

**YMCA of Southwest Nova Scotia
Board Meeting
Community Room, L.C.L.C.**

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016

Present

Harland Wyand
Elspeth McLean-Wile
John Wright
Beth Earle
Jessica Vaszily
Ken Smith
Lawrence Garner
Tammy Wilson
Alan McMullin

Absent

Louis Tousignant
Brenda Peters

Yvonne Smith – CEO
Jill Sutherland – CFO

1. Elspeth called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. She then went on to introduce and welcome Tammy Wilson, a potential new member of the Board.
2. Upon a motion by Lawrence, seconded by Alan and carried, the agenda was approved.
3. The two members of the Nominating Committee, Ken and Alan, moved and seconded a motion that Tammy Wilson be elected to the Board. Having called for further nominations three times, the Chair declared the motion and the election approved.
4. The minutes of the meetings of the Board for July and September 2016 were then approved.
5. (a) Following a report of the Task Force on LCLC-YMCA, the Board directed the two staff members (Kevin Benjamin and Yvonne Smith) to discover and develop concrete ways of working together. The process of growing closer together will probably require the services of a consultant. Jim Jantzen (YMCA Southwestern Ontario) is well positioned and has agreed to help with the process. We also learned that the LCLC Board Members were most encouraging. We can expect certain fall out from the recent civic elections which will probably bring some new thinking from our new representatives.
Elspeth has met with Bill McInnes and will meet with Jim Jantzen in November.
- (b) Alan and Ken spoke about new member recruitment and mentioned that Meredith McLeod will be invited to attend a meeting of the Board before she receives an invitation to join.
- (c) Elspeth then led us in a discussion regarding Youth Engagement at the Board level. Jessica shared a number of thoughts from her own experience and mentioned various conversations with her friends and other Y members of her own generation. She has felt

welcome at our meetings and has offered to help with our planning. We agreed to continue with the Youth Engagement process and consider how best to move forward meeting by meeting. Ken mentioned his experience in finding a valuable perspective in developing the work of the Board.

6. (a) Jill presented a Financial Report and made mention of the 'Strong Kids' contribution. Revenue is down somewhat at Fundy and several suggestions were offered regarding cutting expenses and growing memberships. The staff were invited to bring an action plan to our next meeting.
 - (b) Yvonne presented her regular report and began with a discussion paper to solicit suggestions from the Board regarding ways to improve the mission values and vision plan. She then offered to circulate her notes by email with an invitation soliciting comments from the members.
 - (c) Capital Budget Guidelines and Parameters 2017. There are a number of initiatives regarding ways we can reinvest in ourselves – new equipment, painting etc. It was decided to postpone consideration of this item until our meeting in November.
7. (a) Ken presented a report on the visit he and Yvonne had made to the Y in Marystown on the Burin Peninsula in Newfoundland and Labrador. Both he and Yvonne felt it was a most beneficial experience and offered a plethora of ideas and ways in which we might move towards our own future. Elspeth thanked Ken for his report.
8. The Board then went 'in camera' for their regular session.
9. Upon a motion to adjourn from Lawrence the meeting ended.