

**Board of Directors' Meeting
MINUTES
Tuesday 24 October, 2017
Macquarie Securities office
5:30pm – 7.00pm**



1. Meeting Opening

Attendees: Brenton Mauriello (President)
Wayne Williams (Vice President)
Charles Wrightman (Vice President)
Stuart Kelly
Benjamin Krieg
Apiradee Bunyalekha
Angus Kent

Brendan Cunningham

Apologies: M.L. Laksasubha Kridakon (Vice President)
Peter Emblin (Treasurer)
Alan Polivnick
Carly Cummings
Chris Larkin
Susan Kahwati

a. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Minutes of the September Board Meeting were adopted. Proposed by Stuart Kelly. Seconded by Charles Wrightman.

2. Membership

A total of 347 members were noted.

The Board approved seven (7) new membership applications: Eileen Lee, Peter Mostyn, Oakwood Residence Sukhumvit 24, Bangkok, Vic3 Bangkok Hotel, Electrolux Thailand Co., Ltd., Fluxus (Thailand) Co., Ltd., and Fitness And Lifestyle Group (Thailand) Co., Ltd. There were 12 resignations – Ben Walmsley; Sandy Walsh; Arin Tanakasemsup; ClasG (Thailand) Limited; Paya Dental Clinic; K-999 Engineering & Construction Co.,Ltd.; Adelphi Digital Consulting Group; Isentia Bangkok Co.,Ltd; East Asia Composites Ltd; Digital Alchemy (Thailand) Limited; John Pegg; Thai Metal Recycling Limited.

3. Treasurer's Report

Membership revenue in September was 114% above budget and is now down to 7% below budget.

Operation costs are 9% below budget, but the advantage of lower costs has eroded a little in September with costs now only 6% below budget.

So net effect is chamber is on target to break even or even small surplus for the year versus a budgeted shortfall.

Other success was AFL at 125% above budget in terms of net cash generation.

4. President's Update

- a.** Australian Foreign Minister, H.E. Ms. Julie Bishop's call into the AFL Grand Final event was well received.
- b.** Dr. Somkid Jatusripitak's office would like to set up a meeting with Khun Kobsak Pootrakool and AustCham Directors.

5. Sub-Committee Updates



a. Alumni

Next collaborative event for Alumni is planned for Thursday 9 November in Chiang Mai. The Australian Embassy is taking lead, with support from AustCham's Australian Alumni and AAA.

Saturday 11 November is Bangkok Networking at Cabbages & Condoms. AAA is taking the lead with support from Australian Embassy and AustCham's Australian Alumni.

Thursday 14 December is the Ambassador's Alumni event. The Australian Embassy is taking lead, with support from AustCham's Australian Alumni and AAA.

Saturday 10 February is the Alumni Career Expo. AustCham's Australian Alumni is taking lead, with support from Australian Embassy and AAA. Question was raised by Wayne – can we include an Education element to the Expo, "Pathways for studying in Australian Universities". Khun Apiradee to check education expo dates in February.

b. Advocacy

A Customs sub-committee led by Chris Larkin is to be established with Members Jock Tullock; Beston Global Foods and Hendrik van Asselt; Hellmann Worldwide Logistics, asked to join. A Member from the Eastern Seaboard will also be asked to join.

First meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday 30th October.

c. Communications

There have been 15 articles submitted on Education related topics to be included in Advance and distributed through Social Media in November.

d. Eastern Seaboard

Wednesday 25th October at Pattana Golf Club;

e. Digital Innovation & Technology

CTO of Central Group Axel Winter and CCO of Siam Makro Ricardo Boarotto (plus one other speaker) "Future of e-Commerce in Thailand"; Schedule: 28 November evening; Venue: TBA

Sub-committee to meet on Fri 3rd Nov to confirm details

f. Hospitality & Tourism

Joint Lunch with guest speaker Minister for Tourism and Sport, H.E. Ms. Kobkarn Wattanavrangkul confirmed for Wednesday 15th November at Grand Hyatt Erawan. Topic: "2018 Prospects for Thailand Tourism".

A survey is to be prepared by the sub-committee and distributed prior to meeting with result to be presented to Minister Kobkarn at the lunch.

g. Education

Australian Universities Connect! Event planned for pre-sundowners on Wednesday 8 November has been cancelled due to Universities having insufficient notice to join. Plans to lock in a date for 2018 will be arranged immediately.

h. AFL Grand Final

The AFL Grand Final event was a success, with 507 attendees; up from 434 in 2016. Overall feedback on event delivery was very positive.

i. Golf Tournament

Friday 10 November;

Naming right Sponsor: Duchess Hotel

Hole Sponsors: ANZ, Allied Pickfords, Blackmores, dwp, Linfox,
Anantara Layan Phuket Resort, Rose Marie, Gulf Agency
Total 73 players registered.



6. Events

a. Recent and Upcoming Events

Brendan outlined upcoming events in November and December

7. AOB

ANZWG approached AustCham enquiring about how we can assist with the overall management of their charitable activities in Thailand. Further research is required on AustCham's capabilities in this area and will be discussed again at the next board meeting.

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday 21 November, 2017 at 5.30pm; The Duchess Hotel.