



Board of Director's Meeting
1000 Islands Chamber of Commerce
April 15, 2026

ATTENDANCE	Ray Stedman, Kim Lackie, Dale Deane, Jennifer Baril, Katy Kench, Jay Westman, Debbi Morrison
ABSENT	Amber Scott, Trevor Walmsley
MINUTES	Emily Prout
CALL TO ORDER	10:40
DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS	NA
APPROVAL OF *previous meeting* MINUTES	Ray Stedman/Kim Lackie
ADMIN SECRETARY (Emily Prout)	Emily will be starting a blog series called Off the Beaten Path that features businesses of members that are not located on the main street. This will be both on socials and the website. A database has been created to try to capture a more clear picture of current members and invoicing. Many invoices have recently been sent out and we are happy to report that payments have been regularly coming in. This follows the shift to the April to April format.
PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Ray Stedman)	<p>Ray discussed the importance of the benefits package that is offered to members. Small businesses often are unable to offer staff benefits and this is a great tool for new memberships.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that Emily Prout has been hired as the Administrative Secretary.</p> <p>He also talked about the importance of the DMO, being designated as a Destination.</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Chamber is in continued efforts to pay down the debt. Revitalized efforts as a group will aid in 2026 being a better year in general.</p>

<p>GOVERNANCE (Dale Deane)</p>	<p>Dale provided a brief bio for new members and informed that he was stepping down however would continue to support and help with any governance or general issues. He has been happy to see some traction and growth, though stresses the importance of looking for more Board Members.</p> <p>He explained that in reviewing the revised annual business plan, it is evident that the Chamber is still in a rebuilding phase, with a focus on new memberships and new partnerships.</p> <p>It needs to be communicated to members that you don't have to be on the board to be involved. It doesn't have to be a large time commitment, but it will help the community at large.</p>
<p>EVENTS (Kim Lackie)</p>	<p>There was talk about possible continued assistance, but in an adjusted manner. She is sharing all templates and work with Ray and Emily.</p> <p>Jennifer added that August 22nd should be an excellent day for the community, as a big performance is getting booked and will drive much excitement to the area. Waterfront music is alive and thriving.</p> <p>The next event to focus on is the upcoming golf tournament. It was agreed that a lower price for sponsors could encourage more sponsors to sign on.</p> <p>It was agreed that giving back to the community has always been of importance to the Chamber and options are being reviewed for fundraising at events.</p>
<p>VOTING IN NEW MEMBERS</p>	<p>Ray Stedman/Kim Lackie</p> <p>New Directors: Katy Kench, Debbi Morrison, Jay Westman, Jennifer Baril</p>
<p>MEMBERS DEPARTING</p>	<p>Kim Lackie, Dale Deane, Amber Scott</p>
<p>OUTSTANDING BUSINESS</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>PARKING LOT</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>IN CAMERA</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>NEXT MEETING DATE & PLACE</p>	<p>May 20 5:30pm @ Laverne's Eatery</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING</p>	<p>11:25 Ray Stedman/Katy Kench</p>