

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY OF NORTHLAND (INC)

Minutes of the 106th Annual General Meeting

Held at the ASB Lounge, Kensington Stadium, Kensington, Whangarei

Wednesday March 4th 2009 at 5.30 pm

The President Tony Savage gave an introduction and welcomed everybody to the Special General meeting being held prior to the AGM. Tony outlined the background for Special Meeting – Item 1 (Continuity of knowledge on the Board) and Item 2 (Mentoring position for new President, especially with regard to performance reviews etc).

Item 1.

Motion: “That an additional item be included in our constitution under section 7 ‘The Board’

- 7(e) Board Members shall hold office for a period of 2 years at which time the board member shall automatically resign. At this time if the Board member wished to stay on the board they must be re-nominated by a financial member of the Chamber for re-election.

Moved: Darren Mason / Jeroen Jongejans

Discussion.

CARRIED

Item 2.

Motion: “ That clause 6 of the constitution which currently reads

6. The officers of the Chamber shall consist of a President, a Vice President, and a Treasurer. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected at each Annual Meeting with nominations closing 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting.” NOW BE AMMENDED TO READ

“6. The officers of the Chamber shall consist of a President, a Vice President, An Immediate Past President and a Treasurer. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected at each Annual Meeting with nominations closing 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting.”

Moved: Darren Mason / Richard Engdahl

Discussion.

Amendment

“6. The officers of the Chamber shall consist of a President, a Vice President, An Immediate Past President **as an adhoc board member** and a Treasurer. The President, Vice President, and Treasurer shall be elected at each Annual Meeting with nominations closing 21 days prior to the Annual Meeting.”

Moved: Richard Engdahl / Terry Sage

CARRIED

Motion: CARRIED

Special General Meeting closed 6.00pm

Tony welcomed members of the Chamber to the 106th AGM, and thanked everyone for their attendance.

Present

Tony Savage (President Chamber Board), Jeff Smith (CEO Chamber), Janette Dobbs (EA to CEO), Shelley Nissen (Admin Assistant Chamber), Dean Subritzky (Sudburys), Mitch & Shirley Weimer (BizBuilders), Hugh Oakley-Browne (Oakley-Browne Associates), Richard Engdahl (Organisational Imageneering International), Cr Greg Martin (Whangarei District Council), Diane Martin, Narrelle White (Calders), Vince Cocurullo (Cocurullo's Ltd), John Cook (5 Deep), Terry Sage (Business Coaching New Zealand), Darren Mason (Northpower), Paul Neshausen (Direction), Jeroen Jongejans, Jo Douglas (Enterprise Northland), Ken Wilson (Enterprise Northland), Don & Ruth Austin (Fibrenew), Mark Smith (Magnetism), Tim Robinson (Telecom), Nat Davis (Identity Developments), Pip Barnier (Identity Developments), Graham Hawkes (The Profit Improvement Centre), Wendy Hawkes (Skylark Tours), Mayor Stan Semenov (WDC), Rosemary Roberts (Northern Advocate), Brett Bell-Booth (Bradley Nuttal), Margaret Curry (Auckland CANCER Society – Northland Division), Paul Lysaght (Delta Produce), Shane Kanara (Harvey Norman Computers), Paul (Harvey Norman Computers), Gwendolyn Needham (Highwise Training), Lucas Remmerswaal, Wayne Stead (Stead Enterprises), Detlev Rempe (Teutonia), Eric Adams (The Sound Cave), David Moss (United Travel Whangarei), Jeff Harkness (Vital Signs Northland), Ben Knight (Vital Signs Northland), Emma Jelsma (Wordperfect), Bill Kirkley (Massey University), Kerry Newton (KKR Recruitment). (46)

Apologies

Gavin Thomas (Northland Valuers), Murray Broadbelt (Employer Services Ltd), Noël Jelsma (Gen-i Northland), Heather Tomason (Griffiths & Associates), Mayor Wayne Brown (FNDC), Margaret Bishop (Newman Engineering), Peter Mandeno, Phil Heatley (National MP for Whangarei), Mark Simpson (Whangarei District Council), Sue Walters (Whangarei Museum), Ros Martin (Alzheimers Society Northland), Dpty Mayor Sally Macauley (Far North District Council), Cr Sue Glenn (Whangarei District Council), Lynn Render (Logo Mojo).

Resolved

"that the apologies be accepted"

Moved: Richard Engdahl / Jeroen Jongejans

All in favour/CARRIED

Obituaries

There were no obituaries.

Minutes of the previous AGM

Resolved

"that the minutes of the 104th AGM on 28th February 2007 be confirmed as a true and correct record".

Moved: Tony Savage / Nat Davis

All in favour/CARRIED

Matters Arising

No Matters Arising

President's Report

Tony spoke to his report.

- Thanked the Board for their commitment and briefly outlined the requirements of board members – get involved and acknowledge different views.
- Encouraged the incoming board to value the Chamber members and to continue with the challenges of providing services the members.
- Acknowledged Cr Greg Martin and Cr Vince Cocurullo from Whangarei District Council and Cr Bill Rossiter from Northland Regional Council who supported the Board providing input and liaison with the council.

Resolved

"that the Presidents report be received"

Moved: Tony Savage / Tim Robinson

All in favour/CARRIED

CEO's Report

Jeff Smith spoke to his report, highlighting items to members by flip chart. (See CEO report in agenda)

He asked for any advocacy issues members would like him to look into.

Resolved

"that the CEO's report be received"

Moved: Jeff Smith / Tim Robinson

All in favour/CARRIED

Financial Report

The Treasurer, Dean Subritzky spoke to the Financial Report, highlighting the following:

- Bottom line (profit) \$14,000 – Revenue and Expenses both increased
- Increased revenue sources
 - Far North Chamber Admin
 - Productivity contract
 - New Savings Account attracted \$1900 credit interest
- Moving Expenses an extra expense in 2008
- Accounts receivable – ongoing work required – Janette continues to pursue overdues.
- Resignations increasing

Resolved

"that the financial statements and the auditor's report be received"

Moved: Tony Savage / Richard Engdahl

All in favour/CARRIED

Appointment of Auditor

Motion: "to appoint an Auditor.

Resolved

"that an Auditor be appointed for 2009"

Moved: Tony Savage / Tim Robinson

All in favour/CARRIED

Appointment of Honorary Solicitors

Motion that Ulrich McNab Kilpatrick be appointed as Honorary Solicitors

Resolved

"that Ulrich, McNab, Kilpatrick be appointed Honorary Solicitors for 2009"

Moved: Tim Robinson / Nat Davis

All in favour/ CARRIED

Election of Board

Tony thanked Board members who were standing down and thanks Chamber staff.

Reservation from the floor regarding a person from outside Northland standing for the Board.

Discussion.

Tony outlined constitution.

Darren explained Governance teams work on "Conflict of Interest"

Apologies from Mayor Stan Semenoff for lateness.

Motion: "That as per the nominations received prior to the February 11th 2009, closure date, the following persons be elected unopposed to the following Board positions."

Nominee	Position	Company
Tim Robinson	Board of Directors	Gen-i
Dean Subritzky	Board of Directors	Sudburys
Vince Cocurullo	Board of Directors	Cocurullo's Ltd
Richard Engdahl	Board of Directors	Organisational Imagineering International Ltd
Darren Mason	Board of Directors	Northpower
Lucas Remmerswaal	Board of Directors	
Jeroen Jongejans	Board of Directors	Dive!Tutukaka
Murray Broadbelt	Board of Directors	Employer Services Ltd
Nat Davis	Board of Directors	Identity Developments Ltd
David Moss	Board of Directors	United Travel Whangarei
Bill Kirkley	Board of Directors	Massey University

Moved: Tony Savage / Gwendolyn Needham

Hugh Oakley-Browne Against / CARRIED

Election of Officers

Election of President

Motion: "That as per the nominations received prior to the February 11th 2009, closure date, that Tim Robinson be elected unopposed to the following Board position."

Moved: Tony Savage / Nat Davis

All in favour / CARRIED

Tim Robinson took the chair, saying that he was welcoming the opportunity of taking the Chamber forward.

Election of Vice President

Vote by way of secret ballot.

Nominees – Richard Engdahl and Darren Mason – both given an opportunity to speak.

Richard Engdahl

7 years in New Zealand, 4 years as Board member, would like to be given the opportunity to finish off some of the things which he has started like appointing a Nomination Committee to pursue next years potential Board members.

He is committed to putting something back into the business community.

As a retired businessman he has time to devote to the position.

Darren Mason

Heads Northpower Marketing division as well as Northpower Fiberoptics.

Has a passion for business and would like the opportunity to drive Northland forwards.

Ken Wilson (Enterprise Northland) and Shelley Nissen (Northland Chamber of Commerce) were appointed scrutineers.

While votes were counted Tim invited Mayor Stan Semenoff to speak.

Ken Wilson handed over the results of the election

Result: Darren Mason – Vice President

Election of Treasurer

Motion: “That as per the nominations received prior to the February 11th 2009, closure date, that Dean Subritzky be elected unopposed to the following Board position.”

Moved: Tim Robinson / Richard Engdahl

All in favour/ CARRIED

General Business

No General Business

The meeting closed at 7.00 p.m.

Jeff Smith then welcomed the guest speaker Rod Parkinson from Westpac Whangarei

The evening concluded with a few drinks, nibbles and networking.