

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

DATE & LOCATION:

November 15, 2009, "Prism Bar & Grill", Edmonton, Alberta

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Alex Paterson, Brenda Brashko, Byan Mortensen, Candace Myhr, Deanna Vath, Deborah Chymyshyn, Diane Folkens, Greg Scherf, Jo Ann Siwy, Krishna Gangopadhyay, Laurel J. Marr, Lonny-Jay Renard, Margaret Corcoran, Sarah Bailey, Stacy Walker, Cameron Mosimann, Tracey Smith, Wil Rutar, William Faulkner, Dr. Karen Hoffman

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:08pm by Stacy Walker, President, who acted as Chair of the Meeting.

QUORUM AND NOTICE:

A quorum being seven 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, Jo Ann Siwy acted as the recording secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

The agenda was approved on motion made, seconded and unanimously carried (Jo Ann Siwy, Bill Faulkner).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting were approved on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Bill Faulkner, Deanna Vath).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Stacy Walker gave a report on the activities of the Association of the last year. She outlined her vision for the 2010 year desiring ERBA totaling one hundred members by Pride. Stacy would like to assemble a Dream Team and continue support of the GLBT community and encourage reciprocation. Most significant achievements for the 2008/2009 year has been the "give-away" cotton book bags with the ERBA logo and promo materials from members that were distributed from our booth at the Pride Trade Fair. This was considered a successful venture and more bags have been purchased and printed to continue with this initiative. Over 500 bags have been given away so far. We have also designed and printed a new brochure to aid our efforts to become more well known as **the** primary business resource in the community. And finally, another first for ERBA - we are going to print with a 2nd edition of the directory for 2009. New members will be in the new edition. Special thanks was given to all acting board members, but especially to Deborah Chymyshyn for her long hours facilitating membership, as well as Sarah Bailey for her design and efforts towards the 2009 directory and brochure, and William Faulkner for his tireless, dedicated efforts as Treasurer. Diane Folkens was thanked for her work on the Website. It was decided that due to lack of attendance in the summer months that July and August Mixers would be cancelled until further notice. Also due to lack of response and contribution the door prize incentive would be cancelled until further notice. Stacy highlighted some trades she would like to see as future members: electrician, plumber, hairdresser, house cleaner, bookkeeper, writer, marketer, and an attorney.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The (unaudited) Financial Statement for the year ending September 30, 2009 was presented and on motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Deborah Chymyshyn, Candice Myhr) it was approved subject to completion of the audit by Deanna Vath, and Candace Myhr who had been appointed at the 2008 AGM as auditors. Bill Faulkner (Treasurer) congratulated the current Board for the increased value in membership against dollars spent this past year ~ this year we spent more than we took in. At years end there was just over \$2000.00 in the bank. Bill after many years of dedicated service has chosen to leave the Board and ERBA to take on a new career path.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Deborah Chymyshyn reported that as of December 9, 2008 ERBA had 56 members. As of this years renewal date (May 01, 2009) there were only 13 members that renewed by their own accord. After countless volunteer hours Deborah and the Membership Committee of Wil Rutar, and Barry Woodroff, they were able to secure 49 members for the June Printing of the directory. Overall ERBA lost 22 members over the course of the year. Since the June printing of the Directory we have gained 14 new members, bringing us to date to 63 members. Deborah offered thanks to those who took ad space for the directory. The directory's second printing (November) will show the newly elected Board members. Deborah reminded all to update their contact information before November 20, 2009 so that changes may be made in time for the second Directory printing and that ad space within the Directory is still available for \$100.

ELECTION OF BOARD/OFFICERS:

On a motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (William Faulkner, Greg Scherf), the following persons were nominated as Directors of ERBA for the coming year: Stacy Walker, Bryan Mortensen, Deborah Chymyshyn, Jo Ann Siwy, Sarah Bailey, Wil Rutar, Barry Woodroff, Candice Myhr, and Laurel Marr. All were present and accepted the nomination. After three calls for further nominations from the floor, there were none and it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried (Greg Scherf, William Faulkner) that nominations be closed and those persons nominated were acclaimed Directors for the coming year.

APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:

On motion duly made, seconded and carried unanimously (Stacy Walker, Jo Ann Siwy), the following persons were appointed Auditors of the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2010: Deanna Vath and Greg Scherf .

OTHER BUSINESS:

- The December Mixer was announced to be hosted by TU Gallery and Alex Paterson.
- It was requested by Stacy Walker that promotional materials to stuff our promo bags be brought to each meeting
- Introduction of new members Dr. Karen Hoffman.
- Stacy encouraged input on how to increase awareness of ERBA and increase attendance at Mixers
- Stacy encouraged all to take copies of the new ERBA Brochure

ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at about 3:30pm on Stacy Walker's Motion. The next Mixer is to be held at TU Gallery on Tuesday, December 8, 2009.