

The Annual General Meeting of the Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce was held on Thursday, November 6th, 2014 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church Hall, Blairmore.

PRESENT:

INTERIM PRESIDENT:	Tyler Hope
VICE PRESIDENT:	Absent
TREASURER:	Dawn Rigby
SECRETARY:	Kathy Gilmour
DIRECTORS:	Brian Gallant
ABSENT:	Janis Entem

CALL TO ORDER

T. Hope called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

T. Hope introduced agenda and called for any additions. No additions. MJ Myden motioned to approve the Agenda as presented. L. Toombs seconded. All in Favour. CARRIED

ADOPTION OF AGM MINUTES

MJ Myden motioned approval and adoption of AGM minutes of Thursday, November 7th, 2013 which was seconded by G. Farstad. All in favour. CARRIED

PRESIDENT'S REVIEW OF CHAMBER ACTIVITIES FOR 2014

Interim President T. Hope provided an overview of the past year. He noted it was a year of change for the Chamber Board of Directors, but many things were accomplished. The completed Strategic Plan of the Chamber of Commerce was distributed to the membership in 2014 and will be reviewed annually to ensure the initiatives and events are on track.

The annual events, including Christmas in the Mountains, the Business Christmas Party, and the Lifestyle and Outdoor Adventure Trade Show have established an impressive following with local and regional business participation. This year, we added the Crowsnest Pass Visitor Guide which was instantly popular locally and regionally. 10,000 copies were distributed, with very positive feedback and will also be generated on an annual basis, building it going forward. The Chamber continues to administer the contract for the Visitor Information Centre near the BC border. There were nine Chamber Luncheons and two Chamber Breakfasts in the past year. Overall a good year for the Chamber.

President Hope acknowledged each of the Directors on the Board for 2013/2014 year – Patrick Sager, Janis Entem, Dawn Rigby, Kathy Gilmour, Lisa Lockhart and Chris Hopkyns for their time and commitment to the Chamber and its Members. He stressed the countless volunteer hours that are willingly provided to assist with all the Chamber activities and voiced his appreciation to all of the Board of Directors.

TREASURER FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2014

D. Rigby presented the Treasurer's Report, beginning with a thank you to the Audit Committee. Timing in the invoicing and receipt of contract funds for the Visitor Centre, resulted in a net deficit for the year. The last contract disbursement for the season coming after our Fiscal Year End. As a result there will not be an addition to reserves this year, but we have not required any depletion of reserves, either. She noted that the revenue from the new Visitor's Guide may seem low but that is net revenue to the Chamber, as the layout, design and printing of the Guide was outsourced.

Treasurer Rigby requested a motion to accept the Financial Statements as presented.

Lowry Toombs motioned the approval and acceptance of the 2014 Financial Statements which was seconded by Rick Breakenridge. CARRIED

TREASURER OVERVIEW OF 2014/2015 BUDGET FINANCIAL REPORT

D. Rigby presented the Budget forecast Financial Report for 2015, stating that adjustments to sponsored events have been made in order to improve the events to each be revenue neutral or show a net revenue benefit.

Rae Steil motioned the approval and acceptance of the 2015 Budget forecast Financial Report which was seconded by Rick Breakenridge. CARRIED

QUESTIONS TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Was there an increase in Chamber Membership? No, some new but some retired/left so the net is approximately the same as last year.

Could the Chamber look into providing new Member packages to the Municipality to accompany Business Licensing? Consensus to investigate this possibility.

BUSINESS AWARDS WINNERS

OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE
Allied True Hardware

NEW BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
Crowsnest Coffee Company

OVERALL BUSINESS OF THE YEAR
SpringBreak Flower Farm

COMMUNITY SPIRIT AWARD
Mary Jane Myden

ELECTIONS

Call for additional nominations from the floor. No nominations added. Susan Wagner moved nominations cease and Rick Breakenridge seconded. All in favour. CARRIED

ELECTION RESULTS

New Directors by acclamation for 2015 (in random order): Sarah-Dash Arbuckle/The Health Hub, Gary Farstad/Kanata by BCMInns, Tim May/The Rum Runner, Dawn Rigby/Country Encounters. Congratulations to our new Directors.

ADJOURN

Sacha Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

These minutes were presented for approval by the Crowsnest Pass Chamber of Commerce on 5th, November, 2015.

Director: