



Meeting Minutes of St. George Business Alliance (SGBA)
February 27, 2018
Craignair Inn

After introductions conducted by Vice President Jake Miller, in President Hall's absence, the following business and administrative matters were discussed:

Treasurer's Report: Accounts Total Balance: \$9,909.80

Visitor's Guide Update: Although sales of ads are going well, at this point we are behind last year's sales.

Membership: We have a number of new members including Harbor Road Veterinary Hospital, Rheel Day Spa, and Austin Payment Solution. Renewal of memberships is going well, including the online payment system. We have over 60 existing members still to renew.

Legal and Accounting Report: SGBA has retained Pamela Terry of Camden Law and accountant Mike Nickerson to assist us with our growing organization, including drafting new By-Laws and applying for IRS non-profit status under Section 501 (c)(6) Trade Organizations. We hope to have the new By-Laws by next membership meeting.

Board and Officers: Given our interim status between current and new By-Laws, the following officers were elected by the Board for a one year term: Hall, S (President), Miller (Vice President), and Hall, D (Interim Treasurer). **We are seeking a new Treasurer by June 2018.**

Scholarship Program: The Board announced that one \$1,000.00 scholarship to college, trade school, university will be awarded to a St. George student. Applications are currently available at Town Office and schools. One parent must be a full-time resident of St. George. Selection Committee consists of Julie Wortman, Michelle "Mike" Gee, and Josh McPhail.

Education: Board Member Rosemary Limmen attended the "ILead" classes given through JML. Classes on QuickBooks may be given in the future.

Events: Welcome Aboard Business Expo will be held on the last Saturday in April, the 28th, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. Applications are available for booths; questions to participants include whether they need WIFI, wall space. The Application is also available on-line. Deadline for submission of application is March 31, 2018. There are also \$50 grab-bag sponsorships are also available for this event on a first come first serve basis.

Community News: Tom Peaco, PB Bay Chamber of Commerce, reported that the Amtrak Downeaster will have three trial run weekends to Rockland from Brunswick in August

2018 to coincide with the Lobster Festival and the Boat Show and one other weekend.
David Grima offered Maine Labor Department's assistance to businesses in the county.

Speakers India McConochie of Green Bean Catering and Darci Chickering Morris, The Sugar Tree, spoke about the nature and growth of their respective food based businesses in St. George.

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, March 20, 2018: Town Office
Membership Meeting
Update from Rob Kelley of the St. George Community Development Corporation

Tuesday, April 24, 2018, Quarry Tavern at the East Wind Inn
Membership meeting and a panel of local business owners

Respectfully Submitted,
Wendy Carr, Board Member
St. George Resident

Approved 3.6.18