

**ASPEN CHAMBER RESORT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
MAY 27, 2008 – ANNABELLE INN**

Call to order: Chairman Stan Clauson called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Those present were: Paddy Allen, Charlie Bantis, Cristal Logan, Carol Hood, Mick Ireland, Rick Jones, Helen Klanderud, Warren Klug, Patsy Malone, Michael Owsley, David Perry, Chris Macdonald, Jeff Gorsuch, Jenna Weatherred, Matt Zubrod, Cari Kuhlman, David Ressler, Bill Tomcich and Diana Sirko. Staff: Debbie Braun, Michelle Miller, Erik Klanderud, Heather Compton, Joanna Eisler and Lisa Johnson. Guests: Don Sheeley, Diana Carey and Kevin Shand. Absent: Cassandra Foister, Susan Hamley, John Rigney and Laura Smith

Approval of April 29, 2008 minutes: The board unanimously approved the April 29, 2008 minutes.

Presentations: **Telluride Business Alliance** – Diana Carey from Telluride gave a presentation about her new position with the Telluride Business Alliance and is here to learn more from other chambers. She will be meeting with Debbie at the ACRA office to discuss healthcare, membership, and all aspects of the Aspen Chamber.
Colorado Film Commission – Kevin Shand from the Colorado Film Commission presented a video clip of numerous movies filmed in the state of Colorado. He also discussed their incentive program, the use of existing landmarks and how they obtain permits for land use. Their goal is to get support from all over Colorado. A resolution of support will be prepared and staff will be in contact with Kevin.

Report from Nominating Committee: At the last meeting they reviewed the new slate of officers. Chair – Stan Clauson, Vice Chair – Warren Klug, Secretary – David Perry, Assistant Secretary – Cassandra Foister, Treasurer – Charlie Bantis. A motion was made to approve the new slate. A new policy was made regarding the At-Large appointments. Helen Klanderud and Paddy Allen would like to continue to be active on the board along with Brad Jasicki from Replay Sports. A motion was made to approve these At-Large members. It was seconded by David Perry. Helen Klanderud will also be added as the assistant treasurer. Bylaws state we require a policy – A motion was made to approve the listed officers. It was seconded by Charlie Bantis and unanimously approved by the board.

Chairs comments & Executive committee Update: Stan thanked the Annabelle for hosting us again. Jeanette Darnauer, Shae Singer and Don Sheeley were thanked for their service on the board. The new Limelight project is one we should be proud of and should have a positive voice in our community on the new development. We should also show our support for the completion of Burlingame. Executive Committee update - The Brochure Display Policy is complete and will be presented to the board for approval at the next meeting. A winner has been chosen for the Molly Campbell Service Award and will be awarded at the Food and Wine Luncheon on Thursday, June 12th. Discussion also included the presidential review policy process. Comments and feedback would be appreciated.

President's comments: Debbie recognized and thanked the out going board members. Our next articles in the Business Lounge will be from David Ressler (AVH) and Charlie Bantis (Vectra Bank). The Lift One Task Force have reached their 7th meeting and going well. A handout was distributed with the goal they would like to achieve. Please provide feedback and review the website. Fireworks will be displayed during Food and Wine Classic. Our ACRA staff employee, Annie Watts, will be married this weekend. Jennifer Carney and Julie Hardman are hard at work with Food and Wine and Dorothy Frommer is currently on vacation. Our contract with Food and Wine has been signed and our contract with the Aspen Skiing Company is approaching renewal.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rick Jones congratulated Don Sheeley on spearheading the one way street. One board member reported some city officials are concerned with pedestrian safety and accidents with the change.

Directors Comments: Mick commented how we have an increased number of families in our area. Employees have a 7% chance in the housing lotteries. It's a challenge. Construction on the bridge should be completed by October. David P has toured the Limelight, is quite impressed, and recommends everyone take a tour. Carol Hood will provide her statistics on the real estate market after the 3rd quarter ends. Chris Macdonald is glad to be on board and receiving feedback from several members. Paddy Allen is pleased to be an at-large member on the board for another year. Rick Jones thanked David Ressler for replacing Shae Singer on the nominating committee. Warren Klug is looking for a positive summer and does not think gas prices will affect business. Cristal Logan informed the group the Aspen Ideas Fest will be in June. Diana Sirko reported the Aspen High School graduation was a complete success. A total of \$350,000 in scholarships was distributed. Bill T – Delta is expanding there daily service. This winter we will have one stop flights to all continents. Additional baggage fees will be in effect soon. Don Sheeley announced the Saturday Market will open Food and Wine weekend. He also thanked everyone for the privilege to serve on the board. Jeff Gorsuch is looking forward to working with his constituents and the board. Patsy Malone recently learned certain hotels honor a discount for being a chamber member. Is it possible for the board members to get an ACRA board member business card? David R says they are currently looking for partnering opportunities for affordable housing. Cari Kuhlman had over 100 members attend their last AYP event at the Red Brick. Stan made note of how the Denver Post is changing their delivery time to 9:30am.

Adjournment: 10:44 a.m.