

Los Ninos de Chapala y Ajijic

Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting: May 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 10:22 a.m. at the office in Chapala. In attendance were Bill Friend, Doug Friend, Belle Arnold, Bing Munroe, Pat Percival, Lori Skoda, Lois Gowers and Pam Steed.

1.) **Minutes** of previous meeting were not received and/or reviewed by the Directors so a hard copy was presented . After individual review of these minutes they were unanimously approved. A reminder of the proper procedure to follow when presenting and submitting the minutes shall be sent to Bob Moore; Secretary.

2.) Bill Friend updated the status of the AGM minutes, which are awaiting submission to the Governing Body for review and approval.

*** Prior to the presentation of the Treasurer's Report, Bill Friend updated the Board on the decision to change banks. We will be moving to Multiva in due course. It is estimated that this process should be completed in approximately one months time.

3.) **TREASURERS REPORT;** Belle Arnold reported the current bank balance as 256,432.34 p. Belle also presented a review of the most recent donations that have been made. They are as follows:

- Presentation at the Presbyterian Church yielded a donation of \$14,120 Pesos. It was stated by the presenters that this donation is to be used to directly sponsor children.
- The Anglican Church provided a donation of \$12,000 Pesos towards the hiring of a Tutor.

Belle shall continue to pursue other available grants such as Soriana's ongoing offering to the community.

Budget review meeting is to be undertaken within the next week or two in order to prepare for the upcoming years' expenditures. The committee that is to handle this shall consist of: Bill Friend, Doug Friend; Belle Arnold; Lori Skoda; Lois Gowers

Year End Audit is currently with our Accountants and MUST be done by the end of June as per YHAS regulations.

4.) **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

i: Thrift Shop - Lori Skoda: Previous months profits were 18,470 p. Most recently the Bazar had a "Bag Sale"; with a twist. The bags have been donated by eSun Energy and not only advertise their company but El Bazar as well. Lori will endeavour to bring in some of these bags for the Board Members use. It has been a good way to bring some visibility to the organization. Also Lori asked that we; the Board Members; send out "request for donation" emails to all of our contacts as the slow season is upon us and things have slowed down. We will need all the help we can get to make it over this slump in the year. It was noted that the Bazar will continue to pay for the monthly article in the OJO. Lori also discussed the need to hire a second person in the office. In particular Pablo (he applied for the administrative assistant position) who has an Accounting degree and would bring some relief to Belle on an daily or weekly basis. Belle is still spending too much time in the office. Her position should NOT be full time.

ii: Fundraising - Lois Gowers: Ongoing discussions regarding an ANIKAN / Summer Solstice night remain active. Doug has indicated that this event would have to take place before then end of June as ANIKAN will be short one member as of that time frame. There is still dialogue regarding a Parade of Homes event that some friends of Belle's are willing to assist us with. Pam Steed reminded the Board that R. Feldman had presented a monthly schedule which had ideas for fund raisers on it. Pat Percival recalled this

schedule and will check her files to see if she still has a copy of same. If she does she will bring it to the next meeting. Pat P. also presented an update regarding the funds being raised on a weekly basis at the Wednesday market in Ajijic. A special THANK YOU will be sent via Pat Percival; to Jon DeWaal for his assistance with the poster(s).

iii: Cultural Centre - Bing Munroe presented an update to the discussions regarding our access and use of the Cultural Centre in Ajijic. We will set up an office in their building which we shall have access to during their normal hours of operation. Our set up is to include a computer lab, which they (the Cultural Centre) will have access to. Over and above this exchange there will be a monthly rental however Bing has indicated that this should be nominal considering their desire to have access to the computers. Bill and Bing are to meet with the C.C. personnel to confirm the details of their requirements. Bing will report back to the Board with this information at the next meeting. It was agreed by all of the Board members that if these requirements are reasonable the 2nd office, in Ajijic, will be a GO.

5.) **NEW BUSINESS:**

Pam Steed and Pat Percival have reiterated the need to express our appreciation to individuals that assist our organization in various ways. A very special Thank You should be and will be sent out to Mr. T... (who wishes to remain anonymous and therefore not being named in these public minutes) for naming NCA as a benefactor.

Belle presented an update to the progress that Marguerite is making and feels that we have the right person handling the Office Administration duties. Belle has booked holidays starting the end of May and will be gone for 3 weeks.

Lois Gowers moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Meeting ended at 12:16 p.m.