

Minutes
Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 29, 2009 @ 6:30
Norway Bay Golf Club

Board members present:

Dan Eagan	Elmside View Farms/DanNan Holsteins, Bristol
Jim Gibson	Pointe aux Pins Lodge, Rapides des Joachims
Mike Hodgins	148 Auto Tech, Clarendon
Todd Hoffman	Campbell's Bay Ciment, Litchfield
Luc Lapointe	Lucca Equestrian Centre, Clarendon
Ron MacKillop	MacKillop Financial Group, Thorne
Jean Claude Rivest	Jericom Inc., Campbell's Bay
Jim Thompson	Pine Lodge, Bristol

Non board members present:

Jenny Bousfield	Minutes recorder
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1. The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. The agenda was approved. Motioned by Luc Lapointe, seconded by Mike Hodgins.
3. The minutes of March 10, 2009 were approved. Motioned by Mike Hodgins, seconded by Dan Eagan.
4. Communications: Jim Thompson received a letter from the Shawville Fair seeking sponsorships. He moved that the Chamber do a booth at the Fair. Seconded by Mike Hodgins. Mike Hodgins motioned that the Chamber give a \$250 sponsor to the Fair. Seconded by Jim Gibson.
5. Committee Reports:

-Government Relations:

Federal: The March 30th two-minister information session with Lawrence Cannon and Denis Lebel has been postponed.

Provincial: On March 30th, Todd Hoffman and Tom Orr met with Charlotte L'Ecuyer and Norm McMillan and spoke about the fuel tax, environmental issues that concern businesses, and transport issues. Mr. McMillan was supportive of the fuel tax issue. Charlotte L'Ecuyer is setting up a meeting in Québec City on May 26th with the Finance Department and the Ministry of Environment.

Regional: General Council Meeting for MRCs : Elected warden – a by-law will not be passed.

Vision 2020 Workshops: there is to be another workshop next week which Jim Thompson will attend.

CLD – Jim Thompson sat in the Chamber's CLD seat.

-Transportation: **The Chamber of Commerce strongly urges the ministries to allocate emergency funding for the repair of roads giving access to non-organized territories.** Motioned by Jim Thompson, seconded by Luc Lapointe.

-Membership: The mail out is basically ready to go out and will be sent no later than May 8th.

Ron MacKillop reported on the Eastern Ontario (Western Québec) managers meeting which he and Luc Lapointe attended.

-Finance: Mike Hodgins provided a report. The balance as of April 29, 2009 is \$5,329.03, and outstanding invoices total \$383.68. Motion to pay outstanding bills, motioned by Mike Hodgins, seconded by Jim Thompson.

-Human Resources: A job description was created by this committee and presented to the board. A discussion followed.

-Strategic Plan: The strategic plan will be presented to members at the AGM.

-Fundraising: It was decided that the committee needs to come up with an event calendar for the AGM and ask for volunteers there.

6. New Business:

-Board Elections/Nominations: Jim Thompson is making a list of board members who would like to remain on the board.

-Annual General Meeting – Wednesday, May 20th @ 6:30 p.m. Club D'Age D'Or, Fort Coulonge: Motion to budget \$1,000 for the AGM, motioned by Mike Hodgins, seconded by Jean Claude Rivest.

-Other:

- a) Jean Claude Rivest brought up the idea of conferencing meetings.
- b) Ron MacKillop suggested getting PayPal set up for the Chamber.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Motioned by Mike Hodgins.