

**St. George Business Alliance  
MEMBER MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

Quarry Tavern, East Wind Inn, Tenants Harbor, ME

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**18 Meeting Attendees—Members:** Chris Austin (Austin Payment Solutions), Gayle Bedigian (Gayle Bedigian Creations), Jane Bracy (Boathouse Rental), Wendy Carr (Resident), Brendan Chase (Tenants Harbor Boatyard), Randy Deutch (East Wind Inn), Sandra Dickson, Paul Gaudette, Dennis Gurgul (By the Bay Jazz), Sandra Hall (Resident), Jo Ann Hoppe (Blueberry Moose), Alane Kennedy (St. George CDC), Jan & Rosemary Limmen (Blue Tulip), Zack Herrick, Hannah & Herbert Nelsbach (Studio Hannah), Betsy Welch (Dragon Communications).

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**Welcome**—President Sandra Hall called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm, welcomed attendees and invited everyone to introduce themselves.

No formal reports given. Sandra reminded attendees of upcoming summer dates:

Saturday, May 26	“SALES into the Season” summer kick-off shopping event.
Tuesday, June 19, 5:00 pm	After-Hours Social, Luke’s Lobster
Tuesday, July 17, 5:00 pm	After-Hours Social...Come Meet the Artists!
	<b>Port Clyde Art Gallery</b> (NOTE: Location changed 6/7/18)
Saturday, July 21	“St. George Days” Parade, Info Booth

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 5:25. Sandra introduced Board Member Brendan Chase to explain the “Speed Networking” program.

**“SPEED NETWORKING”**

For members who hadn’t attended last fall’s first “Speed Networking” program at the Black Harpoon, Brendan explained that it’s similar to the “Speed Dating” phenomenon—an excellent way to meet and network with new people in a very short period of time. Similar also to Musical Chairs, participants are seated across from one another at tables. Each seat/position is numbered. Each participant has one minute to tell his/her table partner about him or herself. At the sound of a buzzer or bell, everyone moves to the next highest numbered position and tells their story to a new table partner. The “game” ends when everyone has completed the circuit and spoken to every other participant in the room.

In just over a half hour, everyone had recited a personal, one-minute “ad” about him/herself or their SGBA business. Participants agreed they had enjoyed it, each learning something they hadn’t known before about some of the other members. Consensus seemed to be “Let’s do it again!”

Respectfully submitted,  
Rosemary Limmen, SGBA Board Member and Secretary  
May 28, 2018  
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