Minutes

Present: Rein Ende-Chairman, Joan Browning, Margaret Firth, Andy Chen, Gloria Jackson, Bob Semkow, Pat Semkow, Rui Zou, Eileen Noronha, Solomon Ngan
Also Present: Jane Lee
Regrets: Ida De Jesus, Jane Wanamaker, Fernando Montero
Bob and Pat Semkow generously provided light snacks for the meeting.

1. Meeting was called to order by Rein Ende, Chairman at 6:07 pm.
   Appointment of Secretary: Andy Chen

2. Approval of Agenda
   Item 6.7 “Revision of HMC brochure” was added.
   (P. Semkow/Jackson)
   Agenda approved as revised. CARRIED.

3. Declaration of (conflict of) interest
   None declared.

4. Approval of minutes, from meeting of February 20, 2008
   Joan suggested that item 6.4 should read “Rein and Ida make up the photo contest sub-committee.” instead of “Rein and Joan make up the photo contest sub-committee.”
   (Firth/P. Semkow)
   That the revised Feb 20, 2008 minutes of the Mundialization Committee be approved as circulated. CARRIED.

5. Reports of officers
   None

6. Matters for discussion:

   6.1 World Citizenship Award Update, Joan Browning
   See minutes from the Feb 20, 2008 HMC Executive Meeting for details on April 3rd press conference & luncheon.
   Amendment: HMC members will be subsidized for the Apr 3rd luncheon.
Rein needs to be informed of attendance.
Joan will invite past WCA winners to the award ceremony.
Rein will send a sympathy card to Anne/Jeffery Pearson’s family.
It was suggested that the Committee utilize the Community Calendar Portal to post future events.
Rein will contact Sergey re: website announcement.
Names of people interested in attending the May 8th event were collected.
Committee contacts were updated.
Joan will invite corporate sponsors of HMC to the tables sponsored by the committee. She will also send out e-mail announcement re: WCA to all available contacts.

(Chen/Firth)
That HMC limit the sponsorship to two tables or 20 people for the May 8th event. Members will attend at Committee’s expense. If anyone wishes to bring guest(s), the guest(s) will pay for his/her own ticket(s). CARRIED.

6.2 Mangalore Celebration, Eileen Noronha

Indo-Canadian Networking Council is holding the Gala Dinner and Concert of Music Dance event at the Hamilton Convention Centre on Saturday, May 3rd, celebrating the South Asian Heritage Month. In recognition of Hamilton’s 40th year twinning anniversary with Mangalore, the Committee agreed to commit to a $750 sponsorship for the above event. The sponsorship package includes a half-page color ad in the programme, a display table and two tickets to the banquet (regular tickets are $55/person). The Committee will also be given the opportunity in the programme to commemorate the Mangalore anniversary, and will be acknowledged for our ongoing involvement and efforts as well.

Rein suggested that a Certificate of Recognition be issued from the Mayor’s Office and a presentation be given during the event if possible.

Comments were invited from around the table. It was also suggested that a gift be presented to be passed on to the Mayor of Mangalore.

Eileen provided a copy of sponsorship information package to Andy.

(Browning/Ngan)
Subject to the approval of the Indo-Canadian Network Council, that the sponsorship be carried. CARRIED.

6.3 Japan – Kaga – Dundas event

The event was recognized by the Japanese Consulate as their official event to celebrate the twinning relationship.

Jane reminds the Committee that the Dundas Town Hall is available on October 9th but is not available on Oct. 8th.
6.4 Strategy for Sarasota

Rein received correspondence from Sarasota that a delegation may come to Hamilton in September and 3 people may come in June. Heng and Solomon will serve on the sub-committee.

6.5 Photo Contest

Jane distributed related material around the table. Rein reviewed contest rules and facilitated discussion re: translation of contest material. Jane will draft an introduction letter about the event and attach the contest rules in English.

*(Chen/Jackson)*

That this year’s contest will be limited to three cities (besides Hamilton: Shawinigan, Mangalore and Kaga) with no age divisions.

6.6 Shawinigan is to be included in the photo contest. Gloria reported on Shawinigan affairs. Margaret will follow up.

6.7 Revision of HMC brochure: To be discussed at the annual meeting.

6.8 Bob commented on the issue of reconnecting with Fukuyama. He will forward related material to Rein/Andy.

6.9 Jane reminded the Committee that HMC is to present before the Audit & Administration Committee as delegation at Room 207 of the Hamilton Convention Centre on April 2nd at 9:30 am. (postponed to April 16, 2008 at 9:30 am as per Mar 25th e-mail from Carolyn Bish) Rein will present a 5 minute speech. HMC members are encouraged to participate.

7. Dates to remember:

April 16, May 21 (Annual), June 18
WCA dates: Thursdays, April 3, 12 noon, AGH & May 8, 7 p.m., Carmen’s
Dundas (re Kaga) October 8, “Municipal Service Centre”
Indian Dinner, Saturday, May 3

8. Adjournment

On motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by Andy Chen