

SLOCAN DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

DIRECTORS MEETING:

Monday, April 20, 2009
7:30 p.m., 723 Josephine Street,
New Denver, B. C.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS:

Steve Hammond, Bill Roberts,
Larry Zaleski, Carol Bell, Gordon
Brookfield, Nikta Boroumand,
Katrine Campbell

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Approve this Agenda
2. Approve Minutes of last meeting
3. Business Arising from minutes
4. Presentation:
A presentation from Isy Schumann: The "Measuring Up" program works with BC communities to assess and improve local accessibility and inclusion for persons with disabilities.
5. Reports from Committees
Publicity Committee: Jeff
Visitor Centre: Jeff
Website Committee: Jeff
6. Correspondence:
Healthy Housing Society – a request for a letter of support for their "Building a Sustainable Economy in the North Slokan Valley" project.
Valhalla Summer School of Music – a request for a \$500 grant in aid.
Tourism BC – notice of an increase in our funding.
Request from New Denver's May Days Committee for a speaker and funding.
Request from Valley voice to fund All-Candidates Meeting.
Village of New Denver: permission to have a New-Years Eve party in Centennial Park.
7. Discussion re:
Development Board
8. May Days Pancakes
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

Minutes from March 9, 2009:

Steve Hammond, Carol Bell, Larry Zaleski, Nikta Boroumand, Katrine Campbell, Bill Roberts
ABSENT: Gordon Brookfield

ALSO PRESENT: Jeff Bustard

1. Moved by Katrine, seconded by Bill, carried.
2. With the amendment to change "Kaytrin" to "Katrine" in all instances: moved by Steve, seconded by Bill, carried.
3. Jeff reported he is in discussions with Secure By Design re: pro-rated charges for our co-server.
4. Health Matters: Bill reported that the quality of our Ambulance Services is declining due to a shortage of attendants and under-funding. Many rural areas have the same problem and the Village of New Denver is lobbying the IHA for some of the 65% budget increases that urban centres have received. Part of the problem is that larger fixed-wing aircraft are not able to land here, so costs are high for using helicopters for the Air Ambulance Service.

Publicity: Jeff agreed to advertise for any changes needed in re-publishing our Tourism Flyer. It was suggested that the Valley voice offers discounts for pre-paid camera-ready ads, and also that they might have a multi-user licence on some software we need.

Web Site: Jeff reported the grant received from the CBT for a photo gallery, and it was suggested that a parallel site be created for users without the latest computers.

There was a discussion about creating a Business Directory on the site, Nikta agreed to re-search. Bill moved to offer the Slokan Lake Stewardship Society some space on our web site to publish their documents. Seconded by Katrine, carried.

5. Correspondence: All filed for information.
6. New Business:
 - 1) Business Succession Planning. Community Futures and the Nelson Chamber held free workshops, and I suggest having a speaker at one of our regular meetings, well-publicized, might bring in some people. Katrine offered to contact Community Futures for a speaker.
 - 2) Community Tourism Plan: both Kaslo and Nakusp have their formal plans put together and it's something we should at least talk about. Katrine asked the Directors to consider creating an umbrella planning organization like a Development Board. The Directors agreed to pursue this idea.
 - 3) Remember the millennium new year's eve party? Let's have a 10-year anniversary event this year! Katrine agreed to take the lead on this project.
 - 4) Larry brought a concern from Destination Silverton that our towns are not well prepared for power outages. Carol and Katrine agreed to contact their respective Village's Emergency Preparedness co-ordinators.
7. Adjourn: Moved by Bill, seconded by Carol. Next meeting set for April 6.