

<b>Board Meeting</b>		
<b>Thursday, February 9, 2017</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>	<b>Chamber Office – 404 Hwy 80 West</b>
Meeting Called to Order	Adam Wallace, President	
Type of meeting	Board of Directors Regular Meeting	
Facilitator	Adam Wallace	
Note taker	Susan Eiseman	
Attendees	Daniel Cloutier, Becca Iwanski, Maurice Jackson, Marty Jones, Steve Larson, Whitney Ray, James Sullivan, Veronica Voisine, Adam Wallace, Jabron Webster, Richard Weaver	
Excused	Steve Cannavaro, Marcus McBride	
Staff	Pam Southard, Kelly Rothwell, Kathy Smith, Susan Eiseman	
Guests		

**A. Confirm Quorum and call meeting to order**

**Adam Wallace:** I call the meeting to order at 12:02 PM and note that we have a few people out but confirm we have a quorum.

**Jabron Webster** offers a blessing.

**B. Approve Minutes from January 21, 2017 Retreat**

**Adam Wallace:** Do I have a **motion** to approve the January Minutes?

**Veronica Voisine:** I **motion** to approve the January Minutes. **Jabron Webster:** Second. **Adam Wallace:** **Motion** passed.

**C. Financials**

The Following Financials were presented:

**Financials**

**Profit and Loss – Tourism – December 2016 Third Draft**

**Profit and Loss – Chamber – December 2016 Third Draft**

**Statement of Financial Position – December 31, 2016 – Third Draft**

**Statement of Activities – December 2016 – Third Draft**

**Events Evaluation – 4th Quarter through December 31, 2016**

**Profit and Loss – Tourism – January 2017 First Draft**

**Profit and Loss – Chamber – January 2017 First Draft**

**Statement of Financial Position – January 31, 2017 – First Draft**

**Statement of Activities – January 2017 – First Draft**

**Advertising Report – January 2017**

**Adam Wallace:** Notes that **Marcus McBride** is out and asks **James Sullivan** to present Financials. **James Sullivan:** December has been approved, move to January 2107. **Adam Wallace:** I note that the category “Miscellaneous” is still there and should come off. **James Sullivan:** Any questions? Let’s look at P&L – Chamber, any questions? **Adam Wallace:** Let’s be sure to get these numbers out to the Board well before meetings so there is time for all to review. **James Sullivan:** Statement of Financial Position? Any Questions? Statement of Activities? Questions? Advertising Report? Questions? **Adam Wallace:** Is the rent \$1800 or \$2000. What does the contract say? **Pam:** The contract does say increase in March of 2017. It will stay at \$2000.00 for 2 more years. **Richard Weaver:** They wanted more, they wanted \$2500.00 but we brought it down and it will increase.

#### **D. New Business**

##### **1. Help with set up for Gala on Saturday**

**Pam Southard:** **Becca** has Ambassadors coming to help with moving items to Museum midafternoon. We may need trucks.

##### **2. Introduction of Daniel Cloutier / Molly MacPherson’s**

**Pam Southard:** Per the Board, we have a new AdHoc and I would like to be sure you have all met **Daniel Cloutier** of Molly MacPherson’s

#### **E. Old Business**

##### **1. Change in By-Laws**

**James Sullivan:** I want to address an issue created at the last election. We were going to discuss this at the Retreat but it was tabled.

**James:** I had suggested to Pam that she and I go to the city and request that they allow one or two board members that are outside the city limits serve on the board. A perfect example of this would be Memorial, whose address is Pooler, but they are actually located in Savannah City limits. We have obliged them with our board being made up of all from Pooler and they need to allow us some flexibility. It would mean changing the by-laws to live and or work in Pooler. That way we open the door for perhaps people from JCB or Gulfstream to serve on the board. Jim Gerard even feels like we are allowing the city to dictate to us who should serve on the board. **Richard:** Pam, are they banging the door down to serve on the board. **Pam:** No, not at this time. **Richard:** I think it is way too soon to ask the city to pull back on their original request of Pooler business only on the board. **Adam:** I feel the same way. We have come so far with the city and don’t want to take a step back. Perhaps we revisit this at the 2018 retreat and go to the city prior to the this later in the year. **James:** Please keep in mind that the membership at the annual meeting votes on the by-law changes, so if tabled until retreat, it would no go in effect until 2019. There was lengthy discussion on this but no vote taken. There was also discussion about the history and why the city requested this change. Adam said he would follow the majority even though he felt it too soon. General consensus of the board was that it was too soon. **Adam:** Table until further notice unless there is a good candidate. Then we will revisit. Adam: Asked for motion not proceed with asking the city for changes. Steve Larson seconded – motion passed.

##### **2. Code of Ethics**

**Pam Southard:** If you have not already done so, please fill out and return to **Susan**.

##### **3. Adding another AdHoc**

**Adam Wallace:** Adding another AdHoc was tabled since the Retreat. If we want, we can. Can I have a **motion**? **Veronica Voisine:** I **motion** to add another AdHoc. **Jabron Webster:** Second. **Steve Larson:** We have a good Board the way it is, with this group. One person can influence a decision. **James Sullivan:** We can make a decision to add another AdHoc, but will need to fix By-Laws. **Richard Weaver:** **Steve** has a good point, we should re-vote. **James Sullivan:** Can't re-vote, the **motion** is passed, but **Veronica Voisine** can rescind. **Adam Wallace:** Need **motion** to Vote to rescind. **Veronica Voisine:** Rescind. **Whitney Ray:** Second. **Adam Wallace:** **Motion** passed. **Veronica Voisine:** **Motion** to add another AdHoc. **Whitney Ray:** Second. **Steve Larson:** I like the Board the way it is. We had prior issues, like a disease, there were bad changes in the team, I say things are good now, stay on the wave. **Becca Iwanski:** Do we have anyone in mind? **Pam Southard:** Someone who is not in Pooler, so no, no one. **Veronica Voisine:** Reason for AdHoc... If there is a Board opening, someone is groomed and familiar, I think it is a good idea to have two. **Richard Weaver:** We all have the respect of each other, **Steve's** remarks are true. It may be too soon, like the other situation. Two good people left the Board because of shenanigans. **Steve Larson:** Team building is dynamic, we need to be able to express opinions, that makes it a great team. I understand the concept, but I like it as it is. **Adam Wallace:** Roll Call: Vote yes means add extra AdHoc, vote no means no additional AdHoc. Results: 4 votes yes, 3 votes no. **Motion** Passed

#### **F. Additional Discussions**

1. **Pam Southard:** Michelle Warner, Finance Officer for the City said "we at the City are so happy, the debt has been paid down to zero". Applause.
2. **Richard Weaver:** Question on procedures used in getting revenue numbers from the hotels? **Pam Southard:** I will ask Marybeth (Lindler). **Richard Weaver:** I am not in favor of this – it is not their business. **Pam Southard:** Well it puts us in an awkward position. **Adam Wallace:** Ask Marybeth. **Pam Southard:** I will and I will report back in March.
3. At Ambassadors Meeting it was asked about payment plans for members and Billboards (for smaller businesses) and we all think this is not a good idea. **Adam Wallace:** I need a **motion** to not accept payment plans. **Whitney Ray:** I **motion** not to accept payment plans. **Richard Weaver:** Second. **Adam Wallace:** **Motion** passed.

Adam Wallace: I need a **motion** to adjourn. Richard Weaver: **Motion** to adjourn. Marty Jones: Second. Adam Wallace: **Motion** passed, Meeting adjourned 1:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Susan Eiseman  
Office Coordinator

