

LOXTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INC.

MINUTES

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, May 9, 2016

1. **Meeting opened: 7.31pm.**
2. **Present:** Deb Petch, Sonya Altschwager, Steph Nitschke, Lew Gibbs, Deb Ebert, Catarina Santini, Sally Goode, Michael Hitch, Paul Lewis, Mick Searle, Deb Thiele, Annette Winter, Sharyn Schlein, Ryan Seaman.
3. **Apologies:** Julie Dansie, Nikki Voigt, Jane Wilson, Chris and Jane Grant, Karen Kilsby, Kristy Hobbs, Jodie Koch, Caroline Tuhoro, Trevor Petch.
4. **Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held Monday, March 7, 2016.**
Moved: Lew Gibbs. Seconded: Paul Lewis.
5. **Business Arising from minutes: Nil.**
6. **Correspondence – In**
Email from Sarah Lindblom at Business SA - regional collaboration project.
7. **Correspondence – Out**
Email to members regarding Business SA survey.
April Chamber Chat.
Moved: Catarina Santini. Seconded: Ryan Seaman.
8. **Business Arising from correspondence:** Sonya Altschwager will attend the Regional chambers' consultation day at Business SA in Adelaide on May 27.
Moved: Ryan Seaman. Seconded: Sally Goode. All in favour. CARRIED.
9. **General Business**
 1. **Auditor change.**
While Stephen Critchley of Elaine Lewan and Associates has acted as auditor on behalf of the chamber in the past, members were asked to vote on a change to Maddens Accounting. Moved: Sharyn Schlein. Seconded: Paul Lewis. All in favour. CARRIED.

*It was mentioned that Riverland Mobility Equipment was opening their shop in Edward Street on May 25.
10. Reports:
 - a. **Business Watch, SAPOL.**
Report tabled by Mick Searle. Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Annette Winter.
 - b. **Council report, Deb Thiele.**
*Arts on Terrace funding of \$6850 has been approved by council ahead of budget.

* East Terrace Revitalisation has \$300,000 in funding for the 2016/2017 financial year. Work will be focused on the top square (around library/bus bay). All input welcome.

*The damaged traffic island on East Terrace will be replaced.

Moved: Catarina Santini. Seconded: Michael Hitch.

c. President's report, Deb Petch.

*On behalf of the chamber, Deb will be speaking to the Liberal Senate team who will be passing through Loxton this week.

* The chamber's annual dinner will be held at the Loxton Hotel on June 2. A guest speaker is still being sourced.

Moved: Ryan Seaman. Seconded: Catarina Santini.

d. Treasurer's report, Catarina Santini.

*Catarina explained to members that she would be reimbursing cheques electronically from now on. But it was still crucial to return the original voucher.

*Two signatories (Deb and Catarina) will now be required for electronic transfers between chamber accounts.

*From now on, a full treasurer's report will be presented quarterly.

Moved: Paul Lewis. Seconded: Sharyn Schlein.

e. Business & Events Manager report, Sonya Altschwager.

*At Sunday's pedal prix, seven stall holders will be set up in 'food court'. A few main street businesses will also be opening for Sunday trade. It was suggested that Sonya send an email to members regarding opening times as there will be large crowds in the main street around 8am.

*In April, \$800 in vouchers were sold.

*500 Reasons to Shop in Loxton promotion starting on the Monday after pedal prix.

*New ideas for chamber projects: event attraction, beautifying Warners/Woolworths walkway to main street, town hashtag.

*Sonya told members that the chamber needed a volunteer to manage chamber's Facebook page.

Moved: Sally Goode. Seconded: Deb Ebert.

Meeting closed: 8.32pm.