

Richard Boileau -Chair McTaggart	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative Jennifer Soderholm	p
Ed Gackley Flinthouse	A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
Jennifer Horton Curvy Chick	A	John Albanese – Town Councillor Town of Fort Frances	p
Scott Krienke-Turvey Ink Spotz Apparel	P	Shelley Wepruk Secretary	P
Marie Therese Metke Pharmsave	P		
Doug Cuthbertson Northwoods	P		
Pat Gartshore Gartch's International Pub	P		
Kim Nicholson Emes Financial	P		



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

Richard Boileau opened the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 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.

2. Approval of Minutes

B.I.A ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 8 March 2017

Copies of the minutes from the 1Mach, 2017 Board of Management Meeting circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made:

Motion #1 Doug Cuthbertson/Pat Gartshore
TO accept the minutes presented of 1March 2017
Also to ratify all motions made on that date.
No against or abstentions
CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion #2. Kim Nicholson/Scott Krienke-Turvey
TO accept the total payable for March 2017 in the amount of \$794.39
No against or abstentions
CARRIED

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee

1. There has only been one change to the budget from last year, that being to change the description of Christmas decorations to Seasonal decorations. The figures in the budget look good.

Motion #3 Scott Krinke-Turvey/ Doug Cuthbertson

TO accept the budget presented of 8 March 2017

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

Promotions Committee

1. Social Media: It was presented to go on facebook to promote events and downtown. Jen will talk to Natalie and others re concept.
2. Advertising: It was presented that members would like to see ads before they go on air. Merchants feel that they are not being represented equally. Would like to make sure everyone is included.
3. OFFSA – Paint the town black & gold. Downtown merchants to participate in the event. Notice sent out encouraging everyone to participate.
4. Market Square – Now Rainy Lake Square. The square is definitely going ahead this year. More detailed drawings have been completed. It is taking shape and going ahead on schedule.
5. Boat Show & Shine has been cancelled for this and all future years.

Maintenance Committee

1. Baskets – No Report

OLD BUSINESS

1. Map – on hold
2. HOPC – nothing new
3. Calendar of Events – No Report
4. Back of Signs – no report
5. Market Square – The tug boat will NOT be placed in the square.
6. Sidewalk Cafes – nothing new

NEW BUSINESS

1. Easter Bunny Hunt: We will be participating in the event if held.

5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

Motion # 4 Scott Krinke-Turvey/Marie Therese Metke

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – CARRIED

The next meeting date will be 12 April, 2017 @ 8:00 a.m. at the BIA office.

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

Meeting closed at 8:45 am.