

Attending: Al Hasham, Dan Dagg, Moira Hauk, Christina Clarke, Rahim Khudabux, Carmen Charette, Catherine Holt, Lise Gyorkos, Paul van Koll, Ian Batey, Cheryl Wirch-Ryckman (staff).

Regrets: Pedro Marquez, John Wilson, Danielle Fullwood, Kris Wirk, Captain (Navy) Sam Sader

1. Agenda/Minutes

Motion to approve agenda as is.

Moved by Ian Batey

Seconded by Rahim Khudabux

Carried

Motion to approve minutes from previous board meeting.

Moved by Paul van Koll

Seconded by Al Hasham

Carried

2. Chair's Remarks

Summer was wonderful moment to recharge before we start a busy fall. Board election has a great slate of candidates and voting is doing well. 2020 Committee recruitment is ongoing, please take the time to invite Chamber members who you think would do well in those roles. Request to current committee chairs to confirm current committee members to ensure strong committees with appropriate skills matrix. Current and new Board members to provide feedback to the Nominating Committee on which committees they feel would best benefit from their skills.

Motion to appoint the Past Chair, Current Chair and Vice-Chair as the Nominating Committee.

Moved by Rahim Khudabux

Seconded by Carmen Charette

Carried

3. Finance & Audit Committee

The financials were presented to the Board. First eight months are on track or slightly better in areas due to a large number of successful events. Investment is doing well. Positive results at yearend are currently forecasted.

Motion to accept the financials as presented.

Moved by Paul van Koll

Seconded by Moira Hauk

Carried

4. CEO remarks

KPIs are on track for the year. Key goals, including Revenue, Member Services, Communication and Advocacy goals are strongly on track. Event attendance although strong, is not achieving the aggressive goals set. Good to see Langford, another strong and successful local municipality with a business focus, joining as a member of our regional Chamber. New Job Board to launch this fall. Staffing has been a leading issue for many of our members and this benefit is targeted at assisting in this issue. Review of Fall events. Great slate of speakers for business leader lunches this fall. Auction format has changed to provide a more dynamic environment. Federal Election Listening Session provided a good platform to present Federal issues/needs for the region by the City Partners to both the candidates and the public.

5. Committee Reports

Executive & Governance Committee

Review of competitive issues with a recent influx of business leader lunches in the region.

Motion to approve the appointment of Moira Hauk to Destination Greater Victoria for one year and Christine Willow to the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority for a full term.

Moved by Al Hasham

Seconded by Ian Batey

Carried

Public Policy and Advocacy Committee

Two excellent recent presentations. Neil Dobson, CleanBC shared with the committee the BC Government's provincial goal of a 40% reduction in emission by 2030. The province has identified the 107 locations that are big carbon emitters as the primary focus. To date

they have a strategy in place for reaching 75% of that goal and are now looking to small business and all other stakeholders for ideas on the remaining 25%. The Chamber’s message back was that businesses are looking for options from government that will assist them in funding these large and typically costly changes. Carol Hall, Victoria Foundation, discussed the impressive financial contribution that not-for-profit sector makes to our local economy. CFB Esquimalt to present in October.

Prodigy Committee is active and doing well. Mingles are fully booked for 2019 and People of Prodigy communications are being well-received. Newsletter read rates are trending up and the Mentorship program is going well. Next Saturday, Prodigy will be part of TP the Town event and needs volunteers. This year donations of feminine hygiene products are added to the mix.

Ambassador Committee is on track with new goals set for ambassadors and new goals set to have presentations from benefit partners in order to better assist them in helping members understand the many offerings of The Chamber.
Motion to accept the Policy, Prodigy & Ambassador Reports as presented.

Moved by Rahim Khudabux
Seconded by Lise Gyorkos
Carried

6. **Next Meeting** – Friday, Nov 29, 2019 – All day.

Motion to adjourn
Moved by Al Hasham
Seconded by Christina Clarke
Carried

Secretary

Chair

Date: _____