MRCC Special Board Meeting March 3, 2022 1:00 PM Minutes by Judy Casad Zoom Meeting Attendees: Nadine Scott, Judy Casad, Paul Dage, Chris LaVoie, Melanie Brite

Meeting Called to order by Nadine at 1:05 pm

## 1. Discussion for funds to support McKenzie Music Event(s).

Update by Paul:

Proposed 2 events: one meet & greet in June in a house concert to invite the chamber & business community. Free dinner in evening in the effort to get to know each other.

2<sup>nd</sup> event possibly September 10<sup>th</sup> considering location to be the Red Barn in Vida to facilitate the event.

Does not need the chamber to help organize or run event

Would like funds to support their efforts, and still looking into insurance coverage.

Name change to McKenzie Rocks

## **Board discussion**

Nadine read Ken and Carol's comments and intentions for awarding funds.

Board agreed that Ken and Carol's votes were not pre-approved to be accepted in this manner.

## Comments for awarding funds:

All board members agree to support our membership and communities, show effort made by chamber to support members, assist where the chamber can in regard to liabilities, personal time dedication (highly limited), marketing and allocation of funds.

The Board supports providing funds and marketing assistance for the Music Event(s).

VOTE: Proposal: To provide \$2,500 to the Music Event(s) with the emphasis on revisiting additional funds in the future. Motion raised by Judy, Chirs seconds, all approved, no one opposed.

The Decision was based on allowing the additional \$2,500 to be available for other members some compensation to hold similar events at their venues. Venues that are further up river where the shoulder season event would create over-night stays. Due to the Fire and COVID, the chamber expects RTMP funds to drop in the near future. Therefore, holding onto RTMP funds to encourage overnight stays will help increase the Chamber's awarded budget in the future.

March 8 – Nadine, Judy & Jeff Malik meet with the President of the Springfield Chamber to explore potential paid assistance.

To promote increased tourism and overnight stays in the McKenzie River area. Generating income for McKenzie River businesses and strengthen the local economy.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

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