

MINUTES OF THE GOACC
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
APRIL 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30PM

ATTENDEES: Steve Sousa, Bill Grover, Dana Crocker, Jen Martel, Ron Plante, Henry Anderson, Ann Ward

**SECRETARY'S
REPORT:**

The report from February's meeting was approved as a quorum was not reached at the last meeting held in March.

**TREASURER'S
REPORT:**

Report was approved pending changes to Check #1355-Lakes Region Assoc. memo should read for 'Advertising' not reimbursable expenses. Also, a change needs to be made to Check #1358-Tamworth Outing Club-memo should also read "Advertising-Dog Sled Races" not donation.

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTORS REPORT: We are trying something new with the agenda's. In an attempt to move the meetings along and ensure that all topics on the agenda's are covered, we are now allowing a set amount of time for each topic. All agreed that we should try it out.

The Ossipee Insurance After Hours was a huge success! Great time and attended by at least 40 people. 50/50 raised \$50. For the general fund. Next After Hours will be on April 18th at Cornerstone Christian Academy.

I received a postponement for Exit Realty's After Hours scheduled for May, they would like to have it in July instead. Bearcamp Gardens was a suggestion for the May event. Jen to check.

Letters have been sent out and have proven to be successful in lapsed memberships and rental invoicing. We have Independent Jewelers and Brookes Motor Sales as re-newed members since last meeting. I am finding that the rental listing contacts are slow to respond and when they renew it is only for a line listing with no pictures. Perhaps an ad in the newspaper indicating we list rentals would be helpful. It was also approved to approach Lloyd & Day to link their rental site to the chamber's for a fee of \$50.00. Jen to follow up.

Mike Cothrell of Villico Co. is VERY interested in being an active member of the chamber. Jen suggested that Steve make contact with him. Jen spoke at length with he and his family at the Economic Fair. Bill has been introduced also.

The RSVP meeting is soon to be scheduled. Jen will contact Doriann Norcross and schedule a date for late April or Early May. Will contact Benney regarding who the new contact person is for the RSVP group.

Jen will contact Bearcamp Garden to see if they would be willing to spruce up the info booth again this year. Board approved a budget for this of \$50.00.

Jen has emailed Tara Saxton of Rock Maple Racing regarding the SnoCross Event for 2007. Waiting for response. Bill indicated email was undeliverable. Jen to follow up.

2006 Golf Tournament was voted as follows: Ron and Joe- YES; Steve, Jim, Bill, Henry and Lee-NO. Golf Tournament was cancelled for 2006 by majority vote.

Ron indicated that he may want to have Eastern join along with Tri-Cap for the June After Hours. He will let Jen know.

**COMMITTEE
REPORTS:**

Bill reviewed Economic Development and gave an update on the recent fair. Attendance was more than expected. All vendors poled said they'd do it again next year. Many had emails and phone calls to return as a result of fair contacts. Bill reviewed the 2 box stores that are interested in coming to the site at Rt. 28 & 171. 2 Curb cuts are being desired, 1 cut the DOT approved the other is being discussed. The Town of Ossipee is working on the zoning changes along Rt 16.

Henry reviewed Scholarship Committee report: we have \$3000. Available with NHCF for this years awards. May 15th is the deadline to submit applications. It was agreed that we should keep the level of scholarship dollars the same and increase the number of recipients. Bill motioned for the Chamber Scholarship fund to remain at \$500.00 in individual awards with a minimum of 4 recipients. Second motion was that should the chamber have more money available for scholarships that the number of recipients increase to no more than 10. Both motions were approved. Ron suggested that the recipients of the scholarships be in attendance at the annual dinner. Bill asked Ron to coordinate that effort. Ron agreed. Henry and Joe will get the information to him for this task.

Jen approached the subject of nominating Ron as the Chairperson for the Membership Committee. This nomination was tabled pending a meeting between Jen, Steve, Bill and Ron and a job description to be discussed. Meeting scheduled for 4/10 @ 5:00pm.

We will table Long Range Planning update pending Lee's return.

OLD BUSINESS:

Economic Fair update- See committee report

Golf Tournament Resolution- See Executive Directors Report. Jen to send letter's to Cider Berry and Indian Mound Golf thanking them for their efforts.

Winter Carnival 2007- Next meeting will be on 4/10/06 at 5:30 pm for the planning committee of the Winter Carnival. We are in the process of creating a time line of events and determining a "theme" name. Much support is being shown this project.

Rack Space at Welcome Centers- Jen has contacted Richard St. Onge regarding pricing. We need to submit application to the state for approval and need to contract with a vendor for distribution. Jen will contact 2 remaining vendors for comparison on prices etc. We would probably only want to do 8 locations and ½ the year. More to come.

Bill and Jen to get together with info for Cynthia Lamont for ½ page ad w/ banner sales. More to come. Date of meeting to be determined.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ann Ward was voted in as our newest board member. Ann comes to the chamber via the Main Street Project and Economic Development Sub Committee. She is anxious to get started and be active with the chamber. Steve requested a donation be given on behalf of the GOACC to the MWV Red Cross for the purchase of Pet Manikins for CPR and other medical training. Steve and Lauren are certified instructors and active in promoting this new program. Vote was to donate \$200.00 to be used for this purpose.

The GOACC is also sponsoring an event during old home week for a militia demonstration at Ossipee Corner Ball Field. We will donate \$250.00 upon receipt of an Invoice from the Old Home Week committee. Bill has a new website for the OOHW. He is looking to do the same for other towns. We will be listed at N/C in the Old Home Week Committee Book

Jen met with Meredith Harley Davidson and details of the raffle were discussed. We need to determine when we want to hold the raffle, how much to sell tickets for and how many to sell. More to come and discuss.

ADJOURN:

7:45PM