Minutes of May 19/2011

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 09:10

PRESENT: Derek Lindsay, Mike Ocko, Ali Mirza, Joe Lavoie, Abdullah Ekbekai, John Richie, Lee

Smallwood, Dave Kaufman

Executive Assistant Shayna Villebrun

ABSENT: Cliff Stringer

1. MOTION: to approve the Agenda, Moved by John

Seconded by Mike

MOTION ADDOPTED

2. Introduction of new members

3. MOTION: to approve 2010 AGM Minutes, Moved by Mike

Seconded by Joe

MOTION ADDOPTED

4. President's report by Lee Smallwood

5. Treasurer's report by Lee Smallwood

MOTION: to approve both reports as presented

Moved by John Seconded by Mike

MOTION ADDOPTED

General discussion of AGM and Gala Event from both the President's and the Treasurer's report, including finances raised and donations to local groups took place. Out of that discussion was the idea to increase the donation to the three groups.

MOTION: to increase the donations to the Homeless Shelter, the Transition House, and the Youth Centre to \$1000.00 each.

Moved by Joe

Seconded by Dave

MOTION ADDOPTED

OLD BUSSINESS

1. Fibre Optic Link

Discussion took place to support Norman Wells Chamber, in their motion to support a Fibre Optic line connecting Inuvik along the Mackenzie River to the south. The benefits of such a line to the south seem to be many fold, not only to Inuvik and the delta but to the communities south of us. Employment, technology, and access are only some of the benefits.

MOTION: to co sponsor a motion to the Canadian Chamber of Commerce with the Norman Wells Chamber of Commerce, to support a Fibre Optic link from Inuvik down the Mackenzie Valley.

Moved by Derek Seconded by Ali

MOTION ADDOPTED

- 2. Bills from AGM and Gala were discussed during Treasurer's Report and appropriate checks will be sent out to clear these off.
- 3. President informed all present that the 2010/2011 year end filing with the proper bodies has been competed.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion held re a mandate for our future and our goals was undertaken and will be continued.
- 2. We will work with the Legion to host an event on the 13th. This is in conjunction with the Petroleum Show.
- 3. We feel that it is too soon to do a booth at the Petroleum Show this year.
- 4. Growing the chamber is important and it is hoped that new member can be attracted to the organization. Each Director will try to bring in 5 new businesses.
- 5. Packages were delivered to all present regarding the responsibilities of being a board member and running a Chamber of Commerce.
- 6. Discussion was held on how to get the best response from the media and other opportunities to increase the public's awareness of the Chamber.
- 7. Presentation to the three local charitable organizations, of the donations was divided up to different Directors.
- 8. An idea was presented by Lee that we should look at doing more public events to keep the Chamber visible in the community.
- 9. Disability Awareness Luncheon was discussed and decided that we should try to attend.
- 10. Open discussion from all present on various topics and their importance to the Chamber along with ideas for future meetings were held.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:45