



## FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Location: Room 230 Bob Lamb Centre

**Present:** Joseph Amalraj, Jey Kumar, Kimberley Mervyn, Wayne Kosik, John Huntley, Sanil Sivarajan, Henry Xu, Maha Al-Khalidi, Jacob Oommachan

**Regret:** Christian West, Aldous Walters, Malcolm Edirisinghe

**Absent:** Mitchel Azmier

(Minutes recorded by Kimberley Mervyn)

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### MINUTES

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Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Joseph at 19:03 hr.

**1. Agenda Review**

Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Kimberley and seconded by Wayne.

**2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting**

Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Sanil and seconded by Jacob.

**3. Business arising out of previous meeting minutes**

a. Jey officially accepts the position of Treasurer.

**4. Review Action Log**

a. None

**5. Reports**

**a. Chair's Report**

Presented by Joseph:

-next branch chair's meeting Dec 2-3 in Edmonton. Joseph presenting at council.

-no trinkets have been received thus far.

**b. Treasurer's Report**

-not available.

-the boxes of information Joneson was holding to be picked up by Wayne at Christmas. Maha to pass along the brother's contact info. The announcement about Joneson to be in the December issue of the PEGG.

-checkbook and signature transfer to be done for Jey. He will follow-up with the bank.

**c. Outreach Co-ordinator**

Presented by Wayne:

-Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Sanil, Dan Brown, and Wayne visited Fort Chipewan. There were approximately 30 students from grades 7 thru 9 that participated in a Tower Building Challenge. Overall it was a success.

-Upcoming Lego Challenge on Nov 29<sup>th</sup> at the Discovery Centre from 12 thru 4pm. Sanil, John, Henry, Jey, and Maha volunteered to assist Wayne at the event.

## **6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events**

### **a. President's Visit:**

Lunch with the branch scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> for those available. There is a list of activities to be done, with which Joseph would need assistance. It was passed around the room for people to sign-up. Joseph to bring up at council meeting whether all executive and spouses are paid for by head office.

### **b. Badminton Tournament:**

Scheduled for February; exact date has not yet been decided. As a separate follow-up, Henry passed around a thank you letter for the table tennis tournament and pictures.

### **c. Technical Seminar:**

Scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas for the topic were suggested: panel discussion on how to conduct squad checks, Tailings Directive 74, how to minimize cost overruns, and information on Oil Sands by Don Thompson. Jey to review and decide.

### **d. Info Night:**

Originally Joneson to organize, so Henry volunteered to take charge. Jey to assist.

### **e. Student Awards:**

Jacob brought up that Mitch may be the only signing authority for the Centennial Awards, and he is no longer a part of the branch. Joseph to follow-up on who else would have signing authority or if it could get transferred.

## **7. New Business**

### **a. Attendance:**

As per the branch manual, Mitch has been absent for more than 3 consecutive meetings and therefore considered as resigned as no contact details are available. Formally, Jason has resigned from the branch. There are now several member at large positions available for volunteers.

## **8. Around the Table**

-Henry suggested a Christmas party. Kim to distribute an e-mail to find out interest and find out whether the 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> of December is preferable.

-Al Maawia and Deepak Verg, both from Syncrude, were present and introduced themselves.

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, December 15th.

**Adjournment:** 20:15