

Minutes of NZ Chambers of Commerce Northland  
meeting of The Executive Board  
held 4.00pm 24<sup>th</sup> June 2014

The President welcomed the Board

**PRESENT:** Jeremy Tauri, Paul Dunn, Laura Burns, Tony Collins, Janette Dobbs, Richard Cranenburgh, Tim Robinson, Ryan Welsh, Murray Broadbelt, Rob Meadows.

**APOLOGIES:** Daryl Small, Cr Di Maxwell, Cr Tricia Cutforth, Talia Mana, Terry Sage, Vince Cocurullo. **Moved/Seconded  
Laura/Tim**

**LATE ARRIVALS:** Annie Johnston 4.15pm

**EARLY LEAVERS:**

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** **Moved/Seconded  
Murray/Jeremy**

**FINANCE REPORT:** Tony spoke to the Finance KPI report for May 2014 in Daryl's absence

Items to note

- Figures are tracking according to budget and as mentioned at last meeting Awards sponsorship is showing ahead at present due to invoice of sponsorship.
- Need to look at revenue around events, low turnout for last Speakers luncheon. Next guest speaker is excellent so expect to draw in more attendees.
- BMNZ went off well at the beginning of the year but has gone down in numbers
- Membership is up with more new members than resigned.
- YTD deficit is tracking ok – close to budget
- Tony gave an overview of a new member offer from SmartAR – Chamber will receive commission if members take up the offer.

**Moved/Seconded  
Tim/Laura**

## CEO REPORT:

- Main activity at present is around awards – talking with potential entrants. Anyone with a lead should email Shelley who will get in touch with them.
- Working closely with Northland INC Tony is on the interview panel for the position who will be responsible for the Regional Business partnership and Callaghan Innovations.
- Hundertwasser – meetings have taken place with councillors and Advocate  
Discussion over Hundertwasser
- Upcoming event – Strategic Risk Analysis is a new Chamber member who is holding a seminar to discuss the series of Economic risks reports they produce.

**Moved/Seconded  
Murray/ Jeremy**

## TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS/REPORTS:

### Ease of Business: Ryan provided a brief update on Northland pledge document

- An invite email is to go out to stakeholders asking them to make a firm pledge to the proposal – due end of July
- Northland INC – Ryan spoke about their draft report, he felt that the Chamber should look at attracting bread & butter industry to create more stability in the economy e.g. administration branches of government departments, banks and insurance companies.

**Moved/Seconded  
Jeremy/Rob**

**Annie arrived**

### Advocacy and Transformational Issues Action Group:

Focus has been on Hundertwasser – using networks to influence decisions.

Marine National Park – NRC has done some work with this , they were impressed with the presentation by Fishforever.

**Moved/Seconded  
Jeremy/Tim**

## COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE

### NRC: Cr Paul Dimery highlighted the following

## REPORTS:

Paul apologised for not attending the previous meeting

- Adoption of annual plan  
27<sup>th</sup> May amendment act read – this is regarding the Unitary Authority, the secondary reading is taking place at present.
- First IWI Te Tai Tokerau meeting on Friday – 26 representatives invited, 12 coming along so far.  
Looking at making contacts and growing relationships
- R-Funding – Government are changing rates coming in to Northland.
- Submissions have been made on Puhoi/Warkworth Highway.
- Northland INC – article in Advocate incorrectly reported regarding Hundertwasser – NRC in support but not underwriting it.

Tony advised that the Chamber submission to NRC Annual Plan is reflected in all of these topics.

**FNDC: Cr Di Maxwell was not present but forwarded the following**

The only thing of interest at this stage is the success of our Resilient Economies conference last week.

We did this in order to kick start a strengthening of communities focus. There will be a lot more that has to be done yet so probably is not too interesting at this stage.

We did do a professional video of the whole thing so when that is online – this link can be emailed to anyone who would like to view.

**WDC: Cr Tricia Cutforth was not present so no report presented**

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

**No general business**

**Meeting closed: 4:30pm**

**NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2014**

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