



Swedish-American Chamber of Commerce - Ohio

Regional chapter of SACC-USA, www.sacc-usa.org.

Minutes from SACC-Ohio Board meeting, December 10, 2007

In attendance: Michael Miller, Peter Carlsson, Bengt Gerborg, Matias Bonnier and Lars Traner.

Absent, Christian Bernadotte, Ken Johnson, Lars Eriksson, Erick Carlsson

Matias wished everyone welcome and opened the meeting.

The Minutes from the last meeting was approved by Michael Miller and second by Peter Carlsson.

Treasury report; Ken Johnson was not present and no update of the income statement/s was available.

A brief discussion followed and Matias was appointed to contact Ken a.s.a.p. to request the income statement update and to remind Ken of the tax return to be completed for the year 2007. Matias was also asked to obtain a copy of the 2006 tax return.

Membership: Peter Carlsson:

Peter reviewed the Membership report that he had sent out to the board members prior to the meeting. Michael made a motion, second by Bengt that non paying parties in 2007 be removed from the membership list . They will not continue to receive "Currents", nor be able to vote at the annual meeting.

Lars was tasked with reviewing old Minutes to find out what was established as to due date and exclusion date for membership.

Next chamber report to SACC-USA to be submitted in January of 2008 and by Peter.

PR Committee: Christian Bernadotte was not present..

Peter and the other board members are asking what the specification for the website is going to look like. What if anything has been accomplished so far? Has Erienet been contacted?

Peter, also a member of the PR Committee will contact Christian and Lars Eriksson and report back to us no later than by the next board meeting.

Events: Lars Eriksson was not present.

Mike advised us that the next event is the Annual meeting, January 17, 2008.

It will be scheduled prior to Neoibn's meeting, featuring Adam Wassermann, President of the Cleveland Port Authority.

Location and time to be announced at a later time.

A discussion followed on the subject of how to generate greater attendance at our meetings. Should we invite other organizations, take part in their meetings, have social networking events, meeting every third week at a certain establishment etc...?

Or should we employ trainee's to assist us part time with various tasks?

It was decided that a specific "strategy" meeting is to be held on Monday January 14th, 2008, at 10.00am at the Swedish Consulate. Mike will make the reservations and confirm to all board members.

Bengt mentioned that we made \$1400 on the Lucia dinner held on December 2nd.

New business: The Annual Meeting.

January 17, 2008 is the confirmed date. Time and location will follow.

A slate of board members is to be presented at the meeting.

Bengt, Christian and Matias was assigned as the Nomination Committee to nominate and present the slate of board members. All present board members present at this meeting made it clear that they were available and willing to continue as board members if appointed.

Documents to be prepared:

Notice of Meeting – Mike

Annual letter – done and Peter has it.

Form of Proxy – Mike. Peter was assigned to be the proxy holder.

Invoice for 2008 – Ken, please issue and send to Peter before December 17th, 2007.

The above “package” will be distributed by regular mail to:, Sponsors, Corporate members, Small business members and Institutional members as well as one member who does not have email, Jane Kilroy.

All other SACC-Ohio members will receive the “package” by email.

Peter will distribute the emails, Lars Traner will print and distribute the “package” by regular mail.

Old business: Sister City, Mike.

The city of Malmö has been suggested. This relation ship has to be worked out between the city of Cleveland and the city of Malmö.

Bengt mentioned that he had discussed this relationship with the Govenor of Skåne at the Entrepreneurial Days in Malmö this past summer.

Bengt will contact the Govenor of Skåne asking him to contact the parties involved at the city of Malmö.

As there were no further subjects to discuss the meeting was adjourned.

Next board meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008 , location and time to be announced later.

Respectfully submitted, Lars Traner, Secretary SACC – Ohio,

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