

Manitoulin Chamber of Commerce
Meeting Minutes
Monday September 15th, 2008
9:30 am

Regular Board Meeting

Facilitator: Tom Charbonneau - Coordinator

Call to Order: President Legge at 9:50am

Roll Call: Directors; Owen Legge, Marg Jones, Claude Proulx, Karyn Chandler, Ray Desmarais. Staff: Tom Charbonneau and Audrey Elliott and Guests John Foster of LAMBAC

Motion 15-10-08-01 to accept minutes of June 16th, 2008 Regular Board Meeting made by Marg Jones and Seconded by Ray Desmarais. Motion Carried.

Executive Reports:

1. President. President Legge reported that the President of the North Channel Marine Tourism Council had approached him about working together for the common good. Owen informed the board that there was another company interested in providing flight services to Manitoulin Island
2. Vice President. No Report
3. Secretary. No report
4. Treasurer/Bookkeeper. No report
5. Coordinator. Membership renewal and applications have been sent out via email and Canada Post and are being returned to the office. Visits are being made to local businesses to recruit new members and to help businesses use the page that has been set up for them on the Chamber website.

Committee Reports

1. Branding Associate Committee. Tabled until meeting of October 20th, 2008
2. Marketing and Promotion. No Report
3. Public Relations. No report
4. Administration. No report
5. Research and Development. No report.
6. Ambassador Program. Audrey Elliot reported that either she or a Student Ambassador were on the Ferry 6 to 7 days per week during the summer months. The Ferry terminal was staffed 5 days a week. She is presently trying to enter about 1200 surveys and prepare reports of the summer's activities.

Business:

1. Local Business Development (Claude Proulx)
2. AGM-Dinner-Tickets. Ticket sales locations were provided to the board and this event is being promoted on local radio stations and on the Chamber Website.
3. AGM and Directors/Election for next term. Pending approval of the Bylaw change to go from 16 members on the board to 12 members 6 members of the board will have to be selected. If the Change is not approved we will need 10 members will have to be selected for the board.
4. AGM Silent Auction Volunteers. Coordinator asked for volunteers to approach local businesses to donate items for the Silent Auction with proceeds of this auction to go towards the chamber operating expenses.
5. AGM Agenda. Coordinator indicated that the agenda for the AGM was being completed and would be circulated if possible and he invited agenda items to be suggested.

6. MCC/Branding Sponsorship of Food Network on September 27th, 2008. In general discussion the Chamber and Branding Associate Committee would consider supporting this event with donations pending the receipt of the proper documentation from the proper authorities of the Food Network.

Correspondence: Review of items by Coordinator. Items made available to the Directors should wish to obtain further details.

New Business:

1. Letter requested from Chamber by Township of Central Manitoulin and Seniors Complex re: funding from NOHFC. **Motion 15-10-08-02** was made by Claude Proulx and Seconded by Marg Jones that the Chamber sends a letter to the Township of Central Manitoulin indicating the Chamber support of the proposed Seniors Complex to be constructed in Mindemoya. Motion Carried.
2. Merger of Organizations with the MCC. General discussion of working with other organizations to create a common entity was discussed and would be considered as opportunities presented themselves.

In Camera Items: If required.

Next Meeting: Next Regular Board Meeting October 20th, 2008.

Adjournment at 11:30am