

**MINUTES OF THE 2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF  
THE EDMONTON RAINBOW BUSINESS ASSOCIATION**

**DATE:**

November 8, 2010, "The Four Points by Sheraton", Edmonton, Alberta

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Stacy Walker, Wanda McAleese, Deborah Chymyshyn, Jo Ann Siwy, Candace Myhr, Jimmie Dexter, Darcy Curial, Marion McFall, Ron Cutler, Steve Atamaniuk, Sue Trautman, Tammy Winters, Wil Rutar, William M. Faulkner, Lynne Kaiser, Kim Pizzey, Alex Paterson, Bryan Mortensen, Daltyn Evans, Diane Folkins, Sandi Stetson, Warren Becker, Cameron Mossiman, **Marla**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm 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 email to all current members.

**APPOINTMENT OF RECORDING SECRETARY:**

With the consent of those present, Jo Ann Siwy acted as recording secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Diane Folkins, Warren Becker).

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting were approved on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Jo Ann Siwy, Bryan Mortensen).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Stacy Walker gave her report of the activities of the last year. Although her vision of reaching 100 members was not attained it was none-the-less a successful year. Cotton ERBA promo bags were once again distributed over Pride Fair, although this year we were more careful as who was given a bag. There is a small inventory of bags left for future endeavors. There may be a need for a second printing of the Directory – Sherwood Print has been the designer and printer of choice to date. ERBA has two honorary members: Neil Chamney and Bill Faulkner were given the designations as founding members and tireless efforts. Stacy thanked her 2010 board members: Candace Myhr(Treasurer), Jo Ann Siwy(Secretary), Bryan Mortensen(Vice President), Deborah Chymyshyn(Membership Director), Wil Rutar & Darcy Curial, (Directors at Large), Diane Folkins (Webmaster). Although not a board member Greg Sherf has stepped forward to help develop a vision and mission statements for ERBA. Stacy, President to date has put focus into building the Association and hopes that someone else will inject a more diverse perspective for 2011.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The (unaudited) Financial Statement for the year ending September 30, 2010 was presented on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Bryan Mortensen, Deborah Chymyshyn) was approved subject to completion of the audit by Deanna Vath and Greg Scherf who had been appointed at the 2009 AGM as auditors. Current Treasurer Candace Myhr gave much good news. ERBA's revenue has doubled – up from \$2005.47 in 2009 to \$4148.48 in 2010. This was attained by saving cost on not ordering cotton bags for Pride for 2010 (we made do with what was ordered and still available from last year) as well Memberships generated over \$1400 more than last year. Candace noted that the mailbox had just been paid and as such was not noted on the report, and that this year we lost out on selling advertising space in the directory by over \$2000 for last year.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT:**

The Membership report for the year ending September 30, 2010 was presented on a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Bryan Mortensen, Ron Cutler).

Current Membership Director Deborah Chymyshyn also gave a positive report. She thanked Cameron Mosimann and Bryan Mortensen for their contributions and hard work on the Directory. Diane for her work on the Website and Candace Myhr's help on the financial end. Thanks also to Stacy Walker for her tireless support. Deborah noted that there is an average of 24 people who attend the monthly mixers. This Annual General Meeting there is a gift card attendance incentive being tried out. Each member in attendance was given a \$10 Food & Beverage Gift Card ( pre-paid by the Association) that was to be used towards the purchase of their meal. 23 \$10 Gift Card attendance incentives were handed out at this year's AGM (honorary member did not receive a gift card). Deborah announced that she is officially resigning for the ERBA Board, however will make herself available for a smooth transition in the take over of responsibilities.

Statistics for the past year are as follows:

- ERBA had 64 members at the time of the 2009 AGM
- Between the 2009 AGM and April 2010 ERBA had 77 members.
- At renewal (May 01 2010) we lost 20 members equating to at total of 57.
- Since renewal until the 2010 AGM ERBA now has 73 members - an overall increase from last year of 8 members.
- 24 people were present for the 2010 AGM (18 members and 6 guests). The 18 members represented 24 ERBA memberships (2 members hold 3 memberships each, 3 members hold 2 memberships each).

**ELECTION OF BOARD/OFFICERS:**

Based on current membership numbers ERBA can have up to 10 directors. Once the Directors are elected, they will then elect the Board. On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Ron Cutler, Deborah Chymyshyn) the following persons were nominated as Directors of ERBA for the coming year: Bryan Mortensen, Stacy Walker, Greg Scherf, Diane Folkins, Lynne Kaiser, Jo Ann Siwy, Shawna Balanko, Candace Myhr, Will Rutar, Steve Atamaniuk. All were present and accepted nomination apart from Greg Scherf would had emailed prior acceptance of nomination. After three calls for further nomination from the floor, there none and it was moved, seconded and unanimously carried (Ron Cutler, Deborah Chymyshyn) that nominations be closed and those persons nominated were acclaimed Directors for the coming year.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS:**

On a motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried (Wanda McAleese, Bryan Mortensen) the following persons were appointed Auditors of the financial statements for the period ending September 30, 2011: Deborah Chymyshyn, and Alex Paterson.

**OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Owner of Sherwood Print and Copy has passed away
- Bryan Mortensen is looking to put together a Christmas Mixer with entertainment
- Edmonton Pride Festival is looking for a coordinator
- Steve Atamaniuk of Bad Bear Creative is a new Member

**ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 on Wil Rutar's motion. The next mixer is to be held at the Junction on December 14, 2010.