

Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

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The Gardiner Chamber of Commerce serves our community through developing local tourism while endorsing stewardship of the Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Meeting date: **Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 12:00pm – 1:00pm**

Location: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce

Purpose: Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Agenda:

1. Chamber Business

1.1 Roll Call & Introductions

Trina Smith, Jeff Guengerich, Mike Keller, Kelly Burns, Mike Skelton, Edwin Johnson, Alex Roberts, Sarah Ondrus

1.2 Approval of Prior Month's Meeting Minutes

Mike Skelton made a motion to approve December's Minutes. Edwin Johnson seconded. Minutes approved without discussion.

2. Outstanding Business

20 min.

2.1 Park County Local Development & Park County Extension

Katie Weaver was present on behalf of the Park County Extension Office to discuss current and upcoming projects, including micro loans to Park County small businesses, rolling out business resource workshops. They intend to have Financial Aid Basics workshops starting as soon as February and are seeking input for valuable trainings to put on.

2.2 Discussion and Voting on Updates to the Chamber Policy & Procedures Manual

Petcoff provided a summary speaking to why the following needed to be updated to the Policies & Procedures.

WHEREFORE, the Policies and Procedures Manual of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce is approved by the affirming vote of the current members of the Board of Directors (quorum required) in attendance at the public meeting July 18, 2013. These Policies and Procedures are to become effective immediately and are to be considered binding in conjunction with the Mission statement, Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce. Any future revision of these policies and procedures, other than the creation/dissolution of committees and/or their contents; and the designation of duties for/between the Executive Director and the Secretary/Administrative Assistant must be approved by a majority ruling of the presiding Board of Directors at the Annual meeting in which the membership has been advised of

such proposed revisions no less than 2 weeks in advance by mass email to the membership and posted in the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce Community Newsletter for a minimum of two consecutive weeks immediately prior to the date of the meeting in which revisions are to be voted upon.

The following proposal will replace the current text (noted above) in the Policy and Procedures Manual upon the membership taking a vote.

The Policy and Procedures Manual of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce was first adopted by a majority affirmative vote of the presiding Board of Directors on July 18, 2013. It may be necessary to update or revise these policies and procedures from time to time to ensure they reflect the current operational needs of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce. Upon proper notice given, any revisions, when necessary, will be voted upon by the Board of Directors. These revisions will take effect upon a majority affirmative vote of the Board of Directors. The Policy and Procedures Manual is to be used in conjunction with, but does not supersede, the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution/By Laws and Mission Statement of the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce.

Mike Skelton made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Sarah Ondrus seconded. Changes were approved without discussion.

2.3 Discussion and Vote on Updates to Chamber Bylaws

Petcoff provided a summary of why the following updates were necessary and Guengerich also provided context to the proposed changes to the Chamber's Bylaws as Article 5, Section 8:

Upon election, each Director accepts and affirms their obligation to attend each regular or special meeting of the Board of Directors in person, or if circumstances warrant, to attend via teleconference or video conference. Two or more unexcused absences from these meetings, in any 12-month period, may result in the offending Director being removed from the Board via a Motion for Removal presented by a member of the Executive Committee, seconded, and confirmed by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Mike Keller made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Trina Smith seconded. Changes were approved without discussion.

3. Year in Review & Committee Business

25 min.

3.1 Year in Review

Presentation of 2020 highlights and 2021 projects – Terese Petcoff

Terese Petcoff reviewed and discussed the Annual Chamber and CVB Report for FY20. Full report is attached to these minutes. Petcoff went on to thank outgoing Board Members (Guengerich, Smith and Johnson) for their service and support.

3.2 Member Discussion and Projections

Jeff Guengerich opened the discussion to members participating in meeting to provide insight into what they expect for the upcoming summer season of 2021. The overwhelming consensus from lodging entities is that the summer reservation calendar is almost if not entirely already booked and suggests that we will see another prosperous season for Gardiner businesses.

Guengerich went on to speak to concerns for the lack of food and beverage options in Gardiner for the upcoming season. He informed the members that meetings have taken place that are seeking to find solutions to supplement the restaurant shortages in town and that details will be shared as plans evolve. Anna Holloway of Tumbleweed Bookstore & Café shared her feedback of what a difficult summer she had last year due to restaurant closures overlapping and the lack of staffing due to not having J1 hires. Members with dining businesses weighed in on discussion for what they expect for their operations and difficulties they face with limited capacity.

3.3 Nominating Committee

Candidates running for vacant Board Seats: Anna Holloway, Chelsea Deweese, Deborah Mackay, Amanda Haggerty, Sabina Strauss

Candidates running for Second Term: Mike Skelton

Holloway, Mackay, Haggerty, and Strauss introduced themselves to the membership and spoke to their interest in joining the Board, the value they would add and their background. Petcoff spoke on behalf of Deweese who was not present at the meeting. Skelton also provided a presentation for his candidacy to serve another term on the Board.

3.4 Vote Tally

Votes were gathered and recorded. Deweese, Mackay, Haggerty and Strauss were voted in to serve on the four vacant Board seats. Skelton was voted in for a second term as a Board Member.

4. Meeting Adjourned

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Purpose: First Meeting of the 2021 Board of Directors

1: Chamber Business

1.1 Roll Call

Mike Skelton, Sarah Ondrus, Kelly Burns, Alex Roberts, Mike Keller, Amanda Haggerty, Sabina Strauss, Deborah Mackey

Excused Absence: Chelsea Deweese

Executive Vote and Designation:

Mike Skelton was voted in as Board President. This position was formerly held by Jeff Guengerich (outgoing).

Sarah Ondrus was voted in as Board Vice President. This position was formerly held by Trina Smith (outgoing).

Mike Keller was reelected as Board Treasurer.

2. Public Comment

Mike Skelton thanks the membership for their support and for their involvement as members of the Chamber and community.

3. Meeting Adjourned

4. Date of Next Meeting: February 18, 2021 12pm – 1pm