



Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
July 20th, 2011
Boomer's Restaurant

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm.

Present: Directors J Wyman, B Gommert, D Roddick, T Livingston, K Durand, J French, B Minish, P Sayeau, B Pakeman, B Morris, S Lockett, G Hasiuk, H Lawless, R Lawn.

Members: S. Portolani

Guests: S. Kelly, D. Malanka

A Quorum is established.

Pat Sayeau introduced Steve Portolani, who is the new Manager at the TD bank.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jen Wyman.

An update on the golf tournament was given, noting that Canadian Tire is the drop off for prizes for people who are donating, and that Brent and Bill have offered to make calls to get prizes. **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.**

Doug Malanka is assisting to try to have a musicians jam evening as a *Business After 5* event in September. Volunteers for that committee were asked for.

The website is being updated daily and our relationship with that service provider remains in good standing. A new email address needed to be established and has been. It has been distributed to all members.

The museum has been cleaned up and organized and is ready for us when we're ready to move in.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report

TREASURER'S REPORT: BILL PAKEMAN

A draft of the new budget format was circulated for approval and discussion. Suggestions were made to expand it, change some wording to include our investment, show an ongoing balance, and include this year's current expenditures regarding the secretary's position as a special line item. Moved by Robert Lawn and seconded by Jim French that this format be referred back to the Finance Committee for adjustment. Carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The actual agendas for the meeting arrived late. Moved by Jim French and seconded by Brenda Minish that the agenda be approved. Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

It was noted that the minutes of the May meeting were not approved in June. They will be presented for approval at the August meeting

Moved by Pat Sayeau, seconded by Bill Pakeman, that the minutes of the meeting, June 15, be approved. Carried.

Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Robert Lawn, that the minutes of the special director's meeting held June 25 be approved. Heather Lawless declared a conflict of interest and left; Bonnie Gommert requested that it be noted that she left the special meeting before the vote; Shaun Lockett requested that the directors who did not attend be listed as regrets or absent. The motion to approve the minutes was carried. Ken Durand requested that his opposition to the board's decision be recorded.

FOCUSING COMMITTEE

Pat Sayeau reported that the choice of logo is narrowed to two choices. The vote took place and the new logo appears on this document. This logo will now appear on all correspondence and the website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The following resignations were received:

Heather Lawless, Mike Baril and Ken Durand resign as directors, but remain members;

Vice President Don Rivoire resigned as director and as member.

Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Jim French that the resignations be accepted with regrets. Carried.

Moved by Bill Pakeman, seconded by Pat Sayeau, that the following applications for membership be approved:

Bill Bangma Construction

Darcy Primrose – The VOIP Highway

Dean Porter –Porter Agricultural Services

Doug Malanka –Adjudicator/Facilitator Services

Motion carried.

LIASON REPORTS

TOWN OF PRESCOTT –Robert Lawn

1. Council meetings are now once per month.
2. The Heritage Committee is now up and running
3. Terry Fox Day is being organized for September
4. Loyalist Days takes place August 18 to 21.
5. Habitat for Humanity will be building 2 semi-detached homes, and working with the students from the technical classes at South Grenville to accomplish this.

TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA – Doug Malanka

1. Seniors Housing development is planned for Maitland school property.
2. Official plan has been adopted with reservations.
3. Interviews are taking place for the CAO position
4. There are concerns re weeds in the ditches, and eliminating noxious weeds on private property.

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL

No report

GCFDC – Heather Lawless

GCFDC is sponsoring Shakespeare on July 22.

BIA – Beth Morris

1. The BIA has hired Chuck Street as manager and to coordinate events, promotion and marketing. Chuck will speak briefly at the next meeting.
2. Talent by the Tower will take place on Sat., July 30. This will include artists, crafts people and musicians.
3. In keeping with Loyalist Days, an event with an historic theme will be held on Sat., August 20. Residents are asked to bring their treasures for others to see.

TOURISM – Shaun Kelly

1. Moonlight movie nights at the Fort on an outdoor screen: August 6th – Jaws; August 19 – Pirates of the Carribean
2. Boaters have been given VIP cards to encourage them to shop in Prescott.
3. Ontario Tourism Region (OTR) 9 has been renamed as “The Great Waterway” and will be promoted as such.

CLOSING REMARKS – Jen Wyman

The resignees were thanked for their time and contributions to the chamber. And everyone else was thanked for their rise to the challenging tasks that have faced the chamber this year.

The nomination committee will be looking for a VP, and the RFP for secretary’s position will be going out soon.

Next month’s meeting is Aug. 17, noon at the Red George.

Moved by Brenda Minish, seconded by Jim French that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.