Minutes of the Aldergrove Business Association Director's Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 6:00 pm
At Sharon Brown's house

Present:
Jodi Steeves, President
Sharon Brown, Vice-President
Jen Davies, Secretary/Treasurer
Vanessa Pike, Director
Bonnie Angelini, Director
Susan Glover, Temporary Director

Regrets:
Greg Davis, Director

1. **Agenda:** Moved by Vanessa and seconded by Sharon that the March 11, 2026 agenda be adopted as circulated.

2. **Previous Minutes:** Moved by Vanessa and seconded by Sharon that the minutes from the January 15, 2026 General Meeting be adopted as circulated.

3. **Correspondence:** Susan Glover has agreed to fill the vacancy on the Board left by Sherri Martin's resignation.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Jen updated the group with the ABA's financial position. There is $3337.27 in the ABA bank account. There are no new members since our last meeting. Jen read the list of members who have not yet renewed their membership dues. Reminder emails were sent again this morning.

Outstanding Business:

a. Shepherd Marketing social media videos – Shepherd Marketing took lots of videos at the Valentine's Mingler, but they haven't been posted to social media yet. Jodi will follow up with them and ask them if they can have the videos posted by Friday. Once we get these videos posted, we can make plans for getting more videos done.
b. Protocol for voting in directors – Jen will make a list of who's running and who's up for renewal. And then if there's anybody else that would like to run, they can put their name forward with an explanation why they feel they would be best suited for the job, and this needs to be received by April 15. Jen will email this to all our contacts. She will also include descriptions for the Director responsibilities. Members must be in good standing, with their membership paid no later than April 9 and must be present to be voted in. No proxies. Voting will take place by show of hands. All current board members are willing to stand for another term.

c. Protocol for running meetings – it was decided that we will continue to have Director's only meetings instead of General meetings.
d. Rules and bylaws of the ABA refresh - Discussion was had about length of time a director can stay on the Board. There are no restrictions in our bylaws at present, so we will add the following clause to our bylaws under Article 4.5 – The term of office of Directors will be two (2) years, commencing at the close of the Annual General Meeting at which such Director was elected. It was also agreed that we should revise Article 4.1 to say "The Society must have no fewer than 3 and no more than 7 directors." Discussion was also had about revising Article 3.13 – At a general meeting, voting will be by show of hands, or by voting card. We will give out red flags at the AGM to members in good standing, and they will use the flag to vote. We will also revise Article 2.6 – A person's membership in the Society is terminated if the person is not in good standing 2 weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. We will also revise Article 4.4 – A director appointed by the Board to fill a vacancy ceases to be a director at the next Annual General Meeting. We will also add Article 6.5 (f) – writing grants or appointing another person to write grants.
e. Member to member discount program – discuss at the AGM. Ask members if they want to keep this as an ABA benefit.
f. LinkedIn profile – we decided not to move forward with getting a LinkedIn profile.
g. Banners update – there was a communication breakdown at Christmas time and so Jen has negotiated with Cobra Electric to have 8 banners installed for free. Banners were chosen to replace the Christmas banners. Spring bees in median, then alternate Birds banner and Shop Local banner. Then just change the banners in the median each season. Jen will get these off to Cobra Electric for installation.

5. **Committee Reports:**
    a. Membership Report
    b. Event Report
        1. Valentine's Mingler event recap – held at Another World VR. Sunny Sharma donated bottles of bubbly and other bottles of alcohol for door prizes. Mucho Burrito donated the taco bar. Lucid Water donated the chocolate fondue. Members had a great time playing mini VR games.
        2. Kids 4 Kindness event recap – everything went great. The after party was inside the Elks hall, and the room was full of kids and their parent. Sunny Sharma donated $250 and Beem Credit Union donated $150 and so each child got 2 $5 bills and were encouraged to give $5 to another person. Panago donated pizza,

Hive Donut Hut donated free donate coupons, Fibromyalgia Thrift Store donated teddy bears, Sticky's Candy donated candy bags.

3. Easter Colouring Contest – colouring pages were delivered by Vanessa to various stores in Aldergrove. **Bonnie will make Easter baskets for the winners.**
4. Coaching networking events – May 21 & Nov. 19 – **Jodi will ask Otter Co-op to donate their space for the event.**
5. Networking & wine tasting – Sept. 14 – **Jodi will ask Otter Trail winery if we can host our event there.**
6. Small business mingler at Beem Credit Union – Oct. 16 – **Bonnie will find a financial speaker** and **Jen will ask Celene from Chops Consulting if she can speak at the event.**
7. Christmas Mingler – Dec. 3 – **Jen will ask Fox and Hounds if they can host again this year.**

6. New Business
    a. Group photo was taken to be posted on social media.

7. **Next Director's Meeting:** June 18 at Jodi's house, and then Oct. 8 (location TBD).
8. **Adjourn:** at 8:07pm. All in favour.