

special economic zone for all businesses noting it is currently treated as such for government employees.

Moved: Brian Philp

Seconded: Ian Riley

That the President's report be accepted as read and distributed.

Carried unanimously

Executive Officer

Maryanne spoke to her report distributed in the AGM package. She highlighted membership services including training courses, submissions and involvement in committees. Future plans including the Kimberley Economic Forum were also mentioned.

Moved: Ian Riley

Seconded: Kelvin Barr

That the Executive Officer's report be accepted as read and distributed.

Carried unanimously

Treasurer (including Audited Accounts 2011)

In speaking to the report, the Treasurer noted the loss before tax and explained this was an anticipated loss as the Chamber was in a development phase and had moved to rented premises with paid staff. He also outlined the measures that were already in place to produce a profit in the 2111/12 year. He also noted that the Chamber remained in a strong viable financial position.

A question from the floor on the amount of current liabilities was raised. The treasurer advised this was probably pre-paid membership but this would be confirmed.

Moved: Brian Philp

Seconded: Ros Hegarty

That the Treasurer's report and the audited accounts by Bell Chartered Accountants be accepted.

Carried unanimously

Moved: Mike Dunnett

Seconded: Tony Proctor

That the Auditors Bell Chartered Accountants be re appointed for the 2011/12 year.

Carried unanimously

6. Appointments – 2012 Executive Committee

The President thanked the current committee members who were retiring for their contribution to the Chamber. He vacated the chair and invited Bob Eagle, a former president, to take the chair for the election of committee members. Bob Eagle took the chair.

Nominations for the 2012 Broome Chamber of Commerce Office Bearers are:

President: Tony Proctor

Vice President: Elisabeth Luecke

Past President: Ron Johnson

Treasurer: Mike Dunnett

Secretary: Mike Windle

There being no other nominations for these positions the nominees were declared elected.

5 positions on the Executive Committee were vacant. These being positions that had been held by: Teresa Manning, Jillian Philp, Ben Furler, Glen Chidlow & Mike Young.

Two nominations had been received Teresa Manning, Jillian Philp there being no further nominations they were declared elected for 2 years.

Moved: Elisabeth Luecke

Seconded: Brian Philp

That the additional vacancies on the Executive Committee be treated as casual vacancies and filled as appropriate

Carried unanimously

Bob Eagle welcomed Tony back to the Chair as President of Broome Chamber of Commerce for 2012.

7. Special Resolution – New Constitution

The Executive Officer spoke to the proposed new Constitution which had been available to members on the web site for the past 6 weeks. She outlined the rationale for the new constitution and the major changes.

Moved: Elisabeth Lucke

Seconded: Brian Philp

That the Constitution of the Broome Chamber of Commerce be rescinded and replaced with Version 4 December 2011 as the new constitution for the Broome Chamber of Commerce.

Carried unanimously

8. General Business

Elisabeth Lucke distributed drafts of the proposed new logo, whilst this was still a work in progress general agreement was expressed for the design concept. Tony informed members that following discussion with the NT Chamber consideration was being given to establishing a Kimberley wide Chamber or Federation of Chambers that could speak for the region on important matters and gain some economies of scale in operations. The name Business Kimberley was under consideration, however further discussions with other Chambers are needed to progress the matter.

Ros Hegarty moved a vote of thanks to the committee.

The President declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm