

Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce
2016 Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers
May 25.2016 @ Chances Rim Rock

Meeting Minutes:

CALL TO ORDER: President Jan Lavertu call the meeting to order at 12:05

MOTION: Brad M/Teresa B: "To accept the Agenda as presented" CARRIED

MOTION: Bill B/Kris P: "To accept the minutes from the AGM of 2015" CARRIED

Jan Lavertu introduced President of North Island College, John Bowman and in turn introduced Port Alberni's campus Administrator, Nancy Twynam. They were introducing the new Electrical training program now on our own Port Alberni Campus. They also spoke of other local initiatives and they reinforced the challenges of insufficient funding for the entire North Island College.

President's Report: Jan Lavertu

Jan thanked all Chamber of Commerce Staff, directors and members for a year well done.

- 300 Chamber of Commerce Members
- Advocate with Coombs Country Candy
- Cathedral Grove traffic control needs to be addressed
- Business Expo with Community Futures
- Funds for External Marketing
- Many Future Events
- Ambassador Program
- Trade Shows
- Sold Out Dinner Meetings

MOTION: Kris P / Brad M "To accept the Presidents Report" CARRIED

Executive Directors Report: Bill Collette

Bill displayed a 44 slide power point presentation of all Board of Directors & staff of the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce. Commenting and commending each individual in their own unique way to what they have brought and continue to bring to the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce as well to the Alberni Valley. He summarized the achievements of the AVCOC over the course of the year through this presentation.

MOTION: Dewayne /Brad “To accept the Executive Directors Report” CARRIED

REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT:

- ACCOUNTANT Rob Anderson of Anderson Associates presented the chamber’s ENGAGEMENT REVIEW for 2015. Rob presented basic summary figures for the membership, expenses, loans with Community Futures and equity. Membership’s showing an increase in revenue. He commented the cash-flow was in good financial shape.

MOTION: Dewayne/Brad “To Accept the Review Engagement Report as presented” CARRIED

MOTION: Bill B/Brad M “To Appoint Anderson Associates as the Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce, 2015 Accountants” CARRIED

REVISION - CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS:

Jan identified the need to edit our current Constitution and By-Laws in order to meet the criteria of Corporations Canada. Corporations Canada does have to approve the By-Laws every time they are changed.

MOTION: Teresa/Bob “To Accept the Revision & Up-date as presented” CARRIED

OUTGOING: 1ST YEAR & 2ND YEAR DIRECTORS

Jan Lavertu recognized and commenced the outgoing directors Neil Malbon, Bob Kanngiesser, Cherie Williams and past president Teresa Bird. Presenting those attended with a gift of thanks for all the hard work and continued support of the

Alberni Chamber of Commerce. Neil Malbon and Cherie Williams were not present.

Jan introduced Brad Minton as the Chair of the Nomination Committee

Brad confirmed the work that he, Rebecca Palmer and Bill Brown had done to find applicants. He also confirmed that:

- Election is necessary due to there being 5 spots open and 6 known candidates

That concluded Brad's Nominating Committee Report

Brad then introduced Bob Kanngiesser who came up to run the Election.

Bob first introduced the 3 returning Directors who were voted in for a two year term in 2015. Those three: Rebecca Palmer, Cindy Solda (absent) and Bill Brown were confirmed as moving to the 1 year Director positions.

Bob then sought nominations from the floor for the Executive Positions. As none were received all five positions were acclaimed as follows:

President – Jan Lavertu (Owner of Home Hardware)

1st Vice President – Kris Patterson (Pacific Chevrolet)

2nd Vice President – Brad Minton (Retired)

Treasurer – Deb Haggard (Community Futures)

Secretary – Sarah Jones (Walk the Coast)

The next step was a vote for the four open positions for two year Directors.

Members were instructed to select four of the following six applicants after it was confirmed that no others from the floor were putting their names forward.

Each of the six applicants were invited to speak for up to two minutes. Patricia Pouliot spoke for her husband Blain and Brad Minton read a prepared commentary from Nicole Mitchell. The others all spoke on their own behalf.

1. Alicia La Rue – Thrive Design
2. Malcolm Menninga – Alberni Duradek
3. Brian Callender – CBI Rehab In Motion
4. Dan Savard – Swept Away Inn
5. Blain Pouliot – ATV West Coast Edge
6. Nicole Mitchell – Staples

Ballots counted by: Rob Anderson, Jodi Irving, Norma Doucette

MOTION: Dewayne/Rebecca “To Destroy all ballots” CARRIED

Results of Votes are as follows:

2 YEAR DIRECTORS

- Alicia La Rue (Thrive Design)
- Malcolm Menninga (Alberni Duredek)
- Brian Callender (CBI Rehab In Motion)
- Dan Savard (Swept Away Inn)

The next step was to confirm if the remaining two would put their names forward for the one open 1 year Director position. As both did a vote to select one of the two was then conducted.

The final result as confirmed by R. Anderson and Associates was:

1 Year Director

- Blain Pouliot (West Coast Edge ATV)

Jack McLeman conducted the swearing in ceremony

MOTION TO ADJOURN @ 1:44pm: Kris Patterson

