

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland
meeting of The Executive Board
held 4.00pm 24th February 2015

The Vice President welcomed the Board to the first meeting of 2015

PRESENT: Shelley Nissen, Tony Collins, Tim Robinson, Rob Meadows, Jeremy Tauri, Terry Sage, Annie Johnston, Daryl Small, Laura Burns, Jeroen Jongejans

APOLOGIES: Ryan Welsh, Paul Dunn, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Richard Cranenburgh, Murray Broadbelt, Vince Cocurullo **Moved/Seconded**
Laura/Annie

LATE ARRIVALS: Terry Sage 4.15pm, Daryl Small 4.18pm

EARLY LEAVERS:

PREVIOUS MINUTES: **Moved/Seconded**
Tim/Annie

FINANCE REPORT: In Daryl's absence Tony spoke to the Finance KPI report

- Membership numbers continue to be above 400 which is a positive start to the year
- 90 days overdues is only \$1500
- Sponsorship for this year's Business Excellence Awards is looking like all sponsors will continue but are still waiting on definite confirmation of a couple

Moved/Seconded

Jeroen/Rob

CEO REPORT:

1. Had a recent meeting with Ian Collier and Andrew Forbes from Air NZ. They are very keen to work with the Chamber in the way of sponsorship, speakers and events and membership perks and using Air NZ to promote our Ease of Business proposal. Tony will meet with Michael Barnett from the Auckland Chamber in the next couple of weeks to discuss proposals etc. and hopes to have something finalised by the end of July.

Also may be a possibility of asking Air NZ to sponsor award/flight for Business Excellence Awards.

2. Innovation Award – this is now to be incorporated into the Northland Business Excellence Awards in place of the Judges Commendation Award. Final details to be confirmed. Jeroen and Rob voiced their concern about it being ‘absorbed’ so Tony is going to talk to Northland Inc about having a separate innovation event for all entrants and perhaps announcing the finalists for them going onto the main Awards night

3. Tony met with Stat Oil representatives last week. They are into the next phase, testing/analyzing their results. The board asked if there were likely to be any benefits for Northland businesses – i.e Refining locally, exporting etc.

1. AP: Tony to meet with Michael Barnett regarding proposals with Air NZ
2. AP: Tony to meet with Northland Inc regarding maintaining a separate Innovation event
3. AP: Tony to get clarification of intentions from Stat Oil and possible benefits for Northland confirmed

Moved/Seconded

Tim/Jeroen

TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

Ease of Business: Previously sent and read

COUNCIL **WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth – Tricia’s report was tabled in her absence**
REPRESENTATIVE Long Term Plan work continues. 2015-2025
REPORTS: Referendum discussion on old Harbour Board building at this week’s Council meeting.
 Workshops held on LTP
 FIFA U-20 World Cup teams announced
 Fritter Festival
 Nixon Street road works

NRC: Cr Paul Dimery was not present so no report presented

FNDC: Cr Di Maxwell was not present so no report presented

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Item 1

Brynderwyn Roadworks

Jeroen raised a question regarding the current \$16m road works underway on the North side of the Brynderwyn’s to reduce 2 bends. Is this expenditure necessary when it will not result in the 80km speed limit increasing back to 100km and no accidents occur on this part of the road either? Could this money not be better spent elsewhere?

AP: Tony to raise this question with NRC next week and arrange to catch up with David Sinclair regarding roading issues on a quarterly basis.

Meeting closed: 4.35pm

Tony thanked Daryl, Jeroen and Annie for their contributions as board members as they will not be returning.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 24th March 2015

President **Date.....**