



BRIGHTON & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Minutes

Directors Meeting – Monday November 22nd, 2010, 6:00 P.M.

End of the Thread Café

Present: Don Parks, Gina Cowan, Emily Rowley, Steve Cooper, Steve White, George Kamphorst, Catherine Stutt

Regrets: Mary Robertson, John Ostapuk, Chris Grouchy

Absent: Ken Prue

1) Call to Order: 6:04pm

2) Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Catherine Stutt
Seconded by: George Kamphorst
Carried: Unanimously

3) Approval of Minutes October 26th, 2010 – See Attached

Moved by: Catherine Stutt
Seconded by: Emily Rowley
Carried: Unanimously

4) Business arising from Minutes

a) Insurance Protection – Mary Robertson

- Not Available

b) Committee Structure

- The Committee Structure has been completed; the Executive will take on the strategic planning.
- Gina Cowan will send out final draft to directors.

5) President's Report

- Theo Georgatos has given his resignation for the board.
- George Kamphorst has stepped into the Vice President position for the interim.
- Network Brighton meeting Helen from the DBIA spoke about the success of Light up Brighton on November 19th.
- Tom Mates is very pleased with his new Assistant and is confident that he will take over for Tom when he retires.
- It has been decided that Wednesday and Saturdays will be when the Shuttle Bus runs in summer of 2011. There is now a separate committee for the Shuttle Bus this committee is chaired by Friends of Presquile.
- The Farmers Market is not doing as well as they would like. They feel that the Farm Gates are taking away the success. The Farmers Market will likely not grow.
- We need to find a new signing officer to take over from Theo. This should be someone that is in and around Brighton regularly.

6) Treasurer's Report

- No Available
- Gina Cowan mentioned that memberships are starting to come in we have 40 paid so far and only a couple have complained about the price increase.



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7) Chamber Office Report - **See Attached**

a) Xerox

- We have been quoted on a Xerox paying out our remaining lease and providing us with a new machine and a new lease with a service contract as we are currently not on a service contract we are paying a lot of money for our toner, drums etc. The new contract with Xerox will save us a minimum of \$500 per year.
- Steve Cooper and Wayne Armstrong will research the option of buying a retail machine.
- Gina Cowan will look into another quote to make sure this is a good deal.

b) Indus Travel Chamber Program

- The OCC has introduced the Travel Affinity program with Indus Travel. They are offering a trip to India including Air, Hotel and tours. Each trip sold by our Chamber will give us \$ 240.00 this is a great revenue builder for The Chamber.
- Gina is going to look into if we can offer this to members of the public as well as our members.

8) New Business

- Steve White filled us in on a pub night he is going to be running at The Brighton Barn Theatre on January 29th, 2011. The evening will have live entertainment. Tickets will be available in advance only for \$10.00.
- Steve has offered to make The Chamber the beneficiary of the event. Steve will send out a report by December 15th indicating the areas he needs help. This event will likely be able to cover the cost of our new website.
- The AGM committee will be meeting on December 15th at 3pm Gina will send an email out to directors.

9) Committee Reports

a. Country Living Show – **George Kamphorst**

- Kick off meeting took place Monday November 15th
- This year the show will have a new name and will be a mix of commerce, arts and history.
- The format will now be Friday night and Saturday. Friday night will have a Kick Off BBQ.
- Admission will be free as this will likely boost traffic through the show. Admission was only 16% of revenue last year. Visitors will be able to make an optional donation at the door for a charity like The Food Bank.
- There will be no drapery this year and this will be a big saving in cost. Looking at doing a street scape.
- There have been 5 key area project leaders identified and those leaders will need volunteer to help.
- Hope to get involvement from community service clubs such as Rotary, Lyons, BAC
- Next Meeting December 7th at 7pm at The Brighton Inn

b. After Hours – **Gina Cowan**

- Event on November 18th was held at Steve Coopers House and was attended by 17 members.
- Our next event in January was to be hosted by Burken B & B. George Kamphorst has indicated that Agrium would like to host in January and perhaps Burken would rather take the March event. Gina will speak with Burken and find out if they are interested in switching to March rather than January.

c. Breakfast Meetings – **Gina Cowan**



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- Next Breakfast with the Chamber will be on December 16th with Brighton Mayor Mark Walas and Cramahe Mayor Marc Coombs.
 - Location is to be announced.
- d. Apple Route – **Mary or John** - Not Available
- e. QMA Steering Committee – **George Kamphorst**
- There has not been a meeting since our last meeting.
 - Next meeting November 23rd George Kamphorst is not able to attend this meeting.
- f. Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee – **Don Parks**
- No new information since our last meeting.
- g. 160th Anniversary Committee – **Catherine Stutt**
- Waiting for confirmation from Community Events committee regarding budget etc.
 - The event will be moving forward.
- h. Golf Tournament – **Theo Georgatos**
- We will require a new Chair for this committee as Theo has resigned from our board.
 - Catherine Stutt suggested Ron Prins from The Independent as he is an avid golfer and planned many tournaments. Don Parks will speak with Ron about joining us and perhaps becoming a director.
- i. Applefest Committee – **Steve White** - Committee on break till The New Year.
- j. Winterfest Committee – **Steve Cooper**
- Looking at changing Winterfest this year to be more downtown focused rather than in Gosport.
 - Steve Cooper has approached The Royal Bank for sponsorship.
 - Next meeting is on December 2nd
- 10) Brief from DBIA – Wayne Armstrong - Nothing to report
- 11) Brief from Brighton Arts Council – **Catherine Stutt**
- 3rd Annual Brighton your Christmas was a success and reported good sales from the 25 artists. The show also had some great entertainment provided by R & R.
 - December 14th is the BAC xmas Christmas party at the Community Centre 7pm.
 - Outgoing Council members were presented with gifts made by BAC members.
- 12) Brief from Municipality – Emily Rowley
- New council will be inducted December 6th/2010
 - Emily has indicated that she would like to remain the Chamber municipal representative.
 - Holiday train coming through Brighton November 28th and will do a 45 minute stop at Prince Edward St. The Food bank is asking for Looney's and Tooney's as they are doing well for nonperishable food items and would like to be able to purchase the perishable items.
- 13) Brief from ENSS – **Christopher Grouchy** - **See Attached**
- 14) Date for next Meeting – January 18th, 2011 – End of the Thread Cafe
- 15) Motion to adjourn: Catherine 7:36pm