

**Baddeck Area Business & Tourism Association – Annual General Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 28th, 2024**

Welcome

Matt MacAulay called the Annual General Meeting to order at 3:10 pm at the Masonic Hall with 25 people in attendance.

Matt moved the 2024 agenda and AGM Minutes for 2023 be approved and Courtney Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President's Report

Matt MacAulay presented the Report which is attached. Matt moved the President's Report for 2024 be approved and Sheila Van Schaick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

VIC /Membership Report

Darlin Galand presented the Report which is attached. Matt moved the VIC and Membership Report for 2024 be approved and Eileen Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Misty MacDonald was unavailable to present so Matt MacAulay presented on her behalf. The report provided by Misty is attached. There was discussion about increased marketing revenue projection as well as the utilities costs. Matt moved the Treasurer's Report for 2024 be approved and **Sheila Van Schaick** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bylaw Amendments

An extraordinary resolution was proposed to amend 4 bylaws of the society (document attached). Discussion was had and clarified intensions of each amendments with minor adjustments in wording to 2. All 4 bylaw amendments were passed unanimously by the membership.

2024 Board Nominations

A call for nominations was put out to the membership and one new nomination was received in Christy MacRae-Ziss. There was interest from 4 current board members to remain for another year. Dan Coffin nominated Americo Pino from the floor and he accepted the nomination. Cathy Tower, nomination committee chair, moved that the 4 existing board would remain for another year (Matt MacAulay, Misty MacDonald, Cathy Tower, Eileen Montgomery) as well as adding Christy and Americo, the new nominations. **Brad MacDonald** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Panel Presentations

Highlighting a Best Practices Mission to Charlevoix Qc, Dan Coffin, Cathy Tower and Ryan Costello (by phone) spoke about their experience in a true 4 season focused destination.

Awards Presentation

For the second annual BABTA Business Awards to recognize outstanding businesses and people in our community. Presented by Misty MacDonald, 2023 winners are as follows:

Rising Star New Business Award – Village People Coffee (Nick and Americo Pino)

Community Spirit Award – James Nicholson and Sarah Doran

Customer Service Award – Susan Matheson of Bean There Café

Long Service Award – Angelo Spinazzola of North River Kayak Tours

Adjournment

There being no further business, Matt moved the BABTA AGM for 2024 be adjourned at 5:30 pm. Post meeting reception was held with snacks and cocktails.

Minutes Submitted By: Matthew MacAulay