

Pictou Island Community Centre AGM Minutes- August 28, 2021

In attendance: Brenda Collins, Kay Langille, Jenn Langille, Ley Cheverie, Bonnie Rankin, Anne LeBlanc, Casey O'Shea, Ed George, John Ross, Dave Read, Ducky Thomson, Dee Thomson, Britney Perry, Chris Perry, AJ Law, Paula Law, Art Dewtie, Susan Forsyth, Anne Chaldecott, Joyce Halaaz, Skip Hamilton, TJ Stevenson, Sue?, Sheila Brand, Linda Schweitzer

Nancy brings the meeting to order. Bonnie moves to accept the agenda, Anna seconds, All in favour.

Nancy has some opening remarks, speaking about the past year and the difficulties due to Covid restrictions. She welcomes the new residents and landowners to the island and thanks them for coming to this meeting.

Nancy then asks for committee reports.

Lighthouse- John Ross, Chairman, says here has been no activity on the lighthouse this year, but that it remains in good shape. He resigns his position as chair and passes the job on to Ed George, who accepts.

Events-Susan Forsyth reports there were no events this year. The Auction was facilitated by Ashlynn Baird and the Park Picnic was self directed by those attending.

Cemetery- Due to Covid 19 restrictions there were no burials this summer. We'd like to thank Isaac for his continued and dedicated work on keeping both the Pioneer Cemetery and the Church Graveyard neat and tidy. We'd also like to thank Earlene for her work on cleaning the headstones at the Pioneer Cemetery.

Submitted by Anna LeBlanc

Garbage/Recycling- No report. Everything went well this year.

Park-Despite,or perhaps because of, the pandemic, the John MacCallum Memorial Park was a popular spot this year and was respectfully enjoyed by residents and visitors alike. Part of the attraction, of course, is how well tended the park appears. Many thanks to Ike MacDonald for his hard work in that regard and to Earlene Crawford for again providing the flowers by the cairn.

The (almost annual) park picnic was extremely well attended in 2021, so we look forward to hosting the third edition in August 2022. In terms of infrastructure, we also look forward to shoring up the cairn and refurbishing the changing hut, ideally as part of next year's work party. Respectfully submitted by Susan MacCallum-Whitcomb on behalf of the committee.

Read by Gretchen Maguire

Church- Nancy MacDonald reports that Colin Knock has been hired to paint the exterior windows. There are problems with two windows that need to be attended to and the committee will be looking for bids to paint the exterior next year. They are also considering new ways to fundraise next year, in case Covid restrictions still persist.

Dance Hall- No report. The south side was painted by Isaac MacDonald as part of his summer student maintenance job.

Welcoming Committee- No Report

Road-

Kay Langille speaks to the need for the Northside road to be upgraded to accommodate the new permanent residents on that road. Letters need to be written by individuals to the DOT and government representatives to support this issue. The rest of the road is in need to gravel as well. Indications are that this may be in the works for next summer.

Ferry-

The ferry committee is very pleased to welcome the long overdue arrival of a floating dock and ramp at the Pictou Island Wharf.

We have worked to arrange this purchase over the past several years, through letters and phone calls to all possible contributors...Dept of Transport, Small Crafts and Harbours, etc.

Out of frustration, we finally resorted to a letter campaign last winter to all our political representatives, Federal, Provincial and Municipal.

In relatively short order, we received word that the Provincial Dept. of Transportation would at last supply us with the solution we needed.

I guess we should have started with the politicians in the first place.

Our new dock and ramp give us a designated ferry berth and a safe and effective loading and unloading system. The design of the system will allow us to take it in and out, as necessary, with the equipment we have here on the Island.

The ferry contract is due to be renewed this coming November. We plan to arrange a meeting with John Majchrowicz, DOT manager of Marine Services, this fall to go over the ferry contract and make recommendations for possible changes.

We will ask for community input at the September PICA meeting.

Thank you-Gretchen Maguire, Committee Chairperson

Communications- No report

Student Jobs- No report

Financial Report - Submitted by treasurer Anne Chaldecott

Pictou Island Community Association
Income Statement May 31,2021

Revenue		
Food Auction	6,925.00	
Card Sales		475.00
Misc		323.37
Municipal grant		853.75
Interest -GIC	492.98	
Total Revenue		\$9,070.10

Expenses		
Insurance		\$1,242.00
Office, Bank chg , Fees	435.75	
Community Centre R&M	3,565.00	
Supplies & materials	586.99	
Labour		1,637.77
Donations & Gifts		200.00

Equipment R &M	287.20	
Total Expenses		(\$ 7,954.71)

TOTAL INCOME
\$1,115.39

Bank Balance June 1/20	\$29,261.67	
GIC Balance June 1/20	22,223.61	
Total Funds		\$51,485.28
Revenue		
1,115.39		

Bank Balance	\$29,884.08
TD GIC: June1,2019	
\$22,716.59	
Total Funds	
\$52,600.67	

TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS	\$51,485.28
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Election of Directors- As per our mandate, all current directors step down at this time.

Nancy calls for new directors to volunteer to serve for the next year. The following step forward and are accepted. Bonnie Rankin, Anna LeBlanc, John Ross, Anne Chaldecott, Brenda Collins, Kay Langille, Skip Hamilton, Nancy MacDonald

As there is no more business, Anna moves to adjourn the meeting, Brenda Seconds.

The next meeting is September 18, 2021 @ 4PM

The new directors choose the following members to serve on the executive.

Nancy MacDonald- President
Anna LeBlanc- Vice President
Brenda Collins- Secretary
Anne Chaldecott- Treasurer