

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
JANUARY 19, 2011**

Vice-President Jen Wyman called the meeting to order at noon at the Bridgeview Restaurant. Present were Directors Robert Lawn, Mike Baril, Heather Lawless, Jim French, Julie Marshall, Dan Cook, Shawn Lockett, Ken Durand, Beth Morris, Roger Rhodes, Don Rivoire, Bonnie Gommert, members Doug Malanka, Hugh Cameron, Shawn Kelly, Bob Pelda, Wayne Woods and Jen Torrance. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS: Jen Wyman introduced Jen Torrance of BATS Fitness in Prescott.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved on motion by Julie Marshall and seconded by Jim French. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

3. REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Robert Lawn presented the report of the nominating committee on behalf of committee members Bill Pakeman, Brent Laton, Jen Wyman and himself.

1. that the resignations from Directors Renata Kimmerly, Ray Young and Jessie De Vries be accepted with regret

2. that Debbie Lawless be appointed to the position of Secretary/Treasurer

3. that the following people be nominated to serve in the stated capacities on the Board of Directors for 2011, a one year term commencing today:

President Jen Wyman
Vice-President Don Rivoire
Past President Brent Laton
Director Mike Baril
Director Gerry Hasiuk
Director Brenda Minish
Director Beth Morris
Director Julie Marshall
Director Heather Lawless

Director Ken Durand
Director Bill Pakeman
Director Roger Rhodes
Director Pat Sayeau
Director Robert Lawn
Director Dan Cook
Director Jim French
Director Bonnie Gommert
Director Shawn Lockett

Also those nominated have agreed in advance to let their name stand. There being no nominations from the floor nominations were declared closed.

On behalf of the nominating committee, Robert Lawn motioned and Mike Baril seconded that the nominating committee report and the slate of nominees to Director and Officer positions on the Board of Directors of the Prescott and District Chamber of Commerce for the year 2011 be accepted as presented. (8 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.

4. REVIEW OF BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:
No Report.

5. APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: The minutes for December 15, 2010 were approved as circulated on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Robert Lawn. (7 for, 0 opposed) Carried.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Jen Wyman reported a Business After 5 will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at the Main Street Art Gallery, 210 King Street, West (above the House of Flowers) in Prescott. She would also like suggestions of what kinds of businesses would come to town to try and fill downtown vacancies.

The Annual Dinner Committee met and the new Artistic and Cultural Contribution award is being initiated.

Jen noted volunteers are needed for events and committees. To volunteer contact Jen at 925-1969 or jen@thehipjoint.com.

Volunteering for the Finance Committee were Roger Rhodes and Jen Wyman.

7. VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Don Rivoire reported the Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday evening, March 24, 2011 from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

A ticket raffle for two trips for 2 to Las Vegas is being held. Tickets are \$20.00 each. Discussion was held and it was motioned by Julie Marshall and seconded by Bonnie Gommert 5 tickets be sent to each Chamber member to sell and members are to return sold tickets (money and stubs) and also unsold tickets by February 15 to the Chamber at P.O. Box 2000, Prescott. (8 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Contact Jen at 925-1969 or Debbie at 925-2171 for more info and/or more tickets.

8. TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report for period ending December 31, 2010 was presented by Debbie Lawless. The financial statement was accepted on motion by Mike Baril and seconded by Dan Cook. (8 for, 0 opposed) Carried. Copy enclosed.

9. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Debbie Lawless reported invoices for the Chamber's 2011 membership dues have been sent out and 2011 membership plaques have been ordered. Also she will be seeking quotes for a new internet provider.

10. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence for January 2011 was distributed to all present.

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. **FINANCE:** No report.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** No report.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** No report.

12. **LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Robert Lawn reported Council is still catching up on items from the previous Council.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Doug Malanka reported Reeve Mel Campbell has been elected as Vice-Chair for the Eastern Ontario Warden Caucus.

The township is holding a Mayor's breakfast on March 4, 2011 from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. focusing on the theme "Cooperation and Teamwork" with seven speakers attending.

Budget meetings have begun.

The Business Fair Showcase will be held on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at the Maitland Fire Hall and interested businesses may contact Doug at 925-2554 to participate.

The recent transport accident on Highway 401 involved 39 volunteer firefighters from the township working 16 hours. Doug commended the department and Chief Rob Bowman and praised them for their excellent work and cooperation.

3. **EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL TOWNSHIP:** No report.

4. **GCFDC:** Heather Lawless reported they have disbursed over \$1 million in loans to local businesses year to date and 18 entrepreneurs started an 8 week business plan development workshop on January 10.

GCFDC is working with the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities to secure funding for the SEB program delivery in 2011-12 and also working to secure funding for the EODP program for 2011-12.

EODP recipients are welcome to make submissions to MP Gord Brown as part of the pre-budget consultation process. GCFDC is now on Facebook and Twitter.

5. **BIA:** Beth Morris reported they had a successful Christmas, window painting and Santa and Mrs. Claus program.

She noted the BIA is short of Directors at the moment and if interested in becoming a Director please contact Beth at 925- 4265.

Next promotions will be Easter and Mother's Day events.

The Christmas wreaths needed work and Don Rivoire thanked Beth for her time spent on reviving the wreaths. Beth suggested rope lights be installed on the clock tower.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Roger Rhodes noted the Chamber's Group insurance plan has had some changes re critical illness coverage expanded, LTD/STD rates lowered, etc. Contact Roger at 342-9525 or go to www.chambers.ca for more information.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** Jen Wyman hopes 2011 will be a better and more successful year for the Chamber and is hoping to work more with Tourism.

She stated we should all do our best to help and support one another.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2011** at the **RED GEORGE PUBLIC HOUSE** commencing at noon. "Everyone Welcome"

Please note you may return your sold raffle tickets money, stubs and unsold tickets at the meeting.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. on motion by Jim French and seconded by Heather Lawless. (7 for , 0 opposed). Carried.

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

JENNIFER WYMAN, President,
River Massage Therapy,
555 King Street, Unit 3a,
Prescott, Ontario 925-1969

BILL PAKEMAN, Director,
W.A. Pakeman and Associates Ltd.,
R.R.#1,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2711

DON RIVOIRE, Vice-President,
St. Lawrence Printing/Prescott Journal,
P.O. Box 549,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4265

KEN DURAND, Director,
Kenneth J. Durand Professional Corp.,
P.O. Box 969,
Prescott, Ontario 925-0145

BRENT LATON, Past-President,
The Laton Group,
P.O. Box 1445,
Prescott, Ontario 925-3313

ROGER RHODES, Director,
W.A. Pakeman and Associates Limited,
1347 Linden Crescent,
Brockville, Ontario K6V 6B5 342-9525

DEBBIE LAWLESS, Secretary/Treasurer,
P.O. Box 2000,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2171

DAN COOK, Director,
Brister Insurance,
P.O. Box 2020,
Prescott, Ontario 925-5901

JULIE MARSHALL, Director,
CSE Consulting,
292 Centre Street, P.O. Box 17,
Prescott, Ontario 925-0222

BONNIE GOMMERT, Director,
Food For All Food Bank,
P.O. Box 1692,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2444

MIKE BARIL, Director
Prescott Machine and Welding,
R.R. #3,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4277

SHAWN LOCKETT, Director
Tim Horton,
P.O. Box 1480,
Prescott, Ontario 925-1465

PAT SAYEAU, Director,
Sagatay Holdings Limited,
P.O. Box 266,
Cardinal, Ontario K0E 1E0 657-1087

ROBERT LAWN, Director,
Sandra S. Lawn & Associates,
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Prescott, Ontario 925-3480

JIM FRENCH, Director,
P.O. Box 1615,
Prescott, Ontario 925-2821

GERRY HASIUK, Director,
Hasiuk Trailers,
P.O. Box 722,
Colbourne, Ontario K0K 1S0 905-355-5333

BRENDA MINISH, Director,
Siegwerk Canada Inc.,
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Prescott, Ontario 925-5951

HEATHER LAWLESS, Director,
Grenville Community Futures Develop. Corp.
P.O. Box 309,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4275 x 21

BETH MORRIS, Director,
St. Lawrence Printing/Prescott Journal,
P.O. Box 549,
Prescott, Ontario 925-4265

Prescott & District Chamber of Commerce
Financial Report as of December 31, 2010

Bank Balance December 31st, 2009		
Current Account	8,996.43	
Items Outstanding	0.00	
Mutual Fund Investment	7,534.70	16,531.13
Plus Income:		
Membership	11,004.63	
Insurance Group Revenue	4,446.86	
Interest	15.58	
50/50 Draws	308.00	
Special Event	140.00	
Annual Dinner	7,086.31	
Golf Tournament	10,000.18	
Vacation Guide/Silent Auctions	0	
Misc.	615.50	33,617.06
		50,148.19
Less Disbursements:		
Membership	2,075.14	
Office Supplies/Computer Exp.	1,218.94	
Salary & Wages/Fees	5,800.00	
Insurance	1,279.80	
Postage	515.88	
Special Events	0	
Annual Dinner	4,297.76	
Golf Tournament	4,478.10	
Vacation Guide/Silent Auctions	0	
Bursaries/Donations	10,248.48	
Misc.	483.48	
		30,397.58
		19,750.61
Bank Balances December 31, 2010		
Current Bank Account	12,200.33	
Mutual Fund	7,550.28	
		19,750.61
Cheques Outstanding Dues		0
		\$19,750.61
Net Funds Available		\$19,750.61

