

4 April 2011

**In attendance** Ed Castillo, Edie, Moshe Mandelmann, Royd Warren, Augustuz Elliott, Amy Cody-Quinn, Lois Keb, Orlando Rice and Robert Sterling was present as a guest. It was determined there was a quorum present and the Meeting called to order at 5:36

Agenda was reviewed and approved with Lois stating she had an addition to old business

Amy stated there was a lot of unfinished business from previous minutes that were not added to the agenda due to the desire to keep the agenda short and the meeting brief. Minutes from previous meeting had been emailed and copies were circulated

Guz suggested we should read and consider minutes with the thought that they will be posted. And also said in reading over previous meeting's minutes, he would like to go over the minutes to discuss items dropped from this agenda in our next, longer meeting.

Royd made a motion to make an abridged version of official business minutes to include relevant business, motions, votes

Lois seconded. All in favor none opposed. Motion carried and Amy to post abridged minutes after approval and keep full notes for reference.

Lois move to accept minutes , Ed seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Amy to circulate abridged version prior to posting on HBA website.

**Treasurers' report:** Approximately \$ 11, 500 balance. Not a large amount of expenditures majority of expenses were for flowers and lei, Christmas decoration award, relay for life, balanced by dues that came in.

Amy moved to accept Treasurer's report Edie seconded. All in favor, none opposed

Royd stated we had a **new membership application** from Tex Drive-In which was a current member but new owners were not members.

Lois moved to accept new Tex owners as members. Ed seconded

After general discussion over policy for Board members meeting applicants prior to approving membership, Royd made motion to make HBA policy that if the Board already knows and can support and vouch for business applicants , Board can waive requirement to meet the applicants prior to accepting as members

Ed seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Lois and Amy to review bylaws to insure no conflict

Call for vote to accept new owners of Tex membership. All vote yeas, none opposed

Royd stated First Hawaiian is up to date and Bank of Hawaii has rejoined

### **Old business:**

General discussion over proposed HBA position letter re: GMO letter –it was determined that the letter should be circulated to the membership for feedback prior to publication to insure it reflects the beliefs of the entire membership.

Royd make motion to distribute membership with short note we've put together this stance, distributing by this date any concerns questions call prior to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

Lois second

After More discussion a vote was taken and all voted in favor of sending out letter Royd suggested including HBA flier and other information to make maximum use of postage dollars.

### **Awards committee did not meet**

Commercials –Phaeton's comments regarding guidelines for commercials (attached)

Guz reported that **Phaeton was resigning from board**-willing to be an honorary non-voting member.....Guz to appoint replacement for Phaeton and assign/find Correspondence Secretary.

Call for other Old business: Lois looking for home for old HBA records and file cabinet. Royd to take.

Ed-old biz next meeting for **Western Week** supposed to make fliers Ed going to take around

Suggestion was made to couple those fliers with visiting people to get to come to general membership meeting.

### **Next meeting to be extended meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

Before starting with new Business, **Robert Sterling of Malama Market spoke and notified the board of a campaign to encourage local shopping:** by putting flier together for in store items exclusive in Honokaa –buy something from a Honokaa Business and get 5% off on groceries. Robert also stated he intends to open skate board shop and would like to expand to bakery. Emphasized his desire to work with other businesses in town, not compete unfairly. Comments were well received and statements made that Robert could be a good addition to the Board he stated he was willing to serve. Board thanked Robert for his time.

### **New Business:**

**Central Committees:** Royd volunteered to head Finance Committee and said he had interest in public policy also, what bills impact business owners...and suggested we keep size of committees to 5 or less members and work to identify non board members to get involved bring in new blood....

General discussion over committees

Guz like to see work on things in this order:

Bathrooms, Parking, Connection/walking trail between NHERC and downtown, gym and downtown.

Overall agreement from all present regarding priorities it was determined the board needs to re-clarify our goals and form committees as needed to deal with those goals. **Finance and membership committees are solid** but others should be formed as needed. Focus on concrete projects within grasp and form committees around that...other stuff coming up as we go along.

General discussion over need to Revitalize the idea that Honokaa is a good place to have a business

Guz stated high speed internet might be key for raising economic prosperity and to follow up on getting more information about the program

Ed stated we have a community of people willing to work.....we just got to go hustle people to get together outside people to come help us...

**Discussion over speaker for next General meeting**-ideas included Malama Solomon, former Governor Wantanabe; someone to talk about high speed, folks from power plant, someone from Mauna Kea, zoning of town, commercial village. No decision was reached

There being no other new business, the president called for motion to adjourn,

Lois moved to adjourn meeting

Ed seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:01

Visitor from Hospital stepped in as business was closing and said he'd like to find a way to address community regarding changes to the Hospital and services being offered. Several Members of the Board stayed to discuss.

Submitted by: Amy Cody-Quinn

On:

Approved: