

LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

Meeting of the Executive Committee

Monday, April 11, 2016

MINUTES

1. **Meeting opened: 7.31pm.**
2. **Present:** Deb Petch, Sonya Altschwager, Steph Nitschke, Karen Kilsby, Paul Lewis, Annette Winter, Sharyn Schlein, Darren McKee, Sue McKee, Catarina Santini, Ryan Seaman.
3. **Absent:** Kristy Hobbs.
4. **Confirmation of minutes of previous Executive meeting held Monday, February 8, 2016.** Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Annette Winter.
5. **Business Arising from minutes – nil.**

Deb Petch welcomed Catarina Santini to the meeting and asked that she be officially nominated as treasurer. Outgoing treasurer Sue McKee put forth the nomination. Seconded: Paul Lewis. Catarina Santini accepted the nomination. All in favour. CARRIED.

Sonya Altschwager suggested that the chamber contact *The Loxton News*, regarding a news article about our new treasurer. Deb Petch advised Catarina would need to be made a signatory as soon as possible.

Sue McKee was thanked for her hard work as treasurer.

6. **Correspondence – In Minutes from Loxton Christmas Lights Committee meeting.**

Works request to council regarding footpath outside Riverland Sheds.

Letter to council regarding the Loxton Riverfront Caravan Park.

It was asked that the chamber ask for a response regarding this letter from council representative Deb Thiele at the next meeting.

Riverland Forum competition.

A vote was taken to establish whether the chamber would promote the 'Riverland Business Buzz' competition among member businesses.

The motion was unanimously voted down. Sonya said she would contact the administrator at Riverland Forum and decline the invitation of behalf of the chamber.

Invitation to attend a 'Mainstreet Masterclass' in the Barossa in June at a cost of

\$400.

Sonya asked for the members' opinion on whether they believed her attendance would be worthwhile. The members voted unanimously against her attending, but asked that Loxton Waikerie Council CEO Peter Ackland pass any relevant information back to the chamber.

**7. Correspondence – Out
March Chamber Chat.**

Invitation to attend a free TAFE workshop on how to prepare a business activity statement (BAS).

An invitation to local businesses participate in the RAWCS Helping Hands Project to help supply artificial hands to landmine victims in Cambodia.

Notice of an extension to the offer for the RAWCS Helping Hands Project.

A reply email to Cindy Kakoschke regarding Heritage Park developments.

Correspondence accepted. Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Ryan Seaman.

8. Business Arising from correspondence – nil.

9. Reports

a. Treasurer's Report, Sue McKee/Catarina Santini.

*As the new treasurer, Catarina advised that businesses will be able to drop off their Loxton Gift Vouchers for reimbursement at her workplace Maddens Accountants.

*It was suggested that the new drop off point be included in the newspaper article about Catarina's appointment.

Report tabled by Sue McKee. Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Catarina Santini.

b. Business & Events Manager Report, Sonya Altschwager

*In March, \$1570 of Loxton Gift Vouchers sold.

*Following another successful Easter breakfast, it was decided that the event would continue next year.

*May promotion '500 reasons to shop in Loxton' will be held after the pedal prix, between the dates of May 16 and 30.

*It was decided that Sonya would put in a submission for the chamber in the SA Regional Awards.

*After being approached by a Berri-based business for chamber membership, Sonya asked the committee for their thoughts on whether this was permissible. After consulting the new constitution, it was decided that henceforth, businesses based outside the Loxton district would be ineligible to become members of the chamber.

*Sonya tabled the draft budget. It was decided that Sonya, Deb and Catarina would meet to discuss budget and matrix of new ideas. Following this meeting, a special meeting of the executive committee would be held to vote on a finalised budget and prioritise new ideas to be carried out by chamber.

10. General Business – nil.

11. Closure: 9.08pm.