

Doug Cuthbertson – Chair Northwoods	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative Jennifer Soderholm	P
Ed Gackley Flinthouse	P	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	P
Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P	Doug Judson – Town Councilor Town of Fort Frances	P
Pam Williams (Guest) 4 Your Pets	P	Jennifer Horton Curvey Chick	A
Scott Krinke-Turvey (Guest) Inkspotz	P		
Katie Trimble B93	P		
Pat Gartshore Gartch's International Pub	P		
Natalie Donaldson Bettys	P		
Sherri George Museum (Guest)			



1. Call to Order , Call for Conflict of Interest, Call for Agenda Additions

Doug Cuthbertson opened the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:10 am. The Agenda and minutes were circulated to the members for review. Members were asked for any agenda additions or conflicts of interest, none were noted. The board welcomed Katie to our meeting

2. Approval of Minutes

B.I.A Board of Management Meeting – 13 March 2019

Copies of the minutes from the 13 February 2019 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

Motion #1 Doug Judson/Pat Gartshore

TO accept the minutes presented of 13 February, 2019

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion #2 – Pat Gartshore/Ed Gackley

TO accept the total payable for March1 in the amount of \$1858.16

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

4. New Business

1. Doug J. explained the criteria for being a board member. At the present time you must be a property owner to be elected to the board.
2. Doug C. explained to the guests the function and purpose of the B.I.A.

5. Additions to Agenda

1. Sherri George from Museum

1. Explained exhibits that will be running. There will be three and possibly more.
2. Feel that they need to promote climate change big time. They are therefore running a contest “Looking for Original Artwork on Climate Change. Information available at the museum.
3. Talked about bike paths, one time plastic containers, etc.
4. Asked that a BIA member sit on their board.
5. Would like a list of businesses who open on weekends and their hours to give to visitors.
6. One of their displays is a travelling display titled “Echoes in the Ice”.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes

Finance and Administration Committee

1. No Report. They are working on it.

Promotions Committee

1. Jen & Katie will be having a meeting later this morning to discuss Mall Day.
2. Market Days will be Thursdays and Saturdays as per last year.

Maintenance Committee

1. Doug will be talking to Twila about planting our spring baskets.
2. Stars are staying up year round.

Chamber of Commerce

1. Expo is April 26 & 27th at the Curling Club
2. Cathy Emes is the new president of the Chamber.

New Committee

1. Meeting is scheduled for 15 April to set up summer events.

Social Media

1. Jen has been sharing a lot of posts and getting lots of likes.

8. New Business

1. Doug explained some of our by-laws. It was discussed having the term “property owner” removed from our by-laws.
- 2..Shoplifting – We now have a list of shoplifters who frequent our businesses that will be distributed to members.
3. Signs in town – many signs and billboards in town look terrible or are being covered by trees. How should we handle it? It needs to be governed properly.

Setting of Next Board Meeting

Motion # 4 Pat Gartshore

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – CARRIED

The next meeting date will be 10 April, 2019 at 8 a.m. at the RRFDC board office above the Credit Union on First Street East. This will be our AGM.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MEETINGS WILL NOW BE HELD ON THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 8:00 A.M. AT THE RRFDC BOARD ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED.

Meeting closed at 9:01 am.