

**ASPEN CHAMBER RESORT ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
November 30, 2010**

Call to order: ACRA Chair Warren Klug called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Attendance: Those present were Stan Clauson, Senih Geray, David Ressler, Charlie Bantis, Nina Eisenstat, Carol Hood, Adam Fortier, Cristal Logan, Kenny Smith, John Speers, David Perry, Susan Hamley, Michael Owsley, Bryan Nelson, Heather Kemp, Bill Tomcich, Donnie Lee, Helen Klanderud, John Maloy and Laura Smith. Absent: Mick Ireland, Bobbie Burkley, Jeanette Darnauer and Jenna Weatherred. Guests: Jim Elwood, Director of Aviation at the Aspen Pitkin County Airport and Heidi Kowar, Aspen Station Manager at SkyWest Airlines. Staff: Debbie Braun, Michelle Miller, Julia Theisen, Julie Hardman and Erik Klanderud.

Approval of October 26, 2010 minutes: The board unanimously approved the October 26, 2010 minutes.

Presentations: Chip Childs, President & COO of Sky West Airlines gave a presentation on airline service to the Aspen area, operational performance, airline safety and closer look in to the SkyWest Airline industry. Marissa Snow, Corporate Communications Manager from SkyWest Airlines also attended.

Chair's comments: The annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Wednesday, December 8th at the Limelight Lodge. Donations will benefit the Aspen Interfaith Association Gift Basket Program. Warren congratulated those who had a victory in the November election. There will be no December ACRA board meeting. The SAS Annual Shareholders luncheon is scheduled for this Thursday, December 2nd at the Aspen Meadows.

President's comments: Jennifer did have her baby and will be on maternity leave for the next couple months. Dorothy is currently on vacation but was devastated to hear the news on the localizer issue. Winterskol buttons are in and are being sold for \$1.00. Portions of the proceeds will be donated to the helmet program at the Aspen Valley Hospital. Debbie is working with some of the students at the high school to help their program. She joined Michael Owsley and David Ressler in the interview process for the new Pitkin County Manager.

Member Services committee update: Jeanette's update from the Business Expo was distributed. The Business Expo was a huge success.

Finance committee update: Charlie discussed the four ACRA budgets that were distributed. The chamber is entering to a calendar fiscal year starting January 1, 2011. The Finance and Executive committees provided feedback and changes to the initial drafts of each budget. Those recommendations were applied. Charlie made a motion to approve all four fiscal year ACRA budgets. It was so moved by Helen, seconded by Donnie and unanimously passed and approved by the board.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Director's comments: Warren mentioned the Summit for Life on December 10 & 11th. David Ressler was pleased to participate in the interview process for Pitkin Co Manager. Nina E attended the Business Expo and thought it was well done. Carol H is preparing the year-end statistics. She shared real estate sales figures around the Aspen area. Cristal congratulated Warren for his role in 1776. Kenny Smith reports store front leases are turning over. It looks much better than summer. John S is encouraged for a positive season for the Little Nell. Last minute bookings are coming in, including groups. David P was pleased with the great opening on Aspen and Snowmass. Our conditions are good along with the other CO resorts. World Cup was a success and thanks for the support. Susan H – Several new bones have been found at the site near Snowmass. The recognition has been incredible. Snowmass is looking forward to a great season. Mike O appreciates the input from the ones who assisted in the interview process for Pitkin Co Manager. The new manager is John Peacock who will be a splendid asset. Heather is pleased with the snowfall we have received. Sashae will be having an open house on Monday, December 6, 2010 from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m. Bill T – Stay Aspen/Snowmass is doing better than last year and sees very positive trends for the upcoming season. Donnie is also looking forward to a great winter season at the Gant. Helen K was pleased with the presentation from SkyWest. She also thanked Aspen Skiing Co for a successful World Cup.

Adjournment: 10:43 a.m.