

ALBERNI VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, May 20, 2015

CHANCES RIMROCK GAMING CENTRE

MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: President Teresa Bird called the meeting to order at 6:40pm

MOTION: Jan/Kris: "To accept the Agenda as presented" CARRIED

MOTION: Jan/Neil: "To accept the minutes from the AGM of 2014" CARRIED

The attendees then provided a quick self-introduction where both Cheryl McLean and Joe Vanbergen commented on upcoming events.

Teresa then welcomed Sheena Falconer of West Coast Aquatic who provided the members with a PPT of the services offered by WCA. Sheena provided specific detail and numbers and also informed all of the status of the Interpretive Centre which will be semi-operational by later this summer and fully operational by early 2016.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Teresa thanked the board and the staff of the Chamber for two wonderful years as President of the Chamber. She expressed confidence in the progression made by the Chamber overall and commented that things are in very good order.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

- Bill showed a 40 slide PPT presentation featuring many of the new initiatives undertaken by the Chamber over the last 12 months. Highlights included the MVC, Adventure Map, 24 Days of Christmas, Tear-Off Map, Community Excellence Awards and 9 well-attended Dinner Meetings. Bill focussed his presentation on the need to always look for improvement leveraging the phrase "If it ain't broke – break it."

MOTION: Jan/Dewayne "To accept the President's and ED's Reports" CARRIED

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT:

- ACCOUNTANT Rob Anderson of Anderson Associates – new owners of Duncan Sabine Collyers, presented the chamber’s ENGAGEMENT REVIEW for 2014. Rob presented the basic summary figures for the membership indicating that while expenses were higher than revenues most of those were one-time in nature. He commented that cash-flows were strong and that overall the Chamber appears to be in good financial shape.

MOTION: Kris/Dewayne “To Accept the Review Engagement Report as presented” CARRIED

MOTION: Kris/Jan “To appoint Anderson Associates as the Chamber’s 2015 Accountants” CARRIED

RESOLUTION – Constitution and ByLaws: Teresa explained the rationale behind the Constitution review indicating that many aspects of it needed to be tweaked so that we could operate more efficiently. Specific highlights included the proposed reduction in the number of Directors so that Quorums would be easier to reach and the board table would be more manageable. She pointed out that all changes to the Constitution would not really take effect until 2016 due to the timing of the AGM being mid-year.

MOTION: Bob/Dewayne “To Accept the Resolution as presented” CARRIED

OUTGOING DIRECTORS Teresa acknowledged the hard work done by outgoing directors Kevin Wright, Jonathan Cross, Les Toth and Peter Wienold especially thanking the latter who has been with the Chamber for many years both as a Director and as the Executive Director. She then confirmed that Directors Mitchell, Malbon and Williams each have one year remaining on their terms and thus are moved to One- Year Directors. Teresa confirmed the appointments of John Bennie – SD70, Dennis Bill – Tseshaht FN, Jolleen Dick – Hupacasath FN, Doug Blake – CFAC, David McCormick – PAPA, Sharie Minions – City of Port Alberni and Jack McLeman – ACRD.

Teresa invited Neil Malbon up to conduct the elections

Neil confirmed that the Nominating Committee had recruited several new people to fill the vacant board positions.

Jan Lavertu was elected as President

Kris Patterson as 1st VP

Brad Minton as 2nd VP

Deb Haggard as Treasurer

Gordie Groves as Secretary

Teresa Bird – acclaimed as Past President

The above from the Executive Committee

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

- Neil Malbon, of the Committee charged with recruiting Directors, introduced the known names of those individuals prepared to run for election.

- 1 YEAR DIRECTORS POSITIONS: The following were elected to 1 year directors positions alongside Directors Williams, Mitchell and Malbon:
 - Bob Kanngiesser (Retired)
 - Heather Graydon (Heather's Balloons)

- 2 YEAR DIRECTORS POSITIONS: The following were elected to 2 year directors positions:
 - Sarah Jones (Walk the Coast)
 - Bill Brown (AV Employment)
 - Cindy Solda (Solda's Restaurant)
 - Dale Henderson (Coastal Community Credit Union)
 - Rebecca Palmer (Gayle's Fashions)

Mayor Mike Ruttan conducted the swearing in ceremony

MOTION: Kris Patterson TO ADJOURN

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, June 24th – Start of the Sunset Market 6:00pm – 9:00pm Victoria Quay

Wednesday, June 24th – Dinner Meeting 5:30pm – Boston Pizza with guests: Carrie Powell-Davidson – Liberal Party of Canada, George Hanson - VIEA