



LAC LA BICHE & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Annual General Meeting

Date: October 9th 2014

Place: Ramada Inn & Suites Boardroom

Present:

Al Harpe	Mo Al-Bekai
Ron Briscoe	Gail Broadbent
Reuel Thomas	Gene Wesley
Rik Nikonuik	Stephen Evans
Alex Broadbent	Brian Stratichuk
Guy Gauthier	Peter Caton
Donna Gauthier	Parin Ladhani
Alex Fuller	Jaclyn Denman
Walter Ryl	John Nowak
Rick Skyrpan	Rick Flumian
Kal Polturak	Emily Briscoe
Charlyn Moore	Annette Theron

Meeting called to order 19:00pm by Reuel Thomas.

1. Welcome to and Introduction of members.
2. Review and approval of 2014/2015 agenda
 - Motion to approve by Stephen Evans. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Review and approval of 2013/2014 minutes
 - Motion to approve by Mo Al-Bekai. Motion carried unanimously.
4. President's Report – Mr. Reuel Thomas (19:05pm)
 - Full report presented by Mr. Thomas, and Ms. Theron to make report available on Chamber website.
 - Motion to approve by Brian Stratichuk. Motion carried unanimously.





5. Manager Report – Ms. Annette Theron
 - Motion to approve by Gail Broadbent. Motion carried unanimously.

6. Financial Report – Mr. Walter Ryl (19:20pm)
 - Draft statements presented to members; report not showing full County grant, other half of grant will only be received later based on report submitted to County.
 - Floor opened for questions. High advertising costs questioned. Contract with Big Dog 103.5 explained. Queries regarding similar deals for Lac La Biche Post.
 - Need to be more strategic and to ensure payment before proceeding with event/contracts.
 - Motion to accept amended draft by Kal Polturak. Motion carried.

7. Election of 2014/2015 President (19:40pm)
 - Reuel Thomas to step down.
 - Ron Briscoe stepped forward as candidate. Motion to accept by Charlyn Moore. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Election of 2014/2015 Vice President
 - Charlyn Moore to step down.
 - Dr. Mo Al-Bekai stepped forward. Motion to accept by Al Harpe. Motion carried unanimously.

9. Election of 2014/2015 Board of Directors
 - Gene Wesley and Katrina Mamela stepping down.
 - Al Harpe stepped forward as candidate.
 - Rick S kyrpan, Gail Broadbent Walter Ryl, and Charlyn Moore to stay on as Directors. John Nowak to remain as County representative.
 - Reuel Thomas to remain on as Past President (as set out in Chamber bylaws).

10. General business (19:50pm)
 - Bylaws amendments presented at previous AGM by Maurice Brousseau. Motion to approve amendments by Brian Stratichuk. Motion carried.
 - Floor opened for feedback and questions.
 - Downtown revitalization strategy: recognised as key driver to engage, however it is not the only or main focus of the Chamber.
 - Need recognised to promote membership benefits more, and to grow membership benefits. Chamber to gradually utilize website more to engage and promote membership benefits.





- Possibility of electronic billboard; still need research but possibility for more advertising and VIC awareness. Entry point to discuss signage bylaws with County, and to find ways to improve town image, pride and development.
- Reuel Thomas thanked for his service over past few years, and new directors welcomed. Members encouraged to provide feedback and opinions to Directors.

11. Motion to adjourn by Rick Skyrpan. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned 20:20pm.

