

VASHON MAURY ISLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: July 6, 2011

Location: Puget Sound Energy Conference Room

Presiding: Patti McClements, President

Attending: Patti McClements, President, Barbara Stratton, V.P., Laura Griffith, Treasurer, Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Debi Richards, E.D., Linda Bianchi, Gib Dammann, Ken Maaz, Molly Reed, Priscilla Schleigh Kimmel, Melinda Sontgerath, Sue Stinson, Ad. Assistant

Absent/Excused: Alison Bockus, Andrew Davis, Natalie Sheard

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Meeting was called to order at 8:37am.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Date on the June minutes was written in error. Melinda moved and Gib seconded that the minutes be approved as corrected. All were in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Signers on PSCCU Account: Let the minutes show that the approved signers on the account are Patti McClements, Barb Stratton, Priscilla Schleigh, and Linda Bianchi. Nancy will deliver a copy of these minutes to Patte Wagner at the Credit Union.

WSTA Seeking Board Members: The Washington State Tourism Alliance has Board position and volunteer opportunities. It would be good to have Vashon represented on this Board. Melinda showed some interest.

Small Business Award Update: So far there have been two Vashon nominations: Artisan Electric (Small Business of the Year category) and Giraffe (Rural Business category). The Deadline for nominations is 7/25/11. Gib is one of the judges. The application is on the King County website. Discussion of other possible nominations followed.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Update: Laura reported that expenditures are tracking with the budget. Our day-to-day operations expense is approx. \$6000/month. Some Festival expenses are being paid earlier than last year so the cash flow will not track exactly the same as reflected in last year's report. Discussion: wisdom of writing checks but delivering them to service providers after service is performed. Dues income is down but tracking as expected in anticipation of the reschedule of all membership renewals moving to October, 2011.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Office Move: Discussion: signage, lease details. Scott Shawver is reviewing the lease.

Strawberry Festival: Discussion: some volunteer slots still need to be filled. For security, Debi wants to insure that a Board member is present on shifts where money changes hands. Debi is concerned about the Festival bottom line and the major changes this year's festival will see (event location changes, new procedures, music changes etc.). Out-of state vendor participation is down and some regular vendors are reserving smaller booths. However, sponsorships are up, we'll have a record number of local booths (79) and over 50% of the booths this year are local. Non-profits who benefit from lower booth fees are expected to volunteer in exchange; they have been slow to respond. Discussion: the ongoing controversy with a merchant and Festival's use of the property along the street adjacent to the business. The merchant's position has caused the elimination of 4 food booths (at \$600 each) traditionally located on that side street, a big hit for the Festival this year. Further discussion of this issue and booth fees for non-profits in future years will continue at later meetings.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

In the interest of time, Board Committee reports were tabled to next month's meeting.

OTHER REPORTS:

Street Dance: Gib reviewed the Street Dance plans so far. It will require a budget of \$3500 and is scheduled for Saturday, September 10, 2011, from 4:00pm-9:00pm. (square dance 4:00-6:00, Portage Fill 7:00-9:00). It will be a Chamber event with Parks Department participation uncertain at this time. Further discussion was postponed until after Festival.

ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 10:29pm

NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 9, 2011, 8:30am, Puget Sound Energy Conference Room
Nancy Sipple, Secretary, Vashon Maury Island Chamber of Commerce