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## **MINUTES OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE 2016 COUNCIL ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016, EDUARDO'S RESTAURANT, WEST BAY ROAD, GRAND CAYMAN, CAYMAN ISLANDS**

### **ATTENDING:**

- Mr. Paul Pearson, President and Chairman
- Mr. Kyle Broadhurst, President-Elect
- Mr. Paul Byles, Vice President
- Mr. Wayne Cowan, Treasurer
- Mr. Gary Ruddy, Councillor, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year
- Mr. Chris Kirkconnell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Year, Councillor
- Mrs. Roz Griffiths, Councillor, 1<sup>st</sup> Year
- Mr. James O'Brien, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Councillor
- Mr. Gregg Anderson, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Councillor
- Mr. Wil Pineau, CCE, Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

### **1. Welcome/Call to order/Confirmation of required five Councilors for quorum**

President Paul called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He confirmed the required quorum of five Council members and welcomed everyone to the meeting and the holiday social. CEO Pineau recorded the minutes.

### **2. Apologies**

- Mr. Colin Reid, Secretary
- Mr. Barry Bodden, Immediate Past President
- Mrs. Cynthia Hew, 1<sup>st</sup> Year, Councillor

### **3. Consent Agenda**

- a. Review/Approval draft Minutes from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016 meeting
- b. Administrative Report (5<sup>th</sup> November – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016)

Draft minutes from the 8<sup>th</sup> Council meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> November, the Chamber Administration Report for the period 5<sup>th</sup> November – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 was distributed for review/comment to the Council prior to the meeting. A motion to accept these items on the consent agenda was moved by Councillor Kirkconnell, seconded by VP Byles and passed unanimously.

### **4. Ongoing Business**

- a. Committee updates
  - i. Government Relations – President Paul updated the Council on the recent meeting with the Immigration Department senior management on 17<sup>th</sup> November. Overall, he felt that the management was unwilling to accept that there were any significant issues with processing applications and they took much of the time justifying their actions. He did not believe that the meeting served any useful purpose other than to receive an update on the actions that



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the senior officials were implementing. President Paul said he would share the minutes of the meeting with the Council so that everyone can determine what action needs to be taken.

- ii. Marketing and Communications – Secretary Colin, who chairs the committee, offered his apology for the meeting. The committee continues with his work in developing the animated video series, Economic Growth Matters, which is expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2017.
- iii. Community and Membership Development – PE Kyle said he intended to call a meeting early in the new year in order to receive the list of projects that the subcommittees have developed.
- iv. Nominations – President Paul said the committee includes PE Kyle and VP Paul. There are two executive positions to fill: VP and Secretary and two Councillor positions to fill and possibly three if any member of the existing Council is considered for nomination to one of the executive committee roles. An email will be sent to the membership inviting nominations. The Council also agreed to reschedule the date for the AGM. The CEO will advise on a new date based on the conference room availability.

### 5. New Business

- a. Presentation of draft financial statements for 2015  
Treasurer Wayne tabled the Manager's Draft of the 2015 financial statements produced by Hon. Auditor EisnerAmper Cayman. Total liabilities and members equity increased from \$373,711 at the end of 2014 to \$471,712 as at the end of 2015. Comprehensive income increase from \$21,739 in 2014 to \$21,974 in 2015. Members' equity increased from \$330,912 in 2014 to \$352,886 in 2015. Final audited accounts will be completed and presented at the January 2017 Council meeting.

### 6. Any other business

- a. General discussion on the state of education – PE Kyle informed the Council that he would like to focus on education as one of the key advocacy platforms in 2017. He said the quality of education impacts all aspects of the economy and the membership. He asked that the recent education reports are circulated to the Council members and that a meeting is arranged with the principals of the high schools and other educational institutions. One approach to address this topic was holding an education symposium of stakeholders. The Council also recommended that the subject was so broad that there needed to focus on a specific area.

### 7. Upcoming meetings/events:

- a. **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> January**, 3 p.m., Council meeting, Governors Square, Chamber office
- b. **Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> January** – Business After Hours – Home Gas' 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, George Town Yacht Club
- c. **Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> January** – Member Information Session, 12:30 p.m. Governors Square
- d. **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February** - Council meeting, Governors Square, 3 p.m.



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### **8. Adjournment/Council social**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.