

KDCA SPRING MEETING

Friday, May 6, 2005

IN ATTENDANCE (43)

HARALD LOHN
 STEVE HARTLE
 EVIE HARTLE
 NATHAN HARTLE
 JOHN CAMERON
 GORD BASTABLE
 MARILYN BILSBARROW
 RUTH McMILLAN
 GERRY CARIOU
 DEAN ARCHIBALD
 JACQUI HAUKENESS
 HELEN JOHNSON
 DARRELL WIRCH
 BRUCE McGREGOR
 JERRY FISHER
 JOHN FAHLGREN
 PETER STIEGLITZ
 GARY BEARDSLEY
 PAT BEARDSLEY
 PAT TYGESSON
 MEL TYGESSON
 KARLA CLARK
 WAYNE CLARK
 CINDY MAESOWELLE
 JIM BUHLMAN
 SHARON HRON
 MIKE WILLEMS
 MELINA JANSEN
 ROB BRODHAGEN
 CHANTAL WISNESKI
 STEVE HURBECK
 DAVE FRANKOVICH
 MIKE FURLONG
 BRIAN MILES
 PETER BURNS
 BONNIE BURNS
 CORY JESSEY
 VANESSA NOWE
 GARY McAULAY
 KEVIN WELNIAK
 DARELL PLUMMER
 ROBERT PALOCH
 JUDY ALEXANDER

KABELLO LODGE
 BIG HOOK WILDERNESS CAMPS
 BIG HOOK WILDERNESS CAMPS
 BIG HOOK WILDERNESS CAMPS
 MINISTRY OF TOURISM & RECREATION
 VERMILION BAY LODGE
 PATRICIA REGIONAL TOURIST COUNCIL
 PATRICIA REGIONAL TOURIST COUNCIL
 SUNSET COUNTRY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION
 TIMBERMAX
 RUGBY LAKE LODGE
 PINE BEACH LODGE
 CUSTOM HOUSE GLOBAL EXCHANGE
 WORLD OF WATER
 MORSON OUTFITTERS
 SIDNEY LAKE LODGE
 WILLIAMS LAKE LODGE
 LAC SEUL EVERGREEN LODGE
 LAC SEUL EVERGREEN LODGE
 EVERGREEN LODGE
 EVERGREEN LODGE
 CLARK'S CAMP/K.C.'S LANDING
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 EAGLE LAKE SPORTMEN'S LODGE
 EAGLE LAKE SPORTMEN'S LODGE
 CEDAR POINT LODGE
 SILVER WATER WHEEL LODGE
 DRYDEN DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
 NORTH CARIBOU CAMP/BEAR CREEK
 STANLEY'S RESORT
 ANDY MYERS LODGE
 PICKEREL CREEK CAMP
 PEAK PERFORMANCE CONSULTANTS
 PATRICIA AREA COMMUNITY ENDEAVORS
 McAULEY & PARTNERS
 WEYERHAEUSER
 RBC ROYAL BANK
 RBC ROYAL BANK
 RBC ROYAL BANK
 INDIAN LAKE LODGE
 SUPERIOR PROPANE
 TEMPLE BAY LODGE
 NORTHWEST DESIGN + COMMUNICATIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Harald Lohn as President.

2. INTRODUCTIONS Self introductions were made around the room.

3. AGENDA ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS Roger Valley MP was unable to attend and unfortunately will not be addressing two very important issues for KDCA members-Border Crossing issues and Boating Regulations. Mal Tygesson read the following letter he had written to Roger Valley MP requesting that he address these two issues.

Issues for Roger Valley, M.P. Kenora to address

The number one issue remains DUI convictions for tourists coming into Canada, particularly through Northwest Ontario. While we recognize that you have no boarder crossings in your riding, this effects a great number of tourist operators in the District of Kenora. The impact of the U.S. visitor is of particular importance to this area and they are high yield customers.

As you know, tourism is the second largest employer in the north and contributes greatly to the economy bringing new dollars into the region, not to mention the tax revenues that go to the federal treasury. It is also the only industry with the ability to grow and expand in the north, but not with the current amount of negativity surrounding it.

In our opinion, the piece of legislation while with good intent was poorly thought out/written, and while we realize it is here to stay there is a solution. Under the Act, a regulation could be written instructing immigration/customs/boarder services not to restrict people entering Canada who have been convicted of a DUI, as long as it is classified as a misdemeanor in the country where they reside and the offense occurred. And to soften the blow to the people against drinking and driving in Canada, the NAFTA treaty could be mentioned which says there should be no inhibiting of free flow in like kind of products/services, i.e.tourism.

No one wishes to come to an area where there are contentious issues, and right now that's our northern boarder crossings. And yes, our friends to the south use that in their marketing pitch. Stay here in the U.S. and not have the hassle of crossing the boarder into Canada. Not too long ago, coming to our area was considered a pleasure, now it's seen as maybe I should just stay home.

We need you to take this forward to the Minister of Immigration and your colleague, the honorable Ken Boshcoff, and push for change.

The number two issue would be the new boating regulations under Transport Canada. Mind you, this is only a problem if the tourists come and Boarder Services lets them into the country.

This piece of legislation is very counterproductive. The addition of a guide with a federally issued boater safety card, who knows the water where the pleasure craft is operating, is suddenly less safe than the same boat operated by a tourist? And now the boat needs more safety equipment that is bulky and cumbersome, that will be stored away and hard to get at in an emergency? If the boat is built as a pleasure craft, then the safety equipment for a pleasure craft should apply. Period. A guide makes it even safer yet there is a penalty?

The three attached letters from Doug Reynolds, the executive director of NOTO, to the various branches of Transport Canada accurately sums the reality of the issue. It is our position that the directives he outlines be adopted by your government. There is no organization in manufacturing or recreational use of pleasure craft that supports this legislation as written.

We need you to take this forward to the Minister of Transport Canada.

We look forward to discussing and working on these issues with you.

Mal Tygesson, Past President K.D.C.A.

The leech issue and lead issue will be added for discussion in the morning session.

4. MINUTES OF SPRING MEETING Minutes from the 2004 fall KDCA meeting were previously circulated. There were concerns from a couple of attendees that they never received the minutes last fall. Harald explained that minutes are mailed out to members as well as posted on KDCA's web site. Judy will check to make sure Pete Stieglitz, Williams Lake Lodge is on the database mailing list. Mal Tygesson moved to accept the minutes as presented. John Fahlgren seconded. Carried.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT Karla Clark as Treasurer circulated copies of the interim Treasurer's report. John Fahlgren moved to accept the report. Jerry Fisher seconded. Carried.

6. MEMBERSHIP REPORT As of March 31st there were 70 regular members and 49 allied members. There was a moment of silence for Rod Munford, a long standing member of KDCA who passed away this spring.

7. PRESENTATION: MAL TYGESSON

a) IMPORTATION OF LEECHES: The ban on the importation of leeches which was anticipated to take effect on January 1, 2005 has been delayed, possibly for a year. Banning the importation of leeches requires an amendment to the Ontario Fishery Regulations which must be approved by the Federal Government. Until the regulation is amended, you may import leeches into Ontario if you have authority to do so under a commercial bait license. He said that the Bait Dealer Association doesn't think it is a good idea to restrict importation as leeches have to be harvested before sunrise.

Karla Clark said that their bait business has hired new people, built new leech traps and are 100% geared up to trap leeches. Now with the importation ban stalled they may have to lay off staff as the demand may not be there. She said that there are lots of leeches locally and that there has been a misconception in the past that it is cheaper to import leeches.

b) Mal Tygesson suggested that the government is not making enough money from existing licensing and that they are looking for ways to make more money by introducing other licensing. There is a need to define the "Tourist Industry" through a survey. He cautioned people to be careful in how they answer government surveys.

c) LEAD SINKERS AND JIGS

Mal said the proposed ban would affect sinkers and jigs and could also apply to other tackle such as spinners, lures and spoons that are small enough to be swallowed by water birds. Steve Hurbeck said that these are already banned in Jasper and Lake Louise. He said he would like to see the scientific reports that show us there is a problem rather than the emotional angle. Gary Beardsley said lead is a natural element. Lead cannot dissolve in water. He said that unfortunately the whole issue is an emotional one and that we have to start working on the likes of Roger Valley MP to start listening. Mal agreed that we have to start advocating otherwise this legislation will be pushed right through.

8. PRESENTATION; THE VALUE OF TOURISM IN SUNSET COUNTRY TRAVEL REGION-NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO

Gerry Cariou, Executive Director, Ontario Sunset Country Travel Association.

Harald welcomed Gerry and commended him on his previous presentations to the honourable Ken Boshcoff in February as well as NWOTA this spring on the importance of resource based tourism to Northwestern Ontario. This same presentation will also be given on May 11 to Customs and

Immigration officials border personnel at Fort Frances and Rainy River.

Gerry presented tourism as big business in Northwestern Ontario. He pointed out that many do not realize the impact tourism has on their local economies. Tourism accounted for \$288 million in economic activity in the region in 2001. That equates to 9,404 direct full time jobs with \$191 million in wages retained in the region. \$156 million was spent by resource based tourist operators in the local economy. In the “North-West” Region the value of the U.S. visitor is more significant, for example tourists spend in total \$540 million dollars across 1.8 million visitors. He said that since the Canadian Border is the U.S. visitor’s first contact with Canada it is important that they be treated respectfully and fairly- given the economic impacts their expenditures generate this a reasonable request. Also, “Minor Criminality” e.g. DUI is having a major negative impact on tourism in Sunset Country. Estimated losses to the industry in 2004 from turn backs was \$14 Million in GDP (this equates to 429 jobs). Other border issues are that some people have had to wait upwards of 14 hours until an immigration officer comes back on duty. Manitoba outfitters do not report major problems at the emerson border which indicate that regulations are not consistent at all border crossings. He concluded by saying that the economic impact of tourism should be considered by Provincial policy makers- specifically the Ontario MNR. The MNR has a track record of developing punitive regulations that target the tourism industry and their customers - Spring Bear Hunt, Winnipeg River walleye regs, snowmobile club charges, proposed ice house regulations - all appear to tourist outfitters and their guests to the exclusion of all other users. “SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE”

Gary Beardsley said that we have to fight to bring attention to the fact that we are economic leaders. Steve Hurbeck wondered what other ways are there to get this information out there other than taking advertising out in newspapers. Gerry said that more press releases need to be done and that we need to do a better job of positively promoting ourselves. He said that the Ministry of Tourism has a project in the works that will be on the internet in the near future. It is called TREIM (Tourism Regional Economic Impact) and will be a database driven web application where you can put in the numbers and it will analyze the economic impact.

A copy of the presentation will be included in the next newsletter mailout to all KDCA members.

9. PRESENTATION: NWOTA/KDCA WORKING GROUP

Harald Lohn gave a backgrounder on the proposed memorandum of understanding between NWOTA and KDCA. Since last fall Harald, Mal Tygesson, Gary Beardsley, Tom Pearson (NWOTA), Bob Hunger (NWOTA) and Jerry Fisher (NWOTA) have had several meetings and conference calls to discuss how both organizations could work together on issues that were of mutual interest and strengthen our ability to communicate to government and media. Jerry Fisher explained that we have been working together for 6 or 7 years already on various issues such as border waters, economic impact study and currently on the border issue. The model for this working group will be not to duplicate efforts but to coordinate on issues of interest in our area. This group will show the government that over 700 resorts are working together on issues. NWOTA signed the MOU on April 29, 2005. Mal is proposing that KDCA membership approve the memorandum and grant permission to sign the agreement. There will be a board of Directors (3 representatives from each organization) and plans for letterhead (both organizations logos) and to develop a web site. Each organization would pledge \$2,000 as seed money. It was agreed that the MOU be voted on in other business.

10. PRESENTATION: NOTO CONVENTION

Gary Beardsley reported that NOTO does not recognize the branch groups anymore unless 100% of the branch group members are also members of NOTO. On the next run of letterhead, KDCA should consider removing the NOTO branch info. The convention for 2004 was only 1 day. Gary and Jerry (NWOTA) requested a meeting with the NOTO Board of Directors to discuss NOTO’s financial crisis this past year. NOTO finances were put into a crisis due to the loss of anticipated

funds to support the 2004 Tourism Guide resulting in funds being diverted from other programs and projects. Bridge financing cosigned by NWOTA was not repaid in an agreed upon manner and communication was nonexistent. The NOTO board was humbled when asked why membership could not be kept abreast of critical matters. Gary noted that NOTO gets inundated on regional local issues. NOTO lobbies on a provincial level. He said we need NOTO to focus on the big issues. He had requested a brief meeting with Hon. David Ramsay, Minister of Natural Resources at NOTO to discuss ways to enhance the moose hunting program in our area. Unfortunately Ramsay was unable to meet with Gary, however they have been corresponding by mail since January. KDCA's suggestion to Ramsay was regarding trading tourism industry cow tags for bull tags and altering non-resident season opening dates and resident party hunting rules. Gary said that our area is the only place where a non-resident pays a premium for a moose tag. Should also be allowed to hunt on the Saturday morning of the opening week of moose hunt. Gary said he is seeing fewer cows and calves. He believes the reason for this is too much spring fedation of White Tail Deer. They are coming south because of all the clear cutting up north. There is a concern that with more deer movement there are more ticks and that could wipe out a moose heard in one season.

The Eco-North Conference was held in conjunction with the NOTO Conference. Gary said the conference was very enlightening and left with a better understanding of the soft side to the tourism industry, i.e. ecotourism, bird watching, tours, trails etc. Approximately 47% of all tourists crossing the border come to Ontario. Out of that, 80% have a preference to NWOntario. The 2005 NOTO Conference will be held this fall in SSMarie.

b) SMALL DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS John Fahlgren reported that we have just received word that small drinking water systems appear to be moving from Ministry of Environment back to the Ministry of Health. NOTO was the first organization to strongly advocate for this move. Although the treatment deadlines have all been extended to 2006, testing requirements are schedule to come into effect in June of this year.

LUP'S/BED CAPACITY FISHERIES (LUP) Land Use Permits are one of the common types of tenure available through the MNR to the public. There was a meeting in Dryden April 18th (11 people attended) to voice concerns such as there shouldn't be so many regulations. Tourism Operators, NOTO, MNR, MNDM and MTR all agreed that a facilitated discussion with a broader group was required in the future to explore in more detail the challenges facing operators.

The MNR Kenora District Office is working on the tourism model for LUP's and Crown Leases. Rob Broadhagen said that his outposts are going up \$1200-\$1400/yr. and main base up \$4500/yr. he had to sell 2 of his Outposts to compensate and then he was cut back from a 9 bed to a 6 bed. He said he met with Frank Bistone because of all the problems he was having. He said there is a new government model/policy that comes into play whenever someone goes to sell an outpost. He said that he's been told that eventually all outposts will be visited and a TOHAW model done.

LLC MEETING-REDLAKE John said that Fly-in tourist operators feel they are managing fisheries resources better than the MNR and there was some concern with MNR slot sizes. He said Fly-in tourist operators will be having a conference call to set up agenda for addressing issues and concerns.

BORDER CROSSINGS Operators need to voice concerns to the Ministry of Finance regarding the loss of revenue because of Border Crossing issues. Need other advocates-operators can't fight it all themselves.

C) OTHER DISCUSSION INVOLVING NOTO

Harald asked John what NOTO is doing to increase communication flow to organizations such as KDCA. John said that NOTO has lost the financial ability to do some of these things. He said they are doing more business/communication through conference calls. Harald said that from KDCA's point of view-they would appreciate a phone call at least once a month for updates.

Harald said that this was a reasonable request as we need to update KDCA's web site on a regular basis but if we aren't updated by NOTO, we can't get current info to our membership.

Marilyn Bilsbarrow asked John if NOTO had been contacted by Ramsey's office to join a committee on fisheries. there used to be 35-36 management zones within the province which has now dropped to 19-20 management zones. Gary said he was nervous about lake specific management units and felt that the fisheries committee has become a good 'ol boys club. He said that all political fish and wildlife advisory committees are useless to us. Mal said that NOTO has been pushing for self-regulation and that the good news is that the Tourism License Act is going to be abolished this year.

Jerry said that a Stewardship council would be a good way to go in our area. Once certified, the MNR has to provide a biologist to assist the Council.

Bruce, World of water commented that the NOTO conference was not good for allied members because of the two locations. NOTO will have only one (1) convention site in the future which hopefully allow allied members to keep expenses down.

11:00 am COFFEE BREAK SPONSORED BY ROYAL BANK

11:15 am MEETING RESUMED

11. ISSUES FOR ROGER VALLEY MP Mal Tygesson reported that Roger Valley, MP has been asked to work on the following issues for KDCA:

- work with Ken Boshcoff on Border Crossing Issues
- boating regulations and Transport Canada to address the small vessel regulation which is based on 5,000 tons. Tourist outfitters are classed in this category when our small vessels are only 200 lbs or more. Rules should be based on pleasure craft NOT small vessels. In the small vessel class category you need a small vessel operating license. Outfitters concerns are that many guides may not be able to pass this test as many cannot read.
- boating fees for commercial boats- now a \$50 registration fee
- Life jackets-MNR is pushing for the old fashioned style with the great big collars, not PFD's which are currently wide used in our resorts.

12:00 noon LUNCH

Harald made special mention and thanks to Allied Members-Frosted Foods/Sysco Foods/ World of Water/Shaw Bread/Hostess Frito Lay for donations of food and beverages for the lunch today as well as a big thank you to Evergreen Lodge and Temple Bay who provided the labour in meal preparation.

1:00 pm MEETING RESUMED

12. PRESENTATION: joint T.V. PROMOTION OPPORTUNITY WITH THE PATRICIA REGION TOURIST COUNCIL

Marilyn Bilsbarrow reported that the PRTC is seeking partners within the Thunder Bay to Sunset Country Region to contribute \$1,000 each to produce TV Show on Border Crossings and rules and regulations on fishing in Northwestern Ontario to air next winter. The total project cost is \$4,500 US for 15 different airings/7 minute segments/with good time slots and a potential of 46 million potential viewers. PRTC and it's partners would coordinate the players, i.e. MNR/Canada Customs.

Harald said it would be brought up during the Donations/Contributions segment of the meeting and that a decision would be made today.

13. PRESENTATION: CUSTOM HOUSE/GLOBAL FOREIGN EXCHANGE Darrell

Wirch, a Business Development Officer with Custom House explained their role with Tourism Industry- they offer an exchange rate better than banks. his question to the membership was “What if the exchange rate dropped-how would it affect your business?”His advice: DO NOT ignore changes in the exchange rate; DO NOT take US cash or cheques to the bank and convert to Canadian Currency; DO deposit US cash or cheques into a US account; DO have US Credit Card income certified to you in USD. Their services include: spot deals, better-than-the-bank exchange rates; currency monitoring, market orders etc.; and provide secure rates. In the 2004 Season (May-October) there was a fluctuation of 10% in the exchange rate. In 2005 their prediction is a weakening US dollar, but because of the scandal in Ottawa they predict the US dollar to strengthen They have branches in Kenora, Fort Frances as well as access to services in Winnipeg. web address www.customhouse.com.

14. RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP AGREEMENTS John Cameron, Ministry of Tourism and Recreation RSA Advisor. Mr. Cameron explained that the RSA’s are voluntary business-to-business agreements negotiated between two parties (i.e. tourist resort and a forestry company). Tourism establishments have to be a licensed operator to become involved. The two parties discuss their perspective values/concerns and agree on certain things like tourism values, forest management prescriptions and road use management strategies. these Agreements then form part of the input into the development of a Forest management Plan (FMP). It usually takes 2-3 years to make a plan. He said that 82 RSA’s have been signed across the province with the majority being in the Nipissing area. He said that in Northwestern Ontario, Abitibi, Fort Frances has been very proactive but that it hasn’t been as successful in other units.

Gary Beardsley commented that the MNR and Weyerhaeuser have “blown off” tourists in this area. Harald Lohn commented that the MNR has final approval of the Forest Management Plan. Gary Beardsley said that originally the MNR did not have the final say, and that the original MOU says that the MNR was to be at arms length. Wayne Clark said that cutting around lakes- 10 years ago it would have helped. John Fahlgren said that this process does protect our future and can be a useful tool if one decides to sell their resort as future owners would have information and a starting point for negotiations with a forestry company. Pete Stieglitz said that the forest company violated his agreement. John Fahlgren said it is not a legal agreement- it is a Memorandum Of Understanding. Mal Tygesson wondered that since the Ministry of Tourism signs our Tourism Licenses, why are we treated differently?

15. DONATIONS/CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT Mal Tygesson reported that last year some of the issues KDCA agreed to support may not have been good ones. We decided that we needed some guidelines, the guideline will be: if it affects our industry by supporting it- we will support it. He said that in the off season the President and Board of Directors could vote. KDCA should choose things that keep us apolitical and that monetary amounts be set by history of what we are doing and perhaps if there are a lot of partners involved KDCA could make a larger donation. Gord Bastable asked that a report go to members as to where donations went and that we must make sure KDCA is recognized in the media for donations made to groups. Harald Lohn said that there are sometimes emergency requests that require a quick turnaround but for other requests the committee needs at least 3 weeks to make a decision. In the case that there is a disagreement regarding a decision-it should be tabled and discussed. Mal Tygesson will write up guidelines for KDCA which can be adopted at the fall meeting.

16. WATER SYSTEMS Bruce McGregor reported that as of Monday (May 2/05), Legislation of the Act itself has gone to the health department and that the method of testing may change. There will be new standards proposed by 2006 or maybe 2007. He said that 90% of the people in this room will not be ready if it happens in 2006 as there is not enough manpower etc. to get everything in operation by next spring for all the resorts in the region. Estimated costs to each resorts is

approx. \$3,000 to \$10,000 or more. he said that people aren't waiting to make changes to their water systems- they are installing as the standards are today. He predicts that the standards won't get any more stringent than they are but it won't get any laxer either. He said there are leasing programs available through Wolframe's World of Water in Kenora. Mal Tygesson asked Bruce if he would guarantee his system as resorts don't want to go out and spend the money before the government changes are final. Bruce said yes- the disinfecting process and removal of parasites such as Giardia won't change and that his system (ultra 100 water Filtration System,UF100) is NSF Certified. Karla Clark wondered how it could be NSF(National Safety Foundation) Certified if standards aren't finalized. Bruce said that .2 chlorine in water line at all times is still part of the regulation and that outposts have still not been defined.

17. PRESENTATION: ISSUE ON NETTING Jerry Fisher reported that over the last two years commercial fishermen fishing (especially on the Lake of the Woods) is less.. Since the mid 90's a lot of commercial fisheries were acquired through commercial license retirements and the MNR has now allotted these quotas to First Nation communities. The MNR has done nothing about native over harvest and netting. He said that Shoal Lake is a good example- there are no walleye left in the lake and that the whole chemistry of the lake has changed.

We are talking about setting up a group for users/stewardship Council for the Lake of the Woods area(i.e. resorts etc.) He said they are having a hard time getting the MNR involved- Stewardship Councils are approved by the MNR. he said he just wanted to inform KDCA membership of the situation and went on to say that the SPFOF (Strategic Plan for Ontario Fisheries) is: #1- Sustainability;#2-Native rights; #3 Residents of Ontario and #4- Tourism. Harald Lohn said that allocation will become the broader issue- It is a critical issue. gerry Cariou said that the Walleye central web site has overblown information on the Lake of the Woods and some people aren't coming this year because of this misinformation. Gord Bastible said that we don't have anybody advocating our industry-perhaps this is something the KDCA and NWOTA would work together on.

18. PRESENTATION: WHITE TAIL DEER HUNTING Harald Lohn said that the last correspondence KDCA received from David Ramsey was Oct.4/04. Two letters have been written regarding requiring all non-resident deer hunters to be accommodated at a commercial tourism establishment. There are no changes are in the works-in review only. Jim Buhlman asked if anyone has been contacted about the review. KDCA was only contacted on Monday (May 1/05) and the letter will be posted on KDCA web site. Mal Tygesson said that we are the only province in Canada who does not have an accommodation regulation in regards to big game hunting.

19. PRESENTATION: PROVINCIAL LAND TAX Harald Lohn reported that on Oct.7/04, he attended a presentation by the land tax office. the presentation covered tax assessment and there is a document in development as to how taxes will be in the future i.e. taxes on satellite systems etc.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

a)Harald Lohn requested that a separate file cabinet be set up at northwest design and communications to house correspondence. Judy Alexander said they had an extra file cabinet at northwest design which will be dedicated to KDCA.

b)NWOTA and KDCA Memorandum of Understanding. Steve Hartle moved to accept the MOU. Seconded by Gord Bastible. Carried.

c)PRTC Joint T.V. Promotion Proposal. Karla Clark moved to accept the proposal and that \$1,000 be donated once other partners are in place. Seconded by Harald Lohn. Carried.

d) Members are reminded that there will be an Election of officers at the Fall meeting. Dan Denzle past president will be approached by Harald to head a nominating committee.

e) Marilyn Bilsbarrow reminded members that the next Annual Master Mixer sponsored by the Patricia Region Tourist Council and the Dryden District Chamber of Commerce will be on October 1, 2005

f) Harald invited Brian Miles to say a few words about PACE (Patricia Area Community Endeavours), a community futures development foundation funded by FedNor. He explained different financing available through their office and mentioned that they do have a small fund available to assist projects/organizations on a regional basis such as funding for web sites, or other events.

21. ADJOURNMENT: Gary Beardsley voted to adjourn the meeting. Steve Hartle seconded. Harald thanked all the Allied Members for their continued support and generous donations towards the Annual Spring Meeting /Social & a very special than you to Pat Tygesson, Evergreen Lodge for coordinating the allied member donation drive and meal preparation.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.