

**New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 3, 2010**  
**7:00 p.m., American Legion Home**

Chamber of Commerce meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Larry Wankel. Thirteen members were present.

**Minute Approval:** All present voting aye to approve minutes from December 2, 2009.

**Treasurer's Report:** All present voting aye to approve the Treasurer's report.

**Wesclin After Prom Party:** Bonnie Zurliene, representing the Wesclin After Prom Party, was in attendance to ask for a donation for the annual function that is held at the Wesclin High School. Donations help fund the event as well as provide attendance prizes for those students who attend. Jerry Green motioned to match the donation given the previous year, \$500.00; second by Mike Pokojski. All present voting aye, motion carried. Discussion on giving to the Mater Dei After Prom Party; a representative must attend for a donation to be made.

**Chamber Property:** There has been an inquiry on the property; a possible store front for industrial supplies. John Marshall volunteered to serve as chairperson of this negotiations committee, along with Mike Pokojski and Jill Loepker.

**Insurance Committee:** Looking into an additional quote to compare to Schmale's \$900.00 for \$1 million in coverage.

**Park Concessions:** Concrete foundation has been poured; project moving along.

**Annual Banquet:** At the annual Chamber Banquet, members participated in playing "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" competing against students from New Baden Elementary and St. George Elementary. Playing contestants donated their winnings back to the students; which was made into a donation to that student's class. A thank you card was received from one of the classes that received a donation.

**Baden Bucks Discussion:** Discussion on regarding use of Baden Bucks. Possibly give out in place of making a cash donation, like with the After Prom Parties; use for raffles. Placement of signage, "Use your Baden Bucks Here!"; use at Chili Cook-off along with cash prize for winners/runners-up; put info of participating businesses on website; make sure handed out to new residents along with business directory.

**Interstate-64 Trash Clean-up:** Illinois Dept of Transportation has been contacted; inmates can be used for clean-up, just not sure when it will be.

**Guest Speakers:** Discussion on having guest speakers at the monthly meetings. Not beneficial to have a speaker when only a limited amount of members show up at each meeting.

**Christmas Decorating Competition:** Tabled.

**American Legion Picnic Tables:** Two tables were purchased for approximately \$320.00.

**Sesquicentennial Time Capsule:** Scott Meinhardt has met with the New Baden Park Board, no decision by the Village Board.

**Annual Yard Sale and Spring Clean-up:** Scheduled for April 24, 2010 and May 1, 2010. Discussion on using Eagle Recycling out of Shattuc for the electronic recycling; they pay per pound, request for them to pick-up, fee would be paid. Unsure yet of open burning at the Village burn site.

**June Jamboree:** Chairperson is needed. Will take place Friday, June 18 and Saturday, June 19, 2010. Neon Cadillac is the band booked for Friday night. Whiskey Dixon will perform Saturday night. This price also includes additional advertising (radio spots and color posters). Letter is needed from Mayor Brandmeyer, Liquor Commissioner, for Special Event Liquor license. Mike Riley reported that if there is rain on Friday night for fireworks, it will be scheduled for Saturday night. Contact Jaycees regarding food stand. Big 6 Wheel will be used; no Dice or Hearts. Contact Wesclin Athletic Boosters regarding 5K Walk/Run.

Jerry Green motioned to adjourn the meeting; second by Jill Loepker; all aye vote, meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Quad County was drawn for the \$10.00 attendance prize, no representative.

Teri L Crane, Secretary