Action:** Motion to donate \$500 to the Baraga County Lake Trout Festival when the request is received by Carla Engle, second by Jacob Ostermeyer. All in favor.
  - Old Timer's Hockey Tournament is a go for this weekend.
  - The Easter Egg Hunt will be held at the L'Anse School on April 1. Prizes are being solicited.
    - **Action:** Motion to donate \$100 to the Next Gen Easter Egg Hunt to be spent in Baraga County by Trevor Juntunen, second by Nathan Grave. All in favor.
  - Fall music event is being changed to a golfing glow ball event. Debbie suggested food trucks if they are looking for catering.
  - The Beer Fest domain rights will be discontinued.

#### Events:

- Business After Hours will be held on March 15 with Portage Health Foundation sponsoring and speaking at the Baraga Lakeside Inn.
- The Mix and Mingle will be held at the Ojibwa Resort on April 21. Mary is working on food donations from local restaurants and glasses for the Michigan wine tasting. There will be a brown bag auction with the suggestion that a brown bag item be a minimum of \$20.
- Mary is working on a Lunch and Learn professional development opportunity for March.
- OpCom: (see OpCom Committee notes in board packet).
- Membership: Three new memberships in February.
- Housing Taskforce: No report.

- Branding: No report.
- Scholarship: The scholarship committee will try to get an article placed in the L'Anse Sentinel. Going forward with 2023 scholarships, recipients will have one year to provide their first semester transcripts to claim the scholarships.

#### Announcements / Members' Good News -

- There were three articles about the Chamber published in the L'Anse Sentinel's last issue.
- Business After Hours (BAH) Wednesday, March 15, Baraga Lakeside Inn. 5:30 reception, 6:00 speaker. Sponsored by Portage Health Foundation.
- Mix and Mingle Friday, April 21, Ojibwa Resort.
- KBOCC Job Fair Thursday, March 16, Niiwin Akeaa Center, 111 Beartown Rd, Baraga.
- Keweenaw Bay Ice Melt barrel is still on the ice. Deadline for entries is March 20 or sooner if the barrel goes down.

**Next Meeting -** The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 8:30 AM in the Chamber Board Room.

## Adjournment -

**Action:** Motion to adjourn at 9:26 AM by Nathan Grave, second by Jacob Ostermeyer. All in favor.

DK 03/03/23