

ARCH -PEI AGM Notes August 17th, 2023

Present: Rose Ramsay, Elijah Moase (Summer Student), Jillian O'Halloran (Central Coastal Tourism), Shari MacDonald, Kellie Mulligan

President Shari MacDonald called the meeting to order at 9:12 am. and noted that quorum was not met, but the group would meet informally.

Summer Student Report -Elijah reviewed his summer student report outline activities completed to date.

President's Report -Shari noted that this past year had been a quiet one for the association, but she tried to circulate pertinent information to the halls throughout the year. Youth seem to be struggling with mental health and many three who worked over the pandemic were not able to complete their terms. ARCH has had a reduced board, and has not had regular annual meetings during the pandemic.

Minutes and Financial Statements - Minutes were circulated from the August 6, 2020 AGM, as well as financial statements from July 2020 – July 2023, showing a balance of \$1751.92.

Presentation by Kellie Mulligan, Rural and Regional Development.

Kellie noted that there was no future funding available for her programs this fiscal year, but it is likely the same programs would be available next year.

- Rural Growth Initiative:
 - Economic Growth Program: Strategic plans/Business plans
 - Community Capacity: Training for Volunteer Training
 - Inclusive Community Capacity:
 - Community Revitalization Program:
- Heat Pump Program: Provides up to \$20,000, no energy audit required, although recommended.
- Reception Center Resiliency Program: Generator, requires confirmation from EMO that you are a Reception Center. Funding from the hall cannot be in-kind, but can be obtained from other government organizations or other sources.
- Community Registry: Place for organization/community groups to have all their information available to be looked up.
- Youth On Board: Get high school students to become involved in the events of community organizations.
- Rural Community Council: A dozen people, advisory board for the government: Application on Engage PEI. Two openings coming up, including one for youth.
- Board Member Training: Training for members of boards of directors. \$100 + HST 8 weeks

Kellie was thanked for her informative presentation.

Jillian O'Halloran spoke about her organization, Central Coastal Tourism Partnership and what it does. They are focusing on increasing tourism in the winter.

Shari thanked those in attendance for their participation.