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Manly Chamber of Commerce

Executive Committee minutes

Date: 17 November 2009

Where: Grande Esplanade Manly

Time: 7.30am to 9.30am

Present: Meegan Clancy, Margot Stolle (Secretary), Bob Smith (Vice President), John Worrell (Vice President), Mark Eymes, John Kelleher (President), Drew Johnson, Jonathon Allara, Jackie Lehman, Ian Miller, Laurian Powers.

Apologies: Adam Mitchell, Mark Stanley (Treasurer)

Absent: Frank Prestipino.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

- John Worrell passed and Bob Smith seconded last meetings minutes.

2. Finance Report

- November financials
 - From the book keeper not yet available.
 - However, since last meeting a working group of Margot Stolle (Secretary, Mark Stanley (Treasurer) and John Kelleher(President) compiled a cash flow budget and review the current and on-going cash flow and finances.
 - All three paying Corporate members have confirmed their support for 2010.
 - Tourism Committee is now being invoiced for contribution to office rent and expenses.
 - John Kelleher called for the formation of a sub-committee to review finances and membership structure. People called on to this committee included:
 - Mark Eymes
 - Drew Johnson
 - Laurian Powers
 - Bob Smith
 - The committee agreed to the conduct of the below December – March promotional campaign:
 - Promotional campaign - In December provide information to the non-members on Meegan's database calling for new members in 2010. Purpose to provide a teaser of what is happening, big wins and why they should consider joining the Chamber in 2010.

ACTIONS

- Margot to provide sub-committee with cash flow information.

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- Sub-committee to met and form suggestions for membership structure
- **Membership**
 - There are now 205 paid Chamber members including Gold and Corporate.
- 3. Events**
- The events left on the calendar for the remainder of the year are detailed as:
 - Christmas Cheer – 1 Dec- to be held at Hugos
- 4. Centre Managers Report – Meegan Clancy**
- **Surf Festival**
 - Meegan talked through a slide show for the Executive Committee showing photos of all events and the 4 day program.
 - Conclusion it was a huge success and talk has already begun for next year's event.
 - Meegan has scheduled a de-brief for the event where this year's event will be discussed and beginning of details for next year's event will begin including setting a date and the true cost of the event.
 - Points to note:
 - Participation in the event of both the surfing fraternity and the general public and surfing public far exceeded expectations.
 - Manly as a precinct including retailers performed better than average on the weekend.
 - Feedback from the business community was positive
 - Thank you and congratulations go to:
 - Meegan for the huge personal effort in pulling the event together with her team of which Mark Eymes was an integral part.
 - ICMS for their commitment of 20 volunteers at the event who were exceptional.
 - All sponsors and contributors.
- 5. Dave Darcy – Supt of Manly Police**
 - Dave Darcy presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Executive highlighting the alcohol related assault issue in Manly, its statistics, hotspots and major venue offenders.
 - Highlighted transport among other issues as being a major contender in the ability to reduce this problem in Manly.
 - Reason for attending the meeting was to petition Chamber on presenting a united front on transport and the importance of its resolution at the Manly Safety Community Partnership meeting on Thursday 26th November.
 - Solutions proposed included a private shuttle bus and more Taxis during this peak period.
 - Noted that Dave Darcy has been in on-going conversations with all venues as to setting a closing time.

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- The Chamber did agree that providing more transport was a step towards the solution and will provide this view at the meeting.

6. Tourism update

- This was skipped due to meeting running behind time.

7. Manly Council Committee Update

- Bob Smith – LMUD
 - Tramway Plaza
 - Widening and re-design of the beach promenade at the Queenscliff end of the beach.
- Bob Smith - Sus. Eco. Dev Comm
 - Nothing of relevance to the committee
- Margot Stolle – Community Safety Comm
 - Focus remains on the transport and alcohol related issues that exist in Manly.
- Margot Stolle on behalf of Adam Mitchell – Manly Community Safety Partnership
 - This was spoken about at length during the presentation by Dave Darcy.
 - The first meeting talked mainly about transport issues.
 - Next meeting is set for Thursday 26 Nov which both Adam and Margot will attend.

8. General Business

Sydney Road Markets

- Margot has now spoken to all relevant businesses in Sydney Road on the following Market points:
 - Positive and negative concerns on
 - Physical configuration of the markets
 - Product mix
- All of these businesses have received a letter from the Chamber with a copy of the Market operating rules and her details through which to funnel complaints.
- This report will be circulated to the Executive.
- This report will also be provided to Council and the market operator and a second meeting will be called with Council and the market operator to discuss the findings and the way forward.

Section 94

- This is an on-going major issue for business in Manly.
- Impacts on the value of property in Manly, the ability to re-develop any sites and the attractiveness of Manly to outside businesses coming in.
- Bob Smith noted that the Chamber has been unsuccessful bringing this to the attention of the Council so next action is to place a submission to the Minister to and ask them to review the way Section 94 is treated in Manly for commercial development.

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ASIC

- The Chamber has received a letter from ASIC that we do not have the legally required number of directors listed under the Chamber company name.
- Put forward that both John Kelleher and Mark Stanley be listed in addition to Bob Smith.
- Executive agreed

Correspondence

- Letter of support was provided from Chamber to Manly Bike Tours on the issue of the Tourist Bus
- Letter of response was received from Council
- Executive agreed now that this issue would be reviewed after a 3 month period with affected businesses to see if they have truly been impacted and any other actions will be decided then.

Other Business

- Margot Stolle announced to the Executive that she is 3 months pregnant.
- John Kelleher informed the Executive that Margot would remain in the Executive Officers role until Easter (early April).
- The search for a replacement would commence early in 2010.
- It was also noted that Chantelle Hoare would return from maternity leave at this same time and fill her role that Jackie Lehman is currently caretaking.

Meeting closed at 9.30am.

Next meeting date set for the 15 December