

**Hope and District Chamber of Commerce
Minutes
October 17, 2013**

In Attendance:

Glen Ogren, President
Kathleen Alexis, Vice President, Free Rein Associates
Pauline Cattrell, Secretary, High Hopes Bed and Breakfast
Elaine Lawton, Director, Canada Post
Shanon Fischer, Pixel Mountain Studio
Stephen Au-Yeung, Director, McDonalds
Jason Harper, Director, Joes Restaurant
Michele Wiens, Director, Hope Mountain Centre

“Our mission is to sustain and promote a positive business environment for our members within the District of Hope and surrounding areas by providing support, advocacy, education and networking opportunities”

Call to Order was made at 7:40 p.m.

Motion to accept Agenda was made by Jason, 2nd by Pauline. Carried.

Motion to accept Minutes of the last meeting dated September 18th, 2013 was made by Jason, 2nd by Stephen. Carried.

Motion to accept the Financials was made by Jason, 2nd by Stephen. Carried.

Ongoing Business

An Evening with Trevor Linden

Glen asked for volunteers to spend half an hour with the small group who are meeting with Linden at the Hope Art Gallery. Pauline and Kathleen offered to help. When asked how ticket sales were going, Glen stated that Hope Brewing will pay for any shortfall from this event.

Sale of the Welcome to Hope sign on Hwy 3

This is not possible at the current time.

New Business

Trans Mountain Pipeline and Kinder Morgan luncheon will be held at Conference Centre on Monday, October 21st. Glen squashed any rumours circulating about Kinder Morgan's policies and said he will be talking to them tomorrow at luncheon.

Meet and Greet

Jason Harper from Joe's Restaurant said he is still waiting for confirmation from Advantage Hope re this meeting which is to be held on Wednesday, October 23rd at 5:00 p.m.

Passport to Christmas

Last year, \$425,000 worth of full (not partial) booklets were taken in. You have to advertise with the Hope Standard to take advantage of this. The Chamber of Commerce spent \$625 on prizes last year. Discussion took place on the various ideas for prizes this year which would be most advantageous to businesses in Hope and the district.

A motion was made by Jason, 2nd by Stephen that the Chamber pay for three Visa gift certificates in the amounts of \$500, \$200 and \$100. Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. but opened again by Elaine who had a question about the Code of Conduct form which the directors were asked to sign and hand in today. She wanted to know if it was board-approved and Glen said it was not. Elaine was satisfied with this answer and chose not to sign the form and decided to stay on as a board member.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.