

Meeting Minutes of the ICM Board of Directors;

Wed., July 21st, 2010 in Winnipeg at Deaf Centre, 285 Pembina Hwy

The meeting was called into order at 8:05 pm.

All members of the Board were present at the meeting, Except Mr. Kamrouz who was absent.

The current meeting's agenda was accepted by the members present.

The mission statement of the ICM was read.

Minutes of the June 16, 2010 meeting was read and Approved by the members.

Minutes of the Wed June 23, 2010 was read, a motion was made by Mr. Shaeri to change the number of major cultural events from 4 to 3 as Summer Picnic is not considered a cultural event. Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani; 5 Approved 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

The financial reports of the committees:

- No report from the Persian Language Committee as they are in summer holidays
- No new membership on the Sports Committee

Mr. Azizkhani reviewed the ICM's financial statements reporting the total revenue of \$ **1,477.190** and total expenses of \$ **2193.25** leading to total income of \$ **-716.15** during the months of April 1st to July 18th 2010. ICM's balance sheet shows a total equity of \$ **6092.92** as of July 18th, 2010.

Motion was made by Mr. Kermani to approve the financial report up to July 18, 2010. Seconded by Mr. Doustshenas; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Communications and Correspondence:

Mr. Doustshenas reported that the hall at the Viscount Court Hotel has been booked for the Nowruz celebration on March 19, 2011. The hall will be available from 10 am to 12 am next morning and a \$500 deposit needs to be made to the hotel to confirm the booking. Motion was made by Mr. Doustshenas to approve the booking. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Doustshenas to write to the City of Winnipeg and request them to call the First Day of Spring as the Iranian New Year (Nourooz). Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad; 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Kermani to appoint Mr. Doustshenas to the Communications officer to split the functions done by Mr. Shaeri. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad, 4 Approved, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

-Committees' Reports:

Sports Committee: 3 new people interested in soccer, shirts with ICM logos to be provided after a logo has been chosen

Events Committee: All the arrangements are being made for the Picnic at the Park on August 8, 2010. All tickets are expected to be sold out soon.

Membership Committee: A brainstorming session was held by the Committee members to discuss the ways and means of increasing the membership. It is suggested to have an open house for discussion for all the community members in September 2010. 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Settlement Committee: a brainstorming session was held by the Settlement Committee members to explore the ways to assist with the new comers to Manitoba, such as welcome committee, information books in Farsi, temporary hosting, information banks, distribution of Farsi pamphlets at the public transportation venues and etc.

Arts and Culture Committee: No meeting has been held yet.

NEW Business:

Motion was made by Mr. Kermani to send greeting emails to ICM email list, on a case by case basis, in recognition of some Canadian events. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad, 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Kermani to invite the Iranian Community to submit their designs for a logo for the Iranian Community of Manitoba, bearing in mind the mission statement of the ICM. An email in this regard will be sent out soon. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad, 4 Approved, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Kermani to use the social networking tools such as Twitter, YouTube and Facebook to establish more frequent communications with the Iranian Community. A facebook fan page will be made available soon. Seconded by Mr. Saleh-Azad, 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.** Mr. Azizkhani will be managing the page assisted by Ms. Mazloumi.

Motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to limit the maximum amount of time on topic discussions to 20 Minutes, if no resolution is achieved, the topic will be carried to the next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Azizkhani, 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Mr. Saleh-Azad to authorize Mr. Qahraman to translate the minutes and documents to Persian from the ICM to be emailed or published at the website. Mr. Qahraman has graciously accepted this task. Seconded by Mr. Kermani, 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

Motion was made by Mr. Saleh-Azad to authorize the Committees to spend up to \$50 without pre approval from the ICM board with just cause. Seconded by Ms. Mazloumi, 5 Approved, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained. **Motion carried.**

The above meeting was adjourned around 11:30 pm.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday August 5 at 7:30 pm at 285 Pembina HWY.

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