

YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia
Board Meeting
January 21, 2015

Present

Elspeth McLean Wile
Ken Smith
John Wright
Beth Earle
Lawrence Garner
Alan McMullin
Brit Mathisen

Yvonne Smith – CEO
Jill Sutherland - CFO

Absent

Janice Tanner Ernst
Matt Naugler
Louis Tousignant

1) The Board gathered in the Dawson Room of the SSR Hospital. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM and welcomed all present with a special mention of those from the Fundy branch who had made the perilous journey.

2) It was moved by Beth, seconded by Alan and carried that the agenda be approved.

3) The minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on November 19, 2014 were presented by the chair who, having called for errors or omissions and finding none, declared them approved.

4) Business arising from the minutes:

(a) Yvonne reported on our relationship with the Yarmouth Y noting that much progress has been made. The staff is working on the strategic plan. The present agreement is up for renewal in March. Of concern had been financial sustainability but the year end results appeared stronger than in the past. The shared CEO arrangement which has been supported by a travel grant from YMCA Canada has been positive and the recent planning session went well. Our agreement runs until the end of March. The next step will be a push for a joint services committee.

(b) A draft memorandum of understanding between the Y and the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Centre was reviewed by the Board. After discussion it was moved by Beth, seconded by Al and carried that the Board approve this step in our relationship and authorized the Chair and CEO to sign on behalf of the Y.

(c) After discussion regarding the content and format of the minutes of our meetings it was agreed that beginning with the minutes of the January meeting minutes be publicly posted on the website and the notice board.

(d) Yvonne reported that the annual 'Strong Kids' fundraiser which will run from Feb. 15 to March 15 has been developed by Jonathan and will include pledge cards and an online auction.

5) Jill presented the financial statements for both Lunenburg County and Fundy branches. A motion to receive the statements was made by Lawrence, seconded by Ken and carried.

6) Yvonne presented her report regarding issues, concerns and updates since the last meeting of the Board.

7) Under 'other business' the chair invited the members to consider possible candidates to fill vacant positions on the Board and pass them along. The tentative date for the Annual General Meeting was set for April 15, 2015 at 6:00 pm at the Fundy branch.

8) The regular 'in camera session' followed.

9) A motion to adjourn was made by Al, seconded by Brit was made at 7:52 pm.