

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

DATE & LOCATION: December 9, 2008, Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Edmonton, Alberta

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stacy Walker, Deborah Chymyshyn, Barry Woodroff, Brenda Brashko, Candace Myhr, Deanna Vath, Jo Ann Siwy, Lori Sitar, Krishna Gangopadhyay, Marion McFall, Bob Long, Wil Rutar, Sandi Stetson, and Corey Wyness.

Note: Each membership is entitled to one "vote"; however, some of the members present hold more than one membership. Based on the members present at the meeting, the total number of "votes" is 20.

INTRODUCTIONS: Each member introduced him/herself.

CALL TO ORDER

- The Meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Stacy Walker, President, who acted as Chair of the Meeting.

QUORUM AND NOTICE

- A quorum being six members, the quorum was confirmed.
- It was confirmed that due notice of the meeting had been given by post and by e-mail to all current members.

APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

- With the consent of those present, Deborah Chymyshyn acted as the recording secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- The agenda was approved on motion made, seconded and carried (Lori Sitar /Candace Myhr).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting were approved on motion duly made, seconded and carried (Lori Sitar/Jo Ann Siwy).

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PRESIDENT S REPORT

- Stacy Walker gave a report on the activities of the Association over the last year. She thanked the outgoing Board for their help throughout the year.
- Jo Ann Siwy was given thanks for providing the venue for the meeting.
- Neil Chamney (who recently resigned his position on the Board), Bill Faulkner (Secretary/Treasurer) and David Ushko were acknowledged for their contribution, persistence, and tenacity in keeping ERBA going as an organization. They were all involved in the informal talks starting in 1994 up to when ERBA was formed in 1998. ERBA still exists today largely due to the efforts of these individuals. Neil's involvement and presence will be missed.
- Stacy Walker reported that the membership fee will be increasing effective January 1st, 2009 for new members and effective May 1st for existing members.
- Diane Folkins was given thanks for her work on the website. The members were asked to visit the website and make sure their listing is up-to-date and accurate. If there are any changes they can contact Deborah Chymyshyn (membership coordinator).
- Stacy Walker noted that the 2009 Mixer Calendar is now available on the website.

TREASURER S REPORT

- The (unaudited) Financial Statement for the year ended September 30, 2008 was presented and on motion duly made, seconded and carried (Candace Myhr/Wil Rutar), it was approved subject to completion of the audit by Neil Chamney (on behalf of Alex Anderson) and Diane Folkins, who had been appointed at the 2007 AGM as auditors.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

- Deborah Chymyshyn gave a report on Membership. Since the 2007 AGM, there was a net increase of 23 members.
- Sarah Bailey was given thanks for her assistance in creating the 2008 ERBA Directory.
- Deborah Chymyshyn reminded everyone that the membership renewal date is May 1st.
- Members were reminded that their membership fees must be current (i.e. paid up on May 1st) in order to be listed in the 2009 printed directory.

ELECTION OF BOARD/OFFICERS

- On a motion duly made, seconded and carried (Deanna Vath/Bob Long), the following persons were nominated as Directors of ERBA for the coming year: Stacy Walker, Bill Faulkner, Deborah Chymyshyn, Sarah Bailey, Barry Woodroff, Corey Wyness, Lori Sitar, Jo Ann Siwy, and Wil Rutar. All were present (except for Sarah Bailey and Bill Faulkner) and accepted the nomination (Sarah Bailey and Bill Faulkner included). After 3 calls for further nominations from the floor, there were none and it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried (Deanna Vath/Bob Long) that nominations be closed and the those persons nominated were acclaimed as the Directors for the coming year.
- The new Board will meet on January 20th, 2009 at the Four Points by Sheraton Hotel.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

- On motion duly made, seconded and carried (Stacy Walker/Lori Sitar), the following persons were appointed Auditors of the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2009: Deanna Vath and Candace Myhr.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Marion McFall asked if ERBA had considered putting a listing on FaceBook. It was briefly discussed and decided to table discussions for the new Board to discuss at their first meeting.

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

- The meeting was adjourned at about 7.45 p.m. on motion duly made, seconded and carried (Wil Rutar/Barry Woodroff).
- Jo Ann Siwy was thanked again for providing the venue for the meeting. She also provided a door prize (Sunday Brunch for Two) which Marion McFall won.