

PASTRY CHEF GUILD OF ALBERTA

Minutes from Official Meeting

April 6, 2009

Present:

Andreas Schwarzer, President
Karine Moulin, Social Support
Alison LaFrance, Treasurer
Bryan Low

Regrets:

Vincent Chow, Vice President
Vanessa Roenspies, Administrator

New Members Present:

Clark Adams
Abhijit Guha

1. Call to Order:

Andreas Schwarzer, President, called the meeting to order @ 5:10 pm.

2. Welcome and Introductions:

- Andreas welcomed all present at the official meeting at 100 Wines.
- Clark Adams and Abhijit received their membership certificates.
- Andreas to provide official membership certificates to Bryan and Karine.

3. L'Arche Cake Walk & Lindt Chocolate Competition 2010:

- Discussed how to raise the standard on Cake Walk Competition participant entries. Possibilities discussed were:
 - recognizing 2nd & 3rd place winners
 - participants need more incentive
 - need to better identify target guests/visitors (i.e. kids vs. professionals)
- Should Lindt & Cake Walk be combined at same venue (SAIT open house)?
 - Majority Vote: No – decision made to hold venues on separate dates

4. Lindt Chocolate Competition:

- Date decided on: Saturday, Feb. 6, 2010
- Venue decided on: SAIT (during open house)
- Discussed making event more interactive with viewers:
 - setting up a demo station(s) – to be further discussed in May
 - Bring in celebrity judges – DUBY'S

5. Membership Renewal 2009/2010:

- Post active members' names on website – Andreas to manage
- Place yearly stickers on certificates to show active membership:
 - Voted in favour
- Voted to give Victoria German option to renew (June) – Vanessa to contact
- Voted not to give Albert Kurilow option to renew due to inactivity
- Andreas to contact Janice regarding her involvement

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- 6. Treasurer Report:**

Alison – Urban Baker paid for Showcase Competition bread & issued receipt for products submitted as a participant
- 7. Administrator Report:**
 - No report due to Vanessa's absence
- 8. New Position – Meeting Coordinator:**
 - No need as established 100 wines as the official meeting place every 2nd Monday of the month
 - Next meeting: Monday, May 2, 2009 at 100 wines
 - Alison to inquire about social activity – golf at Sirocco for either July or Aug.
- 9. Pastry Chef Showcase 2011:**
 - Need to send out thank you letter to participants of Pastry Chef Showcase 2009: Vanessa?
 - 2011 Location: Hotel Arts
 - Date: 1st weekend in February (Karine to confirm)
 - Time: Same as 1st year
 - Topics discussed:
 - Clearly state & outline rules to eliminate participant confusion (outline during next meeting)
 - Define 'plated dessert'
 - Need sponsors for disposable sampling plates, napkins & cutlery (less work for venue)
 - Need more SAIT student participation
 - Need additional beverage sponsors – 100 wines to confirm
- 10. Baking & Pastry Arts Program (SAIT):**
 - 3 judges required:
 - Karine, Alison and Abhijit volunteered
- 11. New Business:**
 - Need to discuss putting together a member database to keep track of renewals and outline everyone's contact info.
 - Discussion regarding practicum students – easier to evaluate students' progress if they go to the same place for 1st and 2nd year
 - Abhijit to contact Cindy Findlay to sit on SAIT advisory committee to provide such program input
 - Karine discussed concerns regarding starting salaries for students (too high?)
 - Next meeting: discuss fundraising options
- 12.** Andreas thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.