

## **Wauchope Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc**

### **Minutes of meeting 11th March 2008**

Meeting opened 6 pm

**Attendance** as per register

**Apologies** Ken Wisemantel, David Le Page, Varan Freestone, Sue Turner, Adrienne Van Spanje, Melinda Robinson, David Morton, Loris Hendy, Debbie Jones.

**Moved** that apologies be accepted M Hawkins 2nd S Carson

**Minutes** of previous meeting tabled

**Moved** that minutes of previous meeting be accepted. M Hawkins 2nd J Pursehouse.

**Business arising** it was agreed that items be carried forward to general business.

**Treasurer's Report** not available due to treasurer being on holidays.

**President's Report** President offered congratulations to Sue Carson for being selected as the Business Women of the Year.

**Membership** No report. David Cane has volunteered as membership officer. Thank you David

**Social** No report. Post vacant. A volunteer would be appreciated.

**Motion** that Standing Orders be set aside to welcome guest speaker. P Daniels 2nd R Prince.

**Meeting resumed 6.30 pm**

#### **Correspondence**

**In:** Business Industry Showcase 15th May - PM Racecourse  
Bev Taunton - 2 photos of early Wauchope?  
Julie Muller - request to be involed in Wauchope Retail Straregy  
Julie Muller - request that Christmas lights be turned off.  
Neroli Reid - invitation to charity event "Dancing Under the Stars" in support of the "Make a Wish" foundation.  
PM Hastings Council - Changes to Wauchope Sign (population 6000)  
"Celebrate Jesus" Committee - Easter celebration 15/3/-8  
RTA - Herons Creek Upgrade  
Dept State & Reg Dev - Sustainability Conference 2008  
PM Hastings Council - minutes & business papers x 3

**Out** Business Diary - change of details  
Thank you to speaker Julie Muller  
Heated Swimming Pool committee - re update  
Thank you to speaker - Ron Ddures  
PM Hastings Council - Focus Group Names

**Motion** that correspondence in be accepted and outgoing be confirmed S Carson 2nd A Pereira

### **General Business**

Email received from Debbie Jones with complaint re statement made by President Marlene Hawkins at the Port Macquarie HUB:

**Motion** that Chamber write to HUB reiterating Chambers position and that Chamber is not opposed to tourism. P Daniels 2nd S Carson. All in favour

**ACTION** Secretary to draft letter for President's signature.

Membership asked if Chamber could join Business Enterprise Centre?

**Motion** that Chamber join Business Enterprise Centre. President to be representative P Simmons 2nd P Daniels. All in favour

**ACTION** Secretary to obtain application form.

Carolyn Fowler offered to attend meetings as necessary.

**Motion** that applicable membership fee be paid to BEC. P Simmons 2nd A Pereira. All in favour.

**ACTION** Treasurer to pay membership fee.

General discussion regarding possible **name change for Chamber** to better reflect membership base eg. tourism etc. as put forward by Julie Muller as a motion from previous meeting. Unable to reach a consensus.

**Motion** that suggestions for new name and/or letter heading format be brought to next meeting. P Simmons 2nd P Daniels.

**Chamber Sub Committees** it was acknowledged that these would come and go as needed.

Current committees and representatives:

**Master Plan** Mark Livermoore, Jenny Pursehouse, Angela Johnston, Danielle Mortimer, Carolyn Fowler, Eva Cassagrain, Peter Daniels.

**Christmas** Carolyn Fowler, Loris Hendy, Peter Daniels

**Retail** Mark Livermore, *Julie Muller?*

**Business Expo** Danielle Mortimer *and other lady from NAB?*

**Tourism** Debbie Jones

**Industry** Sue Carson, Peta Simmons, Angela Johnston, Myrna Hitchcock.

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**Deviation** Options discussed. Final comments/submissions due 14th April 2008

**Motion** that Chamber write to Mr Persson requesting his attendance at a future meeting. P Daniels 2nd S Carson

General discussion as to whether or not Chamber has a **booth** at the Wauchope **Show**.

**Motion** that chamber approach Pool Committee with a view to sharing a stand. J Pursehouse 2nd C Hill.

**ACTION???**

Meeting closed 7.25 pm

**Next meeting 8th April 2008.**

Guest Speaker Dave Reneke from Wauchope Country Music Festival committee.

Dave advised of the inaugural Festival to be held at the Showground January 9th,10th,11th 2009 featuring Top name artists. His presentation to Chamber was partly to seeking sponsorship and advising of advertising space in the program from as little as \$50. Additional information available in attached "Some Festival Facts" sheet.

It is hoped that buskers will be in the CBD area and that businesses will dress up and have window displays. Saturday night dinner "Friends of the Festival".

"Timbertown Muster" to incorporate activities for children and young people together with additional venues for artists to perform.

**ACTION** for more information and/or advertising details please contact S Carson.