

Doug Anderson – Chair	Betty's	P	Chamber of Commerce Representative	P
Ted Debenetti – Co-Chair			Annely Armstrong	
A Buck or Two		A	RRFDC – Geoff Gillon	A
George Emes				
IPC Securities		P	John Albanese – Town Councilor	A
Richard Boileau			Town of Fort Frances	
McTaggart		P	Shelley Wepruk	P
			Secretary	
Marie Therese Metke		A	Jennifer Greenhalgh	P
Pharmsave				
Pat Gartshore		P		
Gartsh's				
Mike Tullio		P		
Nirvana Spa				



Guest: Blair Anderson – Betty's

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

Doug Anderson opened the meeting. The meeting to was called to order at 8:00 a.m. 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

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Copies of the minutes from the 13 March, 2013 Board of Management Meeting were circulated for review and approval. The following motion was made;

Motion #1 George Emes/Pat Gartshore

TO accept the minutes presented of the 13 March, 2013 Board of Management Meeting and the 2012 AGM as presented.

Also to ratify all motions made on that date.

No against or abstentions

CARRIED

3. Accounts Payable & Financial Report

Motion # 2 Richard Boileau/Jennifer Greenhalgh

To accept the total payables for April in the amount of \$1,267.00

No against or abstentions

All in agreement - CARRIED

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4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Finance and Administration Committee – George explained the past and present budget. There will not be a surplus this year, but will still retain a surplus of \$42,524.00 from past years.

Motion # 3 George Emes/Shelley Wepurk
To accept the 2013 budget as presented.
No against or abstentions
All in agreement - **CARRIED**

Anneley gave a report on Chamber of Commerce/BIA meetings. She presented a proposal regarding a Toronto based company setting up and producing a “Calendar of Events” that would be international and not restricted as to who could use it. There would be NO ownership. The one time fee for this is \$1,800.00.

Motion #3 Richard Boileau/Pat Gartshore
To contribute \$500.00 in total (including taxes) towards the Borderland Online Calander
No against or abstentions
ALL IN AGREEMENT – Carried

Promotions Committee – Market Thursdays went well last year but was not as large as hoped. The committee would like to bring the local farmers downtown for the market.

June 27 will be mall day this year. The committee suggested hosting an non-traditional mall that will include having local farmers set up and participate.

The committee will approach the Legion and Kiwanis regarding the July 1 parade to see if they would be interested in taking the project on this year.

Maintenance Committee – Darryl is to reshape the trees when trimming this year to make the tops fuller with less low hanging branches. It was also suggest that more trees should be planted along Scott Street. Birdhouses - should we or not? Discussion had regarding hosting a contest which would have Henry Miller construct the houses and kids decorate them.

There are now 15 businesses with planters in front of the stores versus 4 from previous years. There has been very positive feedback on keeping our sidewalks clean this winter.

Doug gave a report on last year’s downtown market, banners and planters.

The committee’s strategic plan is “Making downtown look beautiful”.

Pat reported that the mural on the Masonic Building gets lots of pictures taken in front of it.

NEW BUSINESS – There will be 2 seminars on customer service held. One on each side of the border.

Getting new Christmas decorations was discussed. The snowflakes are getting extremely ratty looking and a number of them are no longer working.

Anneley gave a talk about the ski weekend experience she had just come back from. This is a great area for cross country skiing and we should promote it as neighbouring areas do. Perhaps we could host a ski weekend.

The downtown is in the process of getting new street lights.

One of the ways in which Fort Frances could benefit would be to become an educational destination. How do we attack the problem as it is a political situation that needs to be solved.

Board agreed to reduce the number of board members necessary to form a quorum from 7 to 5.

Motion # 4 Pat Gartshore/Richard Boileau

To reduce the number of board members required for a quorum to 5.

No against or abstentions

All in agreement - CARRIED

5. Closing & Setting of Next Board Meeting

Motion # 5 Richard Boileau/Shelley Wepruk

To close the meeting

No against or abstentions

All in agreement – CARRIED

The next meeting date will be 8 May, @ 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 9:15 a.m.

