

October 4th 2021

DCIA Directors Meeting

Marina Building

Present: Lee McDonald, Bob Grover, Rick Bradley, Anne Steele-Giffin, Wendy VanEvery

Marcus White (by Phone)

Also present for part of the meeting Scott and Sandra Hartley (Managers)

Absent: John Bonwick

Meeting called to order at 9:15.

Approval of Agenda:

Wendy added the LSB request for a budget for 2021-22 from the DCIA.

Wendy moved to approve the agenda, Bob seconded. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes

Wendy read the minutes for the Sept 1st meeting.

Bob approved minutes, Anne seconded

Motion carried

September 15th minutes will be read at next meeting. John had filled in as secretary on the 15th and was not present at this meeting.

Treasurer Report

We have \$91,000 dollars in the treasury as of Sept 30 2021

A loan of \$60,000 has to be repaid, however if paid before December 31, 2022 it will return a rebate of \$20,000.

\$1,100 worth of donations was received by community members. Thank you very much for your community support.

Treasurer report approved by Anne, seconded by Rick.

Scott and Sandy

Scott and Sandy joined us for part of the meeting. They have been managing the marina and camp ground since the end of August. They gave us some thoughts and plans they had been working on for this business.

Glamping: As more people want to leave the city behind for the week or weekend and enjoy the outdoors more request are being made for places to stay that do not involve the cost of a trailer or tent. Many city dwellers would have no place to store these items or are unwilling to pay the cost of gear for a weekend and are willing to pay more to have a place ready to go to stay in. We have the space and the opportunity to set up two or three more permanent structures that could be rented. This would require some initial investment but would enlarge our base of customers.

Sandra has investigated a company called Camp Ground Reservations. This Canadian company is a reservation system that charges the user five dollars to make a reservation. Everything is paid through their site and the money is remitted every two weeks. Wendy and Bob are going to meet with Sandra and representatives from this company to see if it would work for us. It may help with the number of no-shows that we experienced this summer.

Sandra also showed us a satisfaction survey that we will be sending out to past campers and boater. We agreed that the best way to see the successes and problems is to ask the people who used the service. Hopefully there will be a large response and we can use this as one more tool to improve our business.

Scott showed us a map of the campground that allowed for places for the structures and some improvements to the camp sites themselves. He also had a plan for repair of the washrooms using the same footprint as before with handicap accessibility and a facelift.

Timber Valley a lumbering company fairly new to Meldrum Bay has offered to donate some split rail fencing to the campground to better define sites. Nick and James are happy to be part of the Meldrum Bay community.

It was decided that a date would be set aside for a meeting regarding only the campground/ marina. Date to be decided.

Marina Project

A meeting with Lee, Wendy, and John and Mr. Spencer was set for Oct 20th at seven o'clock.

We will be seeking an extension with Fed Nor. Because of Covid project was delayed.

Wendy explained steps of project and when funds go in and out.

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Tentative dates for meeting with Fed Nor November 1st, 2nd, and 5th.

Hall Application

Application to Trillium Foundation is in Thank you Wendy and Rick

The application includes:

Parging on the Outside

Exterior Siding

Updating Washrooms for Handicapped

Stairs and wheelchair ramp

Other**LSB and DCIA Budget**

As the LSB needs a budget in the very near future we will be working on that.

The funeral of Archie Cadden will be held on October 23rd. In honour of Archie and his contributions to the community the DCIS will be making a donation to the charity of the family's choice.

Next meeting date will be arranged at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.