

New Baden Chamber of Commerce  
Meeting Minutes  
September 3, 2008

**Notice:**

**The next Chamber meeting will be at 8:00 pm on Wednesday, 10/1.**

Treasurer Jill Loepker called meeting to order at 8:05 pm. Twenty persons were present.

OLD BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes. Tim Hoerchler moved to accept, Michelle Kujawa seconded. Motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report. Bill Koentz moved to accept, John Marshall seconded. Motion passed.
- Transfer of Funds. Larry Wankel moved to close the savings account at FCB Bank and the savings account at First Federal Savings Bank (hereafter "FFSB"), deposit the funds in a money market account to be opened at FFSB. Excess funds in the FCB checking account, amount to be determined by Jill Loepker, are to be transferred to FFSB money market as well. Mike Pokojski seconded. Motion passed. (Benefits of changes will be: 1) reduce total accounts by one, 2) earn a better rate on the funds, 3) maintain same liquidity, 4) maintain accounts at both local Chamber member institutions.)
- Jamboree.
  - Which Weekend. Summary of discussion: for farmers, the second weekend in June is better than the third; residents plan ahead to attend, so a specific, consistent weekend is better than not; no matter when the Jamboree is held, it will conflict with another community's event. Jerry Green moved to hold the event on the second week of June, Gordon Kehrer seconded. Motion passed (12 yes, 4 no). (Bob Oster should be notified.)
  - SmashBand or not. Discussion took place. Dominant theme was cost reduction. Also the higher the fixed costs, the greater the risk to the Chamber if rain prevents some, or all, of the event from taking place. Tracy Christ moved to schedule SmashBand, Michelle Kujawa seconded. Motion failed (2 yes, clear majority balance of voting members no).
  - Carnival Ride Vendor Selection. No additional information was presented. Jerry Green moved to use the usual vendor, Gordon Kehrer seconded. Motion passed.
- Chili Cook-Off.
  - Beer. Scott Meinhardt reported that probably a mix of Budweiser and Miller beverage products would be provided.
  - Games of Chance. Probably Big 6, Hearts, dice will be available--Scott wants someone to do each of the games if possible.
  - Electrical Upgrade. Scott advocated paying \$500 to Gary Baehr for certain improvements. Mike Pokojski moved to make it so, Tim Hoerchler seconded. Motion passed.

- Vendors Allowed. Scott said that the first organization that asks to provide a certain item will be the one vendor to do so, i.e., first come, first served.
- Tents Purchase. Mike Pokojski moved to buy and letter two tents that will cost \$159 each. John Marshall seconded, motion passed.
- Member/Community Directory. Larry Wankel said there was no progress to report; waiting on information from publisher.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Raf Hin, of New Baden Flowers, was present at the meeting, and has been a member for a few months. He introduced himself and mentioned the products and services that he and his wife, Marie, provide.
- Tractor Pull Fence. Scott Meinhardt said free commercial grade fencing is available. He suggests installing it in order to better keep spectators in their intended locations. Mike Pokojski moved to present the idea to the village board, Al Kues seconded. Motion passed.
- New Baden Marketing. Jerry Green reported that some organization has presented a marketing proposal to the village board. Jerry thinks the Chamber should consider helping with the project. He will obtain more information and present it at a future meeting.
- DARE Ride. Mike presented the need to the membership, both funding and manpower would be appreciated. Jill Loepker moved to donate \$500, Gordon Kehrer seconded. Motion passed.

Mike Pokojski moved to adjourn, Tracy Christ seconded. Motion passed.

Clinton County News was drawn for the \$105 prize, but was absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Wankel  
Secretary