

Minutes
Greater Ossipee Area Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
2 January 2008

Members Present: Bill Grover, Lee Spencer, Steve Sousa, Brenda Taylor, Kathryn Armalar, Ann Ward, Joe Costello, Henry Anderson, Linda Siracusa, Joanna Harte, Lori Lenart

Linda Siracusa, owner of Linda's Flowers, was introduced to the board and a motion was made to accept Linda as a new board member. Motion was seconded and passed.

Secretary's Report: A motion was made to accept the minutes of Dec. 5, 2007, seconded and passed

Treasurer's Report: The P&L and Balance Sheets were reviewed. A suggestion was made to reflect only the current month details on the P&L statement. Lori and Brenda met on Dec. 29, 2007 to discuss the Chamber's various bank accounts and general accounting practices. The board discussed audit requirements vs. bylaws. A decision was made to rename Quickbook accounts to reflect the fiscal year. Brenda feels money should be moved to accounts with a better investment return. Steve asked Brenda to compare rates at various banks and prepare a document with current rates of member banks and suggestions for account consolidation. A suggestion was made to flag the current CD 30 days prior to April mature date for discussion. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report, seconded and passed.

Executive Director's Report: The board discussed pursuing property tax abatement on the info center property. Bill feels it is not worth going to the town.

Lori presented a job description for the Executive Director position. A committee comprised of Steve, Joe and Kathryn will review and present at the Feb. meeting. Lori shared a timeline of Chamber events planned for 2007-2008. The Chamber must be aware of deadlines. It was suggested the timeline be posted on the website and also published in a quarterly newsletter.

Lori shared a list of Chamber goals and asked the board to assist her further. Steve suggested the board hold a separate meeting to brainstorm goals, which will be scheduled for March. Bill suggested a couple of members should contact the Attorney General's office. Brenda suggested Lori E-Mail the state website address to board members for review. A separate session will be scheduled for review of the bylaws.

Committee Reports:

- **Sno Cross:** Committee continues to meet 5:30 every Monday at Sammy's.
- **Marketing:** No report
- **Scholarship:** No report
- **Economic Development:** No
- **Tourism/Guide Book:** No report
- **Long Range Planning :** Lee suggested deferred Chamber goals be incorporated into Long Range Plan

Old Business:

Chamber Office Grand Opening- Lori, Steve and Joanna will work on office space and equipment.

Info Booth Banner- Banner has been received

New Business:

Advisory Committee - the Advisory Committee should be comprised of members with past knowledge and experience of the Chamber. Henry and Lee have started 3 year terms. Henry will continue to advise the scholarship committee and Lee will advise long range plans including the camping museum. Steve will meet with Henry, Lee and Joe to discuss further committee objectives.

Steve suggested the Chamber sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance. A committee comprised of Steve, Joanna, Kathryn and Lori will look into it.

Steve will talk with Kathryn about having another Hawaiian night at Sammy's

Other Business:

Discussion regarding a pool of money for After Hours needs

The Chamber's policy of donating to local organizations was discussed. Joe feels this should be discussed by the board on a case by case basis. Lori will circulate requests for donations at each board meeting. Steve suggested a non-profit partnership be included on the goals list for the March brainstorming session.

A motion was made to not donate to the Wildlife Foundation, seconded and passed
Meeting adjourned

Next meeting February 6, 2008