

## **Annual General Meeting of Members, 28 March 2017**

*Present:* Loreto Doyle, Lisa Finney, Sean Tobin (guest presenter), Dennis Laffan, Jenessa MacInnis, Amy MacInnis, Sylvia Dove, Dan Dove, Yves Despois, Sarah Beck, Ton Megens, Yvonne Megens, Anne-Claude Pépin, Aaron Schneider, Ruth Schneider, Michée Lemieux, Paul Weinberg, Stephanie Schueler, Aven Murphy, Carmel Gallant, Barbara Longva, Rosemary McLean, Brenda Duchesne.

*Regrets:* Jay Rawlings, Jitka Zgola, Jamie Murphy, Tom Wilson, Patsy LeBlanc

### **Call to order**

Call to order by Chair Anne-Claude Pépin, 5:35 pm

#### **1. Approve minutes of the Annual General Meeting of March 28, 2017**

**Motion:** to approve the minutes of March 28, 2017 AGM (*moved:* Loreto Doyle; *seconded:* Ruth Schneider; *carried.*)

#### **2. Chair's Report (Anne-Claude Pépin)**

Chair's report presented by Anne-Claude; full text is appended to these minutes as Appendix I

**Motion:** to accept the report as presented (*moved:* Anne-Claude Pepin; *seconded:* Ruth Schneider; *carried.*)

#### **3. Financial Report (Paul Weinberg)**

Financial report presented by Paul Weinberg; full text is appended to these minutes as Appendix II

**Motion:** to approve the financial report (*moved:* Paul Weinberg; *seconded:* Loreto Doyle; *carried.*)

#### **4. Business arising: from the minutes of AGM 2017**

No business arising from AGM 2017

5. **New Business: Board Election**

Anne-Claude Pépin announced that all members of the SABDA 2017 board were retiring as of this AGM 2018 (Former committee: Loreto Doyle, Paul Weinberg, Anne-Claude Pépin, Yvonne Megens.)

Anne-Claude Pépin calls for volunteers to populate new board.

Volunteers and roles are as follow: Michée Lemieux (Chair), Jamie MacInnis (Absent; Volunteered as Co-Chair; communicated by Amy MacInnis), Jennessa MacInnis, Amy MacInnis, Sylvia Dove (Treasurer), Jay-Rawlins (Absent; Volunteered as Secretary; Communicated by Anne-Claude Pépin), Stephanie Schuller.

Motion: to vote that new board be voted in as a slate (*moved: Loreto Doyle; seconded: Ruth Schneider; carried.*)

*Votes to accept new board members all in favor (25), not in favor (0)*

*New Board Accepted.*

6. **Presentation:** (Anne-Claude Pépin- Timebank success to date)

7. Anne-Claude presented Timebank Success, Pasty LeBlanc (Absent) created presentation.

Sylvia Dove and partner Dan shared their positive Timebank experience with the group.

Aaron Schneider discussed his Timebank article (Victoria Standard), mentioned that Timebanks are common in New-Zealand and California. However, California shows many inactive Timebanks compared to New-Zealand.

8. **Presentation:** (Tom Wilson-update on Victorica County Tourism)

Tom Wilson Absent, presentation cancelled

9. **Presentation:** (Sean Tobin)

Sean Tobin, assistant of the Honorable Mark Eiking, presented SABDA with a grant of 24,500\$ to help continue the successful work brought about by the Timebank initiative.

## 10. Next Meeting

Tuesday 26 March 2019; location TBD

## 11. Meeting Adjourned (*moved*: Ruth Schneider; *seconded*: Paul Weinberg)

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## Appendix I: Chair's Report

In 2018, SABDA continues to focus its efforts following the four principle priorities that came out of our community survey and a community workshop facilitated by Ian MacNeil in 2016. Those priorities are:

- Revitalization of SABDA
- Supporting enterprise
- Infrastructure
- Needs of seniors, community networking systems; *e.g.*, transportation and services

### Revitalization of SABDA

We now announce all SABDA board meetings and invite members to attend. We've restructured the meeting schedule, reducing board meetings to 4 per year, including the AGM. So that members can put their full energy into projects of their interest, we've established a flexible committee system. Each committee works on its own, seeking board support or community support as needed, and reports to the board at scheduled board meetings. If any particular aspect of a project takes on more weight and requires more attention, another committee can form and draw support from the community at large.

Members at large are invited to present prospective projects at any board meeting. We currently have committees for the web site, political action, training, transportation, and the Time Bank. We have found this structure is more respectful of members' time and energy, and imparts a new vitality to the work. I am very exciting about this year executive board full

renewal. We have successfully recruited many great young leaders to continue to work on SABDA's priorities.

### **Supporting Enterprise**

There are several ways in which SABDA has contributed to the support of local enterprise this year. Loreto remained on the Cape Breton Partnership's Culture Sector Leadership Team, which last October unveiled our Cape Breton Culture Sector Strategy that will bring awareness, training, mentorship, and increased monetisation to the Sector, as well as grow a shareable database of people and organisations involved in the sector. Loreto is a member of the management team of the current Cabot Trail Facades Phase II programme, which is funding a large group of new participants in the programme, as well as some second-timers, all of whom must undertake projects worth at least \$10,000. This programme will generate about \$1 million in facade improvements, renewed Trail signage (particularly out on the 100-series highways), and 43 newly completed "viewscape" locations around the Trail. The team manages suppliers (sign-makers, designers, tree cutters, etc.), monitors adherence to the terms and conditions of the funding, as well as reviewing progress on approved facade contracts. The funding is largely underwritten by ACOA, with contributions from Victoria and Inverness counties. Business owners who have participated in other facade improvement programmes around the Island have reported increased business in the range of 15-25%, which they have attributed directly to their participation in the programmes. Loreto also served as a member of the County's Tourism Strategy Steering Committee and is currently the community liaison to the County's Tourism Department. SABDA also connects with the County's Economic Development Officer, Patrick Austin, and recently helped organise a very successful "business roundtable" event in the community with 27 attendees. Paul Weinberg represents SABDA on the *Cabot Trail Steering Committee*, a group focussed on tourism interests around the Trail.

The Web Site Committee has continued work on the [Shores of St Ann's](#) web site. Jay Rawding has been contracted to coordinate completion and maintenance of the web site and has done a fantastic job. All profit and non-profit organizations and businesses are profiled on the site, there are great resources for newcomers, residents and tourists alike. Including natural history and cultural history of the place written by local experts. The site is full of amazing pictures. We invite you to use and share the site.

In keeping with our objective to **address the needs of seniors** in the community, SABDA continued, and sponsors, *A Minute for Fitness*, a short exercise program conducted at the Health Centre's *Seniors' Lunches* that has been a great success.

In April 2017, SABDA was awarded a grant from the provincial Department of Seniors' *Age-Friendly Communities Grant* for the purpose of establishing a **Time Bank** in St Ann's Bay. A time bank is a system whereby members share their talents and services, record their contributed 'earned' hours, then 'spend' them later on services they want from other members. Everyone's hours are equal. There is no barter. These are friendly, neighbourly favours. It is a matter of reinforcing and restoring local community currency based on relationships. We've hired coordinator Patsy Leblanc who's done a great job at getting the program up and running under the guidance of the advisory committee. So far, we have 80 members and close to 400 hours exchanged.

This year has, unfortunately, also seen the resignations of Jitka Zgola, chair that resulted in Anne-Claude taking up the role of chair with remaining board executive Loreto, Paul and Yvonne. We are extremely pleased to see new folks getting involved.

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Appendix II: Financial Report

## SABDA AGM Financial Report as of March 5 2018

Opening balance 24 March 2017:	23731.25
Revenue	0.00
Net Revenue	0.00
<b>Expenditures</b>	
General administration	31.15
Operating expenses	53.94
2017 AGM expenses (rent, refreshments)	285
NS Dept of Labour "Workplace Education" Grant returned	5990
Community web site listings coordinator—Lisa	500
Community web site coordinator—Jay	3749.94
Community website hosting fees, honorarium	281.12
Time bank Coordinator Position	5633.34
Time Bank operating expenses	545.05
<b>Net Expenditures</b>	<b>17,099.14</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Bank	6,666.71
<b>Accounts Payable</b>	
<b>AGM 2018 expenses:</b>	
. Hall rental	60.00
. food	300.00
<b>Restricted Assets Allocation</b>	
To seniors' Minute for Fitness programme	112.48
To Time bank project (2017 Age Friendly Grant)	1254.04
To operating expenses	45.00
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<b>1411.52</b>
<b>Unrestricted Assets</b>	<b>4865.19</b>

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