

**Pinawa Chamber of Commerce Annual General Meeting  
December 2, 2009 at 6:30 PM Pinawa Club Restaurant**

**Present:** Donna Warenko, Stu Iverson, Rhonda Henschell, Steve Sheppard, Patrick Headrick, Barrie Burnett, Bill Goertzen, Elaine Greenfield, Shaun Thompson, Mary Greber, Marsha Sheppard, Maryann Kotowich, Nancy Bremner

**Approval of Minutes of the 2008 Pinawa Chamber Annual General Meeting Minutes**

Motion: To approve the 2008 Pinawa Chamber AGM Minutes as written

Moved: Nancy Bremner; Second: Mary Greber

Carried.

**Financial Report:** Marsha Sheppard presented the Financial Report on behalf of Vince Lopata. The chamber currently has 40 paid members. The chamber is showing a net loss of approximately \$340 primarily due to the purchase of a defibrillator for W.B. Lewis Business Centre and the purchase of a lap top computer to use as a prize for completing our Business Retention and Expansion survey.

Motion: Accept the Financial Report as presented

Moved: Elaine Greenfield; Second: Bill Goertzen

Carried.

**2008 Annual Report – presented by Marsha Sheppard**

- Marsha thanked the current Executive for their efforts over the past year
- Over the past year the Chamber continued to work on the strategy developed for 2009.
- Marsha thanked both Nancy Bremner and Pat Sullivan for their help in 2009
- The Pinawa Chamber attended the Manitoba Chamber AGM in Gimli.
- The Chamber worked on Age Friendly Initiatives
- The Chamber, with significant help from Mary Greber, of Winnipeg River Community Futures, conducted a Business Retention and Expansion Survey
- The Chamber organized the Pinawa Birthday Parade – Thanks to Vince Lopata for all his efforts with this endeavor
- Marsha encouraged members to sit on the Executive or bring business issues to the Executive, and to participate with Nancy Bremner on her Pinawa Business Buzz initiative.

Motion: Accept the 2009 Annual Report

Moved: Nancy Bremner Second: Mary Greber

Discussion: Stu Iverson mentioned that, as a long time member of the Pinawa CDC, they have not been putting a lot of effort into business because it was thought that their best effort would be to increase population. He indicated this was a conscious decision and that, because that initiative now seems to be rather successful, it may be time to re-strategize this. To that end, the Chamber Executive will be meeting prior to the Pinawa CDC Strategy meeting to come up with suggestions to include for 2010.

Carried

## **Election of Officers**

Patrick Headrick – President

Marsha Sheppard – Past President

Donna Warenko – Secretary

Vince Lopata – Treasurer

Jeff Simpson, Elaine Greenfield, Rhonda Henschell – Members at Large

**Guest Speaker** – Mary Greber, Executive Director of Winnipeg River Community Futures.

Topic: Results of the Pinawa Business Retention and Expansion Survey

Final Report is available upon request.

Congratulations to Shaun Thompson, winner of the lap top computer prize.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.**