

**BRISTOL CORE
BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 8:30 AM**

Attendees: Ian, Aiden, Taylor, Meredith, Kelly, Lisa, Mike

I. Call to order: 8:30 AM

II. Scheduled Appointments

A. Mike & Debra Brown, Sodbusters – New England Tournament – It's been the largest horseshoe tournament in New England. The tournament been in Keene, NH for the 22 years. Bristol received the bid to host this year. The tournament has brought in \$50-80,000 in past years for amenities. Will be held in September. First time Vermont has hosted since 1992 in Bennington. Making adjustments to be able to have more courts. Sept 4th – Fun Night to get started with some festivities. Sept 5th- official start at 8 AM; Legion will host a BBQ. Sept 6th – Tournaments will continue. T-shirts will be made and likely incorporate the Tower design. CORE offers to make some Bristol Bucks available for the Silent Auction. Maybe CORE would like to sponsor a banner or perhaps a court? Every member should have a sanctioned card. Think about potential for a “welcome packet” with a map of downtown, village, and larger region. The Hub is offering space and some low-key programming with movies, outside games, and arts/crafts. Potential for exploring opportunity for “drinking bus” from Legion. Mike is looking for lodging options (Mike will email the existing list). 10 days before the tournament will have the entry numbers. Meredith suggests “Ringer Oil” idea for Bobcat or Hogback.

B. Lisa Winkler - potential board member – guest to explore interest in potentially joining CORE board. Lisa contacted Ian after looking for an opportunity as a way to be “useful”. Has worked in the area of grant writing and fundraising and has since joined Middlebury College. Wanting to learn about how to be most helpful. Lisa was on the North Street as a revitalization project. Lots of grassroots organizing to approach participation.

C. Maura Donnelly - potential board member - guest to explore interest in potentially joining CORE board. Maura moved to Bristol from Brooklyn in 2016 after developing a relationship to Bristol Co-Housing through Camp Common Ground. Parent of a BES student. Had a remote job so decided to open the shop to focus on general store for kids and families and felt that the collaborative nature of the downtown business community has been excellent. Would like to help keep that energy going.

III. New Items

A. Fundraising 2020

Review and approve letter for Ian to send; Kelly will add to draft letter – jazz up the intro and add board members.

B. Conflict of Interest Policy (tentative)

IV. Current Items

A. Financial Statement

Current profit and loss – Added the Worker’s Comp insurance. Reviewed this January 2020’s statement. Highlights include addition of the Co-Working Space lease, security deposit, and insurance.

B. Winter decorations

Arrange take down with Bristol Rec Dept. – Wed. afternoon on 2/19.

C. Coworking Space

Status update – CORE is renting with a 6-month open lease with five members currently. \$848 dollars. Some press coverage in the Addison Independent. Lease allows for 8 people. Looking for 3 more members. Ideally we’d have two or more dedicated desks. At the moment is not sustainable but hopeful we can recruit more people to sign up. Ian is tracking the usage calendar.

D. Lawrence Memorial Library Audio/Visual

Status update – Wiring is complete for speakers etc. Full system is now installed like watching in a movie theater. 10-11 per screening. Able to accommodate 20-25. HDMI is now available at the podium.

E. Town of Bristol – budgets are in and attendance is well at the Hub.

F. Board Roundtable Discussion – Develop a toolkit for event organizers and event participants. Explore Bristol App.

Next Meeting – March 3, 2020

V. Adjourn.