

BARNSTABLE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2016

PRESENT: Joe Amaral, Randy Aronson, Joe Brait, Wendy Brown, Joanne McCarthy,
Cyndy Ogden, Karen Schwalbe, Jay Zavala (present on Speaker Phone)
ABSENT: Jeff Forte, Jeanne Glennon, Russell Norton, Doris Weeks

President Joanne McCarthy opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m., and thanked those present for attending.

MANAGER'S UPDATE

- Wendy stated that a Beer Tent will be at the Fair. It has been cleared by the police, just need to fill out a permit. It shouldn't be an issue. We need to get tips certified people to work the tent.
- The credit card system has been changed to EMV. There will be better security but will be slower. The machines have to be upgraded and the IT rep. isn't sure if Windows 7 can be upgraded. Charge-It-Pro has been contacted, but there's a question if we can endure the expense. Would maybe wait until after July.
- The paving project will be going ahead and enable us to attach the road down by the arena.
- Clean up of the WIFI wires in the office has been done. Wiring is now in Mike's closet.
- The annual cost of our Employee Health insurance has been going up each year, so the coverage has been switched to Neighborhood Health from Harvard pilgrim. The plan is a better one and less expensive.

OLD BUSINESS

- We are still dealing with the 2012 lawsuit from a man who fell while attending the Pow Wow. Wendy and Mike will have to go to court in September, of which any Expenses will be picked up by the Wampanoag's insurance provider, Wells Fargo.

NEW BUSINESS

- The recent Balance Sheet was handed out and discussed. We are doing well financially. The Commercial money, which is our biggest income, is coming in well.
- A list of the Committee chairs was handed out. Only change was that Joyce Lindberg is stepping down as Chair of the Admin Cafe committee, but will stay on the committee. Susan Fitzpatrick will serve as the chairperson.
- Sale of Cell Tower -- Unison has offered \$350,000 to purchase the lease of the tower. Wendy will get references on Unison and will meet with our attorney regarding the details of the purchase.

Randy Aronson recommends we go ahead with the sale, as there has been little action since we've owned the lease. We would receive 1/2 of any future income generated after the sale.

Motion: After favorable discussion and recommendations from the Treasurer and GM, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by members present and voting to "Forward the Unison lease offer documents of March 4, 2016 to BCAS counsel with clarifying language for a timely review and recommendation."

- TD Bank Stock and Corporate Resolution

Randy proposed to sell the stock, for the second time. The first half was sold in 2008. Wendy read a letter from the original donor, Eleanor Megathlin, which indicated the amounts to be willed to the Society, which has no restrictions as to how it would be utilized. Joe made a motion to agree with Randy's suggestion to sell the stock, and motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

After a motion by Joe Amaral to adjourn, seconded by Karen Schwalbe, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted;
Cynthia Ogden
Secretary