

YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia
Board Meeting
March 25, 2015

Present

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

Absent

Janice Tanner Ernst
Matt Naugler
Louis Tousignant
Jill Sutherland - CFO

Yvonne Smith – CEO

1) The Board gathered in the Board Room of the Lunenburg County Lifestyle Center. The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM and welcomed all present. Regrets were received from Louis, Janice and Matt.

2) It was moved by Beth, seconded by Ken and carried that the agenda be approved. Elspeth announced the resignation of Janice from the board citing a variety of issues related to the increased demands of child care and her work. It was moved by John, seconded by Al and carried that the board accept her resignation with regret and thanks for her exemplary service.

3) The minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on January 21, 2015 were presented by the chair who, having called for errors or omissions and finding none, declared them approved.

4) (a) Yvonne announced that Andrew Tanner and Kevin Benjamin had signed the Memorandum of Understanding between the YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia and the LCLC and explained that there was general agreement to expand the base of interested parties concerned with recreation, and wellness for the long term within the community. It was moved by Beth, seconded by Lawrence and carried that letters be sent to interested community leaders who share our common issues inviting their input in this process.

(b) After some discussion, the Board invited Alan and Ken to become a nominating committee and charged with the responsibility to propose the names of potential directors to fill current vacancies for the Board's consideration at our April meeting.

(c) The date for our Annual Meeting to be held at the Fundy campus has been set for Tuesday, May 6th at 6:00 PM.

(d) Yvonne laid several proposals before the Board regarding the distribution of capital contributions at Fundy. It was moved by Lawrence, seconded by Brit and carried that three items mentioned by Yvonne be purchased and that a draft proposal be made for consideration by the Board at its next meeting.

- 5) Yvonne presented the report of the CEO to the Board. Since much has happened since our last meeting in January there was much to be considered. She spoke of a possible short-term initiative regarding youth with a disability initiated by the Canadian Council on Rehabilitation and Work that will help strengthen our Youth Program. She outlined a possible Early Years centre in New Germany. The Board advised caution and asked to be informed of any progress. We also learned of Lawrence's presentation to the Annapolis Health Foundation which was considered a good first step. Yvonne also described a 'Y' program promoting the settlement of immigrants by workers in the Lunenburg, Fundy, and Yarmouth areas which has already received positive media coverage. As a result of Sharon's initiative, a budget has been set by the Cornwallis summer cadet program to purchase \$5,000 worth of day passes to the Fundy facility. Supervised custodial services can be managed with current staff at the Lunenburg County facility and plans for an extended cleaning contract at Fundy are in the works.
- 6) Under 'New Business' and in the absence of our CFO who was busy with an audit in Yarmouth, Yvonne presented the Budget for Fundy. It was moved by Beth, seconded by Lawrence and carried that the Fundy Budget be accepted as presented.
- 7) The regular 'in camera session' followed.
- 8) Upon a motion by Beth we stood adjourned