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**MAHONE BAY CENTRE**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Monday, February 20, 2017 at 7 p.m.  
at the Mahone Bay Centre

**Present:**

Michael Saker (Chairman), Teresa Patterson, Veryan Haysom, Anne Harrison, Moira Devereaux, Ted Hobson, Bryan Palfryman, John Merchant, John Perry, Roxanne Lindsay

**Regrets:** Helen Steenburgh,

**Guest:** Paul Seltzer, Honourary Chairman  
Tina Hennigar, NOW Lunenburg County  
Lynn Hennigar, Citizen's Action Group

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Mahone by Centre Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05p.m. by Chairman, Michael Saker.

**2. MINUTES**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes**

**MOVED** by Moira Devereaux that the minutes of the meeting of January 16, 2017 be accepted as distributed. Seconded by John Merchant.

Carried

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

**3.1 NOW Lunenburg**

John Merchant introduced Lynn Hennigar and Tina Hennigar. Lynn represents the Citizen's Action Group and Tina represent NOW Lunenburg County.

Lynn Hennigar outlined that the action group obtained private funding for CFNS to hire Tina Hennigar for a 1 year term to create a project to promote Lunenburg county across Canada.

Tina Hennigar explained that with the funding provided they have purchased a Boler trailer which Tina and a companion will take across Canada this summer to promote the county in conjunction with Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

They also plan to hire a number of marketing students during this period.

The objective is to promote affordable housing in the county, community offerings such as the Mahone Bay Centre, Arts & Entertainment and all

other manner of features available. Community activities and amenities such as soccer, life in general and people will be the focus. .

The trip will take the trailer across Canada visiting areas where there may be a need for people to consider relocation; areas where there has been a downturn in their current economy. They will travel from here to Vancouver, taking approximately 33 days and sending the trailer back by shipping container.

Mike Saker thanked Tina and Lynn for attending and giving us a view of their plan.

## **3.2 HELPING HANDS PROJECT**

### **Mandate**

Mike Saker outlined the purpose of the paper produced by Veryan Haysom with regard to the Mandate of The Mahone Bay Centre in relation to the Helping Hands Project and the Sustainability of the project.

Veryan then explained that the mandate as it was written originally is very narrow and only pertains to the centre itself and projects that operate from within the centre.

Mahone Bay Centre is not a service organization except in a very broad sense.

There are 3 components of a service organization which include:

Raising Money for other groups - i.e. The United Way

Hands on service to communities – i.e. Lions Clubs

Direct assistance to specific groups – i.e. Immigrants

The Mahone Bay Centre does not fall into any of these categories, but offers rental space to other organizations and within the centre providing program for seniors and others.

The Helping Hands project was developed in 2010 as an outreach program for seniors who needed assistance in getting to medical appointments.

This project was developed long after the original mandate was written.

The mandate could be changed to reflect new projects and purpose and would require presentation to the society, and a special resolution at the AGM, and then sent to the registrar.

Much discussion took place regarding changes to the mandate. The wording of said changes would be composed and presented to the board for perusal.

Insurance ramifications were discussed and it is the general consensus that changes would need to be made to the policies to cover the new mandate.

## **Sustainability**

Ted Hobson explained that the program has become bigger than initially planned. The program has provided much needed assistance to seniors all over the county. Some smaller areas will be self sufficient in providing these services in the near future.

The funding is beginning to dry up in order to keep Leslie employed as the liaison to the communities and Helping Hands.

In order to sustain the project, additional volunteers and additional funding will be necessary.

Ted further noted that there are projects similar in Ontario who gain funding provincially through Action Plan who recognize the need and provide financial support for mileage

More discussion was held and several ideas were exchanged.

It was suggested that the advantages and disadvantages of each aspect of this project particularly the change in mandate be listed for further discussion and clarification.

The executive committee will meet again with Vervan Haysom regarding the changes to the mandate.

## **4. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Ted Hobson that the meeting be adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Seconded by Teresa Patterson

Carried

The next meeting will be held March 20, 2017.

## **OTHER NOTES**

Insurance coverage is limited for MBC Society

Models to review Seniors' Wheels in Bridgewater which is a separate organization

Looking at the possibility to tell other towns i.e. Lunenburg through the Health Care System perhaps, that they have a period of time to take over the program in their area. MBC could provide assistance in knowing how the program operates.