

West Grey Chamber of Commerce
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

May 16, 2017

Garafraxa Café, Durham, Ontario

Attendees: Kevin and Michele Bossi - Garafraxa Café, Kathy and Rick Gambelin - Grey-Bruce Insurance, Jen Hodge - Jen's Gard Services, Roger Williamson - Roger Williamson Music Studio, Dan Pust - Dan Pust Law Offices, Tania MacArthur - Abbeyfield Durham, Kathie Brown- Abbeyfield Durham, Lee Rogister - SEDC, Neustadt, Rob Thompson - West Grey Council, Kevin Tremble - West Grey Chamber and BDO Canada, Lois Harris and Rob Wilson - Wordswork Communications, Nella and Tim Wells - The Bookstore, Carol Dyck - Village Creations, Bill Wilkinson - Wilkinson Mediation, Scott and Christine Robinson - Chriscott Farm Equestrian, Ruth Owler - The Post, Kevin Eccles - Mayor, West Grey, Jenn Morgan, Kimm Culkin - Youth Literacy, Doug Hutchinson - West Grey Council, Dick and Gale O'Brien - Uncle Richard's, Carol Lawrence - West Grey Council, Jack Lawrence - Jack Lawrence Agency, Dan Sullivan - Durham Fitness Centre, Mark Loeffler - At the Movies.

Nella Monaco-Wells started the meeting at 6:15 p.m. by welcoming all members. She thanked Michele and Kevin Bossi for hosting the AGM this year and for catering the dinner.

Carol Dyck moved to approve the agenda and Ruth Owler seconded. Carried.

Rob Thompson moved to approve the minutes of the last AGM and Carol Dyck seconded. Carried.

Lois Harris provided her 2016 Secretary's Report, highlighting the new map and business directory and thanking Nella for all her hard work on it. Nella moved to approve and Ruth seconded. Carried.

Nella spoke about board nominations, noting that Tania MacArthur has agreed to become Secretary to the Board. Nella asked if anyone was interested in the Vice-President's post - Bill Wilkinson said he would like to do it. The 2017 Board of the West Grey Chamber of Commerce is:

President - Nella Monaco-Wells
Vice-President - Bill Wilkinson
Secretary - Tania MacArthur
Treasurer - Kevin Tremble
Director - Lois Harris
Director - Ruth Owler

Director - Carol Dyck

Kevin Tremble delivered his Treasurer's Report for 2016. The Chamber is in good financial shape.

Nella Monaco-Wells presented Jennifer Morgan with the Grand Prize of the Chamber's Photo Contest. She received a framed enlargement of the winning photo, a gift basket and a \$50 gift certificate from FotoArt.

Dan Sullivan provided an update on the Rockwood Terrace Long-Term Care facility issue. He thanked the Chamber and especially Nella for helping with keeping the issue front and centre in the community.

He said the need for these beds is greater than ever in West Grey and that the decision on what to do with all the surrounding area's LTCs had not yet been made by the politicians. He urged people to come to the next Grey County Council meeting about this on May 25th. He said that if Rockwood closed, it would mean the loss of people who earn \$5.7 million in wages at the home.

Sullivan said that getting older people to the meetings has been a bit difficult, because school buses were rented.

Rob Thompson made a motion that the Chamber sponsor a bus to carry the disabled to the County meeting on May 25th. Lois Harris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Nella motioned the adjournment of the meeting at 7:53. Ruth seconded. Carried.