KEWEENAW BAY AND BEYOND

BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, June 7, 2023 - 8:30 AM
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room

Call Meeting to Order - President Debbie Stouffer called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM.

BCCC Mission Statement - The mission statement was read by Burt Mason.

Roll Call -

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

Guests and Visitors - None.

Consent Agenda -

- Agenda 06/07/23, Minutes 05/03/23.
  Discussion: None.
  Action: Motion to approve the consent agenda by Trevor Juntunen, supported by Jacob Ostermeyer. All in favor.
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Finance Report -

- May Finance Report.
  - Main Account
    - 05/01/23 $56,098.25, 05/31/23 $54,326.29.
  - NextGen Account
    - 05/01/23 $19,783.32, 05/31/23 $31,309.74.

  Discussion: The suggestion was again made to move some funds to an interest bearing account. Locally, CDs are available for 5 months at 3.75% and 11 months at 4%. Suggestion was made to designate the interest to the scholarship fund. Nathan will provide recommendations for the amount to be invested and the length of term to be discussed at the August meeting. Nicole suggested creating a survey on the website soliciting ideas for what organizations need assistance. Nathan reported two group transfers for PayPal fees incurred by NextGen.
  Action: Motion to approve the May 2023 Finance Report by Burt Mason, supported by Annie Cranford. All in favor.

Executive Director Report -

- Membership renewal mailing will go out on Monday or Tuesday.

Action Items -

(a) Board member resignation.
Discussion: A letter of resignation from Kristin Kahler was read..
Action: Motion to accept, with regret, letter of resignation from Kristin Kahler with a thank you for her service to the board by Nathan Grave, supported by Jacob Ostermeyer. All in favor. A thank you note will be sent.

(b) Election of board secretary.
Discussion: With Kristin's resignation, a new board secretary must be appointed.
Action: Motion to appoint Chelsea Klobucher to board secretary by Trevor Juntunen, supported by Burt Mason. All in favor.

(c) Donations.
Discussion: Two donation requests were received. One from Lumberjack Days, another from Kaleidoscope Battle of the Books.
Action: Motion to donate $500 to Lumberjack Days by Nathan Grave, supported by Jacob Ostermeyer. All in favor.
Action: Motion to donate $200 to Kaleidoscope Battle of the Books by Nathan Grave, supported by Trevor Juntunen. All in favor.

Discussion Items -

(a) Event volunteers: Volunteers are needed for the golf tournament on July 15 and the ATV ride on September 30.

(b) New board members: At capacity, the board is designed for 15 board members. There are currently 11 board members. Board members will reach out to possible interested prospects.

(c) Lemonade Days: Suzanne Larson from the Dickinson Chamber of Commerce called in to discuss the Lemonade Days program they sponsor. Lemonade Days will be placed on the August agenda. Dianne will provide additional details.

(d) Baraga Bucks: The Convention and Visitors Bureau will continue to manage Baraga Bucks. The Chamber will assist the CVB in promotion or as the CVB desires.

(e) Chamber memberships: A list of potential new members was presented. Board members are to choose those from the list they wish to solicit.

(f) Keweenaw Bay Frozen Cup: Planning is at a stand still until a tournament director is found.

Board Training - Worker compensation insurance presentation led by Trevor Juntunen.

Committees Updates -

- Next Gen: Keweenaw Bay Classic had 97 boats entered at this time, up from 86 in 2022.
- Events: see Events Committee notes in board packet.
- OpCom: see OpCom Committee notes in board packet.
- Membership: Will meet on Monday or Tuesday.
- Housing Taskforce: no report.
- Branding: no report.
- Scholarship: no report.

Announcements / Members' Good News -

- Baraga County Yard Sale / Keweenaw Bay Classic June 10.
- Chamber Golf Tournament July 15.
- BCMH is now operating a walk-in clinic from 7 am to 7 pm Monday-Friday.
- CVB needs Lake Trout Festival volunteers and photos for the Visitors Guide.

Next Meeting - The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 8:30 AM in the Chamber Board Room.

Adjournment -
Action: Motion to adjourn at 9:49 AM by Jacob Ostermeyer, supported by Megan Haataja. All in favor.

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