

Western Kings Board of Trade

Annual General Meeting

April 1st, 2010

Meeting held in the Berwick Lions Hall at 7:30 am with breakfast provided by the Lions. President, Terri Gale, opened the meeting welcoming all guests, including the guest speaker, Mr. David Griffin, Manager of Michelins Waterville Plant, and recognizing Mayor John Prall.

Berwick's Mayor, John Prall, brought greeting from the town and spoke briefly on the past years developments in the town, the fire hall, Business Park, subdivision and the new arena set to open in the fall of 2010. Mayor Prall also congratulated the Board of Trade on their accomplishments in the past year.

Minutes of the March 2009 AGM were reviewed by all present with no errors or omissions noted. Howard Hall moved approval of the minutes, Allen Chase seconded the motion.

Presidents Report: Terri Gale reported on the Boards activities over the past years, highlights were;

- Through a partnership with Community Inc. and funding received from Service Canada/Employment Nova Scotia, Liz Corkum was hired to help with the administration duties of the Board.
- Marketing Workshop hosted by ACSBE (Acadia Centre for Social and Business Entrepreneurship)
- Advertising Breakfast with a panel of media experts.
- Organized Food Bank Drives.
- Partnered with Berwick & District Economic Development Advisory Committee in many initiatives including the Youth Access Program for Berwick and the Berwick Farmers Market.
- Continued to sponsor community events, such as Gala Days, Santa Claus Parade and Berwick School Entrepreneur Awards.
- Western Kings Community Christmas promotion in December was a huge success involving all 3 local radio stations for a month with Lucy Chapman as the winner of well over \$1000.00 worth of gifts and services provided by Western Kings businesses.
- Successful Christmas Reception held in December with many local business sponsors.

Treasurers Report: (Gavin Brewster absent) Terri Gale presented the 2009 Financial Report to be reviewed by all present. No questions or concerns were raised, Polly Scott moved that the financial statement be accepted as presented, seconded by Hartt MacKinlay.

Nominations: Hartt MacKinlay presented the 2010 slate of officers and asked the floor for further nominations, none were presented from those present. Major John Prall was called upon to swear in new President Allen Chase. Terri Gale moves to Past President, Vice President is as yet unfilled, Treasure is Gavin Brewster and Secretary is Kent Johnson.

EDAC Update: David Keddy outlined EDAC initiatives over the past year that included Town of Berwick Beautification, new signage, the Apple was moved for better visibility, trees have been planted along Commercial Street, etc. May 23rd of 2009 marked the grand opening of the Industrial Park with several businesses in place. The Farmer Market is entering its second year with a new director, Carol Tobin, and is set to begin the 2010 season on May 20th. EDAC was instrumental in bringing the Youth Access Program to Berwick. This program enabled 10 local youth to obtain job skills, training and placements with local employers.

Howard Hall introduced our guest speaker, Mr. David Griffin, Manager of Michelins' Waterville Plant and delivered a short bio and background information. Mr. Griffin spoke on Michelins approach to sustainable development centering around three points, People, Profits and Planet.

Terri Gale thanked everyone for attending and the Lions for the breakfast. Allen Chase closed the meeting remarking on how he is looking forward to his term as President and moving forward with even more opportunities for the Board and its membership.

Allen Chase

Liz Corkum

President

Administrator