

South Bruce Community and Business Association

“Serving the Municipality of South Bruce”

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

AGM Meeting – Minutes

Harley’s Pub & Perk, Mildmay

Attendance: Emily Montag, Jean Culliton, Patti Weiler, Jim Gowland, Adam Ireland, Nikk Wise, Peter Evans, Paula Culbert

Co-Chair Adam opened the meeting at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone. A discussion around quorum and the need to amend based on the number of current members of the SBCBA.

MOTION to amend meeting quorum from fifteen members to seven members – Adam Ireland, seconded by Jean Culliton, passed.

Additions to the Agenda:

- Donation Request for Summer Student Start-UP Program

Approval of the Agenda:

MOTION to approve the Meeting Agenda as amended – Jean Culliton, seconded by Patti Weiler, passed.

Approval of the 2024 SBCBA AGM Meeting Minutes

MOTION to approve the 2024 SBCBA AGM Meeting Minutes - Jean Culliton, seconded by Patti Weiler, passed.

Financial Report

Treasurer Patti Weiler provided the following report:

Bank Balance as of December 31, 2024 – \$18,119.82 with no outstanding payments.

MOTION to approve the 2024 Financials - Jean Culliton, seconded by Jim Gowland, passed.

Municipality Report

Nikk Wise presented highlights of the emailed report as follows:

- South Bruce Business & Residential Attraction Campaign
- Updated Municipal Website
- Business Retention & Expansion Program
- Saugeen Connects
- Spruce the Bruce Grants
- South Bruce Downtown Revitalization Program
- Let’s Talk Tariffs & Energy Transition Initiative
- South Bruce Business Networking Evening in October 2025
- Tourism events update for 2025

Other Reports

Brief Reports were provided by Co-Chairs Adam Ireland and Nikk Wise. Emily Montag provided comments around social media and has offered to provide training to SBCBA members in the future. Jim Gowland provided comments around agriculture and how the looming tariffs continue to be of concern.

Teeswater Mainstreet – Jean Culliton

- Lone Wolf is closed
- NWMO will close its office doors the end of March
- With the closure of the Peavy Mart outside of Walkerton, this may bring business to both coops in Teeswater and Mildmay

Mildmay Mainstreet – Nikk Wise

- Nikk will be meeting with a new representative from Midwestern Newspapers who own the Mildmay Town Crier

New Business:

- Emily and Adam led discussion regarding edits to Bylaws #31 and #39. Generally, the changes are “housekeeping” only, and, a change to quorum requirements at future AGM’s. See motion approved earlier in the meeting.
- Jean Culliton shared a donation request for the Saugeen Student Start-Up Program.

MOTION to support the Saugeen Student Start-Up Program in the amount of \$500.00 - Jean Culliton, seconded by Patti Weiler, passed.

Elections:

Adam Ireland called for nominations to the Board of Directors for the 2025 calendar year.

MOTION to close nominations – Jim Gowland, seconded by Jean Culliton, passed.

Nominees that have agreed to stand for 2025: Nikk Wise, Patti Weiler, Jean Culliton, Emily Montag, Adam Ireland, Ann Marie Dietz, Peter Evans.

Other Business:

- No other business was presented.

Next Regular Meeting: Monday, April 7, 2025, 7:00am at Harley’s

Motion to Adjourn: Patti Weiler at 7:55 pm.