

**PRESCOTT AND DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 17, 2010**

President Brent Laton called the meeting to order at noon at the Red George Public House. Present were Vice-President Jennifer Wyman, Directors Ray Young, Bill Pakeman, Julie Marshall, Pat Sayeau, Beth Morris, Jessie De Vries, Gerry Hasiuk, Bonnie Gommert and members Don Rivoire and guest Bill Lowthian. Minutes recorded by secretary Debbie Lawless.

1. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:** Jessie De Vries introduced Bill Lowthian, Project Management Consultant of the International Rotary Club.
 2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was approved on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Bonnie Gommert. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
 3. **REVIEW OF BUSINESS FROM LAST MONTH'S MEETING:** No report.
 4. **APPROVAL OF LAST MONTH'S MINUTES:** The minutes for February 17, 2010 were approved on motion by Ray Young and seconded by Jen Wyman. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.
 5. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Brent Laton reminded everyone of the next United Counties L/G Economic Development Panel Series Re Small Business/BIAs/Chambers being held on March 26, 2010. Contact Rosemary Van Rooi at 342-3840 or go to www.uclg.ca for more information.
- Also Brent noted the 2nd Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser for the Brockville General Hospital Cardiovascular Unit will be held on April 22, 2010 at the BGH. Contact Heather Lawless at 925-4275 x 21 for more information and/or tickets.
6. **VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** No report.
 7. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report for period ending February 28, 2010 was presented by treasurer Debbie Lawless. The report was accepted on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Pat Sayeau. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried. Copy enclosed.
 8. **SECRETARY'S REPORT:** No report.
 9. **CORRESPONDENCE:** A list of correspondence received for March 2010 was distributed to all.

ITEM #3: SGDHS Commencement Bursary for \$300.00

Discussion was held and it was motioned by Bill Pakman and seconded by Beth Morris to donate \$300.00 to SGDHS's bursary award sponsored by the Chamber. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **FINANCE:** No report.

2. **PROGRAM AND PLANNING:** Jen Wyman updated all on the Annual Dinner Banquet being held on March 29, 2010 at the Prescott Golf Club and also reminded everyone donations are still needed for the silent auction.

Jen noted she needs help for set up and arranging auction items. Volunteering were Brent Laton, Beth Morris and Julie Marshall.

3. **MEMBERSHIP:** Discussion was held and it was motioned by Pat Sayeau and seconded by Ray Young the Chamber use \$400.00 from the Chamber's Group Insurance Revenues to create a membership kit to promote membership. (6 for, 0 opposed). Carried.

Also ads could be placed in the L/G Business news to promote membership.

11. LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **TOWN OF PRESCOTT:** Ray Young reported Council is still processing the budget.

Ray also noted the former OPP property will be reappraised with RFPs going out later.

2. **TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA:** Bill Pakeman reported union negotiations will be starting soon and the Official Plan will be done by July or August.

The township purchased a new snow plow truck and budget work is still in process.

3. **TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH/CARDINAL:** Pat Sayeau reported the following:

- Prysmian Cables is planning an \$8.5 million, 130,000 square foot expansion for storage/warehouse
- four new residences built
- values \$9.2 million, fees \$52,000
- a 95 lot subdivision on Shanly Road has been proposed
- the fourth bin is being installed at the Port with completion set for end of June
- scale house near completion, over head conveyor and electrical within next three months
- presently dealing with environmental assessment for the wharf
- have developer interested in greenhouse complex
- Council still working on budget with 5% increase

4. **GCFDC:** Brent presented Heather's report. Annual dinner preparations are underway and Chamber members are being contacted for donations to silent auction. Contact Heather at 925-4275 x 21 or Jen Wyman at 498-4332 for information on donation drop off or pick up.

Heather thanked Brenda Minish, Don Farnsworth, Jen Wyman, Renata Kimmerly, Jessie De Vries and Greg Berrea for all their help with silent auctions calls and gathering donations.

5. **BIA:** Ray Young reported the BIA's Annual General Meeting will be held on March 23, 2010.

12. **NEW BUSINESS:** Beth Morris noted St. Lawrence Printing will be holding an open house at their new location in Johnstown on April 22, 2010 from 3-7 p.m. Contact 925-4265 for more information.

Gerry Hasiuk also invited all to view the new solar system grid he is utilizing at his business next door to St. Lawrence Printing.

Jen noted she received a request to see if the Chamber may be interested in taking over the Pirate Days event and it was felt the BIA or Town of Prescott would be more suitable to run this event.

13. **OTHER BUSINESS:** It was noted Rehau Plastics in Prescott opened in March 1970 and it is celebrating it's 40th Anniversary.

14. **NEXT MEETING:** The next Board of Directors Meeting will be held on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010** at **O'HEAPHY'S IRISH PUB**, 101 King Street, Prescott (925-0006) in the back room.

The Annual Dinner and Awards Banquet will be held on **MONDAY, MARCH 29, 2010** at the Prescott Golf Club.

15. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 1:10 p.m. on motion by Bill Pakeman and seconded by Bonnie Gommert. (7 for, 0 opposed). Carried.