

NORTH Vancouver ISLAND CHEF'S ASSOCIATION

Date ~ Monday January 10th, 2005

Place ~ Kingfisher Oceanside Resort and Spa

Subject ~ January Monthly Minutes

Attendance ~ *Ben Luck, Hans Zihlmann, Suzanne St.Amour, Ronald St.Pierre, Brad LeBoldus, Fred Rose, Dennis Vaughan, Elaine Christian, Xavier Bauby, Sue Hancock, Carol Kopp, Chris Hansen, Ben Hart, Gordon High, Christine Lilyholm, Silky Pierce, George Bryden, Scott Stevens and Ian Tutton.*

We began our evening with a lovely dinner prepared by Ronald St.Pierre's talented kitchen team at 6:00PM in the dining room of the Kingfisher. Thank-You. Dinner was delicious and it was nice to see so many of us come together for this dinner meeting.

President Dennis Vaughan opened the meeting at 7:45PM in the Sandpiper Room where coffee and dessert awaited us.

Hans Zihlmann read the Code of Ethics.

Silky Pearce was our first speaker this evening. First, she is excited about continuing on this year as an associate member. She announced that the third annual Chef's Competition in Campbell River would be on or about April 1st of 2005. This event displays regional fare, and in particular our local seafood in all its abundance and freshness. She would like to see us (the chefs association) part of the food industry that promotes food as a region. This Culinary Tourism effort would include Campbell River and the Courtenay/Comox areas, pulling the regions with their seafood, farms and cheese factories together. Another incentive for a competition would be to provide awareness to the communities about what we have to offer: thus enhancing the tourism market. She insists that we have some of the best seafood in the world right here at our doorstep. Another thought would be the organization of food events in the form of festivals. Examples of this are "oysters" and "mushrooms".

Thank-You Silky, for the clear-sighted facts and information you brought to our table this evening. If anyone is interested in involving yourself in the Chef's Competition, Silky will be contacting all of the local restaurants in plenty of time.

Our membership fees for 2005 are due. They must be received by the Canadian Culinary Federation National Treasurer in Victoria by February 28th, 2005.

Dennis Vaughan will contact John Bond in Edmonton (Western Vice-President) as to whether we are a profit or non-profit organization, and the laws governing the financial situation of our association.

Fred Rose put a motion on the table that we present a \$100.00 donation to Vancouver Island Search and Rescue in memory of AnneMarie Stiefvater. Brad seconded the motion and all the members voted in favor.

Xavier questioned as to whether his culinary students (Malasapina College, Powell River), would qualify for any of our student bursaries. As Xavier is a fully paid active member of our association, they definitely do qualify.

Dennis Vaughan will require a deposit of \$500.00 for the ThunderBird Hall (in Campbell River), for our Latin Festival of Friday May 7th, 2005. Kumbia, (the entertainment) requires an installation of \$750.00, leaving a \$750.00 balance.

Andy Leitch of Infilm Commission, has agreed to a 1/3 percentage of the profits after expenses leaving us 2/3 for their partnership with us in the Latin Festival. Campbell River Rugby Club has decided to provide bar service for the gala at a cost of \$200.00 plus 50% of the bar profits. The tickets should be printed and available for sale before Valentine's Day.

Xavier has offered to bring his students in on this event as a field trip from Powell River. We welcome the support, and hope his cooking class will benefit from the experience.

Andy Leitch will present us with budget of his costs in the near future. We will be inviting him to our Latin Festival committee meeting on January 24th, so we hope to be able to determine all of the costs at that time.

Western Conference 2005

Dennis suggested sending Hans Zihlmann as our delegate to the Western Conference in Kelowna, March 11th -13th, 2005. Hans and Dennis will put together a budget for the delegate(s).

This year's National Conference (AGM) will be in Edmonton Alberta from June 8th to June 12th.

Our logo needs to be updated. Mike Hagarty has our logo on his computer. Ben Hart has offered to try and come up with something for us on his computer.

Hans is interested in putting together a membership drive.

Junior Update

Food Safe Level II will be at the Coast Westerly on Sunday January16th.

NEXT MEETING

~ MONDAY FEBRUARY 7TH ~

~SALMON POINT RESORT ~ 7: 00PM ~

Hope to see you all there