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Three Directors Re-Elected

Polar held its Annual Meeting on Thursday evening, June 10th, 2010, at the Park River High School.

Amber Meyer of St. Thomas was re-elected for District 1, Jon McMillan of Fordville was re-elected for District 2 and Greg Steffes of Arthur was re-elected for District 3.



Amber Meyer



Jon McMillan



Greg Steffes

Polar Holds 2010 Annual Meeting



Members enjoy a meal before the meeting.

The Annual Members Meeting of Polar Communications was held on Thursday, June 10, 2010. A total of 309 members registered during the meeting. Members and guests were served a meal prior to the meeting.

Dan Stenvold, Mayor of Park River, welcomed the attendees to Park River, Pastor Jeff Johnson gave the invocation, and Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple addressed the membership.



Lt. Governor Jack Dalrymple addresses the members.

Three directors were re-elected to Polar's board of directors. Amber Meyer of St. Thomas will represent District 1; Jon McMillan of Fordville will represent District 2; and Greg Steffes of Arthur will represent District 3. All three directors will serve a three-year term.

Members voted on a proposed by-law amendment as follows: **ARTICLE IV. DIRECTORS. SECTION 2. Election and Tenure of Office.** Directors shall be elected by a secret ballot at each annual meeting when there is competition for the board seat(s) to be filled. They shall be elected by and from the members to serve a three (3) year term, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified, and that terms of the directors shall be staggered to

insure continuity. No more than one (1) director shall be elected or serving from any one telephone exchange at the same time. No member shall be allowed to serve as a director for more than ~~five~~ **seven** consecutive elected terms. If an election of directors shall not be held on the day designated herein for the annual meeting, or at any adjournment thereof, a special meeting of the members shall be held for the purpose of electing directors at a reasonable time thereafter. Directors shall be nominated and elected as provided hereinafter. Directors shall be elected by a plurality vote of the

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Construction Project Update

The 2010 construction project is underway. Crews are currently working in the city of Park River, rural Niagara and Grafton. Polar will also be doing construction in the Aneta, Petersburg and Larimore areas later this summer.

Our inside wiring contractors are currently rewiring homes in the city of Park River. This will continue through the next few months and will expand to the Aneta and Petersburg areas.

Cut-overs will begin in the Park River exchange after the splicing of the fiber routes are complete. The cut-overs will begin late July and continue through early 2011.

We appreciate your patience throughout our construction project. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at 701-284-7221.



Beware of Phishing

There have been several new “phishing” emails going around recently, emails that are meant to look like a legitimate business asking for your personal information or information on your accounts. Please do not reply to these emails with your information! Polar does send our customers mass email notifications from time to time but we NEVER ask for personal information via email. Delete these “phishing” emails and contact Polar if you have any concerns.



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members. Drawing by lot shall resolve any tie votes. Results were as follows: Yes, accept the proposed by-law amendment (553); No, do not accept the proposed by-law amendment (526).

President Ron Steinke conducted the meeting. General Manager/CEO David Dunning and President Ron Steinke gave a joint presentation to the members.

The 2010 John G. Walters Scholarship was presented to the following: Katelynn Sharp of Cavalier, Kaci Phelps of Hoople, and Danielle Gorder of Fordville. Jamie Kendell of Edmore and Angela Johnson of Galesburg were not present to receive their scholarships.

Polar Communications presented the Business of The Year Award to Tom Capouch of First and Farmers Bank.

Secretary-Treasurer Peter “Kelly” McKenzie reported to the members.

Several prize drawings were held throughout the meeting.

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Polar Welcomes Jody Tibert



Polar Communications is pleased to announce that Jody Tibert has assumed the position of Controller for the company as of April 1, 2010.

Jody will be responsible for supervising the activity, systems, and daily operations of the accounting, billing, inventory, and IT departments. She received a Bachelor of Accountancy from the University of North Dakota and is a Certified Public Accountant.

Jody and her husband, Bill, reside in Minto, North Dakota. They have two grown children and enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren.



FRS Youth Tour

Hi, my name is Reid Kemp and I am from Hamilton North Dakota. Recently, I had the privilege of going to Washington D.C. with the Foundation for Rural Service, June 5-9th. The whole trip was made possible by Polar Communications. My favorite parts of the trip were visiting the Smithsonian, Capitol Building, and Arlington Cemetery; traveling up the Potomac River to see Mount Vernon; and visiting with Representative Pomeroy. The Jefferson Memorial, Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial, World War II Memorial, and the Vietnam and Korean Memorials were also places I visited in Washington D.C. I also learned a great amount about telecommunications from the three FCC Commissioners that spoke to us at the FCC Headquarters. While there, I made many lasting friendships with people that were also from rural America. Thank you Polar Communications for sponsoring me on this trip to Washington D.C.



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2010 Scholarship Recipients

The John G. Walters scholarship is awarded to five local high school seniors whose parents or guardians are current subscribers of Polar. Students must write a 250 word essay on the topic of telecommunications to apply. This year's winners were presented with scholarships of \$500 each at the Annual Meeting on June 10th. They were Danielle Gorder, Fordville; Angela Johnson, Galesburg; Jamie Kendall, Edmore; Kaci Phelps, Hoople and Katelynn Sharp, Cavalier. Congratulations to these outstanding students!



Danielle Gorder



Angela Johnson



Jamie Kendall



Kaci Phelps



Katelynn Sharp



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