

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland  
meeting of The Executive Board  
held 4.00pm 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

President welcomes Board

**PRESENT:** Ryan Welsh, Jeremy Tauri, Paul Dunn, Annie Johnston, Talia Mana, Vince Cocurullo, Laura Burns, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Murray Broadbelt, Tony Collins, Shelley Nissen, Terry Sage, Jereon Jongejans, Richard Cranenburgh, Rob Meadows.

**APOLOGIES:** Tim Robinson, Daryl Small

**Moved/Seconded  
Jereon/Annie**

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Vince Cocurullo 4.02pm, Murray Broadbelt 4.03pm, Talia Mana 4.07pm  
Rob Meadows 4.07pm, Paul Dunn, 4.17pm

**EARLY LEAVERS:**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

**Moved/Seconded  
Laura/Jeremy**

**FINANCE REPORT:** Tony spoke regarding the Finance KPI report for April 2014  
Deficit for the month which is inline annually – waiting for Awards sponsorship to come through  
Membership is increasing

**Moved/Seconded  
Terry/Murray**

**CEO REPORT:**

- Tony advised that a replacement sponsor has been found for the Large business category for Awards
- He attended a Northland Business Association meeting last week which could involve the Far North

business associations merging

- The board approve of the new CEO report showing Tony's contacts/activities
- Talia asked that in Tony's editorials to add contact details for the Chamber, i.e. phone number, web address etc. Enquired whether any Far North papers are used – Tony advised that Northland Age are sent an editorial monthly.

**Moved/Seconded  
Annie/Laura**

#### **TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:**

**Ease of Business: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting**

**Moved/Seconded  
Jeroen/Richard**

**Advocacy Action Group: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting**

Annie asked for it to be noted that she is not part of this team as per report.

**Moved/Seconded  
Jeroen/Richard**

**Transformational Issues: Taken as read – reports emailed for discussion prior to meeting**

Jeroen raised a discussion regarding the Advocacy meeting notes regarding SH1 Rooding issues and also the 'rail vs road' ongoing debate. Only 2% of existing freight is currently transported by rail. After discussions amongst the board it was decided that the Advocacy and Transformational teams will combine to resolve what the Chambers stance should be on this topic and how to best gauge our members thoughts on this issue. A survey or workshop may be required and this will be discussed in the next Advocacy/Transformational Group meeting.

**Moved/Seconded  
Jeroen/Richard**

#### **COUNCIL**

**NRC: Cr Paul Dimery was not present so no report was given**

#### **REPRESENTATIVE**

#### **REPORTS:**

**WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth highlighted the following**

- Annual plan submissions close on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April and submission forms were handed out to Board members.
- Tricia recently attended an interesting presentation about Portland and its heritage.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

No general business

**Meeting closed: 4:30pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

**President .....**      **Date.....**