

NORTH VANCOUVER ISLAND CHEF'S ASSOCIATION

Date ~ Monday December 5th, 2005

Place ~ Coast Westerly Hotel, Courtenay, BC

Subject ~ December Monthly Minutes

Attendance ~ *Suzanne St.Amour, Ronald St.Pierre, Carol Kopp, Bruce Scheltgen, Vivian Lea Doubt, Ken Jenkins, Greg Hiebert, Jon Frazier, James Street, Hansi Zihlmann, Graham Hawkins, Elaine Christian*

Introductions were made around the table to commence our last meeting of 2005

James Street read our Code of Ethics.

Treasurer's Report

Hansi Zihlmann our treasurer will be sending out a cheque to the National Association before Christmas to cover the membership dues for the year 2006. Anyone who has yet to pay should contact Hansi.

In finalizing the account we have jointly with North Island Film Commission for the fundraiser of May 06th, 2005. President Ronald St.Pierre explained that there is a small error, which he will take back to their group. This should resolve that account to be sure, so we can settle the 20% we give to the junior chapter for their participation in our fundraisers.

For a detailed look at the finances for that fundraiser please contact the treasurer

Hansi needs to recoup the deposit book from Dennis Vaughan.

Membership Report

Hansi will contact Silky Pearce to inquire as to whether she wishes to continue on as an associate member.

He also showed us the letterhead he has created using our new logo and we all agreed that we could go with that. Thank You Hansi for a fine job.

Ronald contacted the National Association to find some paraphernalia in the form of pins and crests. This is not available at this time, so he did do some price checking with France at Fish and Stitches in Comox. Bruce made the suggestion that we order crests for now, and the CCFCC may come up with a

pin in the not too distant future. Ronald will return to negotiate a price with France. This idea was then tabled to the next meeting.

Vice-President James Street volunteered to create a welcome letter for the new membership package. Ronald reminded us that the package should also contain an updated copy of our local bylaws, as well as a copy of the code of ethics.

Education Report

Our education director Dwight Walden was unavailable tonight, so Ronald talked about the Knorr Competition 2006 for the juniors. He is enthusiastic that perhaps someone from the juniors or the college may wish to participate. He also spoke to the program now airing on the Global Network at 8:00 PM on Fridays. There will be 11 episodes altogether; one from each of the ten provinces as well as a final.

Presidents Report

Ronald announced tonight that our new website is up and running and that everyone should have a look at it to make sure that all of the information is accurate. If you notice anything that could be changed contact chef@kingfisherspa.com

Update on the Seafood Enhancement Dinner/Dance of February 2006. This Gala Event has been postponed to April 01st, 2006 because the Harbour Commission will be hosting a convention (dinner/dance) at the end of January. They found that this would be too much at the same time as the same people are involved both in the sense of organizers and guests. At present the Filberg Center has been booked for April 01st, 2006.

There was a discussion about the value of the associate members as guest speakers about their product on a rotating basis. Graham Hawkings (guest from the Victoria Branch) thinks that is a great idea. He feels the sales reps like to present their new products and the members like to hear about them. That way everyone keeps in the loop. Thanks for joining our meeting again this evening Graham. ghawkins@neptunefoodservice.com

We welcome Jon Frazier from the Atlas Café in Courtenay as a new member of our Branch this evening.

There was much discussion tonight about the possibility of a joint meeting with the Victoria Branch in the New Year. Nelles Shackleton and Mark Davies (Victoria Branch) are spearheading this possibility and will be surveying their members via email. Ronald made some suggestions as per

activities we could offer them. One was a visit to Cecil's Whaletown Oyster Farm by water taxi. James will contact someone he knows that may be able to provide the boat. Another was a visit to Natural Pastures Cheese Factory. Sunday March 05th and Monday March 06th are possible dates

Tonight we had the pleasure of a "What to do with Turkey Leftovers" workshop from Chef Bruce Scheltgen of the Coast Westerly Hotel. He came prepared with all the fixings', and demonstrated several ways in which we can utilize all of those leftovers. The workshop was informative and most of all fun. Thank You Bruce for all the tasting as well! The recipes that Bruce used this evening will be added to the end of these minutes

Tonight some of our members brought in their favorite appetizers. We ended the evening with a taste and discussion of these delicious little morsels, that is so sought after during the Christmas Season.

Today was also the **Annual Christmas Dinner** for the **Salvation Army** at St. George's Church (the soup kitchen) in Courtenay. This is an important event each year as we are able to give dinners to upwards of three hundred people who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. Thank you to all who participated and most especially to Hank Meury who baked all the pies and Bruce Scheltgen who takes on the responsibility each and every year to prepare the entire dinner. At this point I would like to also thank Marcel Gagné (Bruce's co-worker) for so generously giving of his time and talent for this dinner, as well as many other past events for our association. *Joyeux Noël Marcel.*

I am sure all of you have worked exceptionally hard this holiday season, preparing food for parties and banquets around Campbell River and the Comox Valley. Although there are a few more days of intense labor, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday filled with joy and peace.

See you all in the HAPPY NEW YEAR 2006!

CHEERS!

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT