

New Baden Chamber of Commerce Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

8:00 p.m., American Legion Home

Chamber of Commerce meeting called to order at 8:06 p.m. by President Larry Wankel. Eleven members were present. Prior to the meeting, a Chili & Soup Cook-off Committee meeting was held at 6:30 p.m.

Lions Club Member, Bob Knaub: Bob Knaub was present to ask the Chamber of Commerce to be underwriters for the candy the Lions Club must purchase for Candy Days. Jerry Green motioned to approve the purchase of two boxes of candy at \$85.00 each; seconded by Kathleen Hodges; all aye vote, motion passed.

Minute Approval: All present voting aye to approve minutes from August 3, 2009.

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

New Baden Directory: There are 100 copies of the center section (minus the cover) available. The Trenton Sun can finish them for \$150.00.

Chamber Property: Sign is posted on the property. Grass is being maintained; not sure who is taking care of it. Scott Meinhardt stated that he will need a few volunteers to go over the ditch to remove weeds. The property has been insured.

Spring Clean-up: No updates.

Park Restroom: No updates.

Insurance Committee: Larry Wankel has been working on the insurance; he has a few questions that need to be answered before submitting and finalizing.

Plaque for Time Capsule from Sesquicentennial: No updates.

Tent/Canopy Purchase: Scott Meinhardt will be making the purchase for the Chamber.

Park Concessions: Scott Meinhardt signed an agreement with Bob Oster granting the Chamber use of the concession stand during the annual June Jamboree in exchange for a \$2,500.00 donation towards the building of the structure. No food can be cooked in the building and no alcohol can be served; however, beer/alcohol tickets may be sold and food may be served from the building. Brent Rakers made the motion to approve the \$2,500.00 donation; seconded by Mike Riley; all aye, motion passed. This was the second reading of the donation of \$2,500.00; first motion was made on 08/03/09.

Light Poles in Park: Scott Meinhardt researched the cost of installing light poles at the Park in the truck pull/tractor pull area; currently the estimated cost is \$27,000.00

Chili & Soup Cook-off: Reminder that workers are needed for the event. Set-up will begin around 6:00 p.m. on Friday night.

Storage: Tim Hoerchler reported that Mike Rehkemper will rent one of his storage units located on West Missouri Street to the Chamber. The cost will be \$75.00 per month with a 5-year contract, paid up front, cost is \$4,500.00. Jerry Green motioned to approve the payment of \$4,500.00 for a 5-year contract, seconded by Tim Hoerchler; all aye, motion carried. Because of the cost, this will require a second reading for approval.

Chamber Trailer: Discussion on the Chamber trailer. Decals are not in the best shape, rims are shot, and paint is ok. Parking in the new storage facility will lengthen life of the trailer. Tim Hoerchler recommends aluminum rims at approximately \$25.00 per wheel. The trailer was purchased in 1999.

DARE Motorcycle Ride: Mike Riley gave an update; 934 riders, 610 bikes. Thanks to all the organizations that provided assistance in making these event possible.

Hunter Safety Course: This is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Clinton County Sheriff's Dept. and is held annually at the New Baden Civic Center the weekend after the DARE ride in September. Tim Hoerchler made the motion to reimburse Scott Meinhardt \$135.00 for the purchase of food supplies for the event; seconded by Brent Rakers; all aye, motion carried.

June Jamboree Bands: Discussion on Jamboree Bands. Currently "The Nudge" is available for Saturday night for \$800. It was agreed to get a contract signed.

Brent Rakers Funds: Brent Rakers wanted to thank the Chamber for its support in his trip to Italy for the Arm Wrestling World Cup. He placed 16 of 40.

Centralia Sentinel Article: Scott Meinhardt brought to the Chamber's attention an article featuring New Baden in the Centralia Sentinel, which also provided information on the upcoming Chili & Soup Cook-off.

Tourism Bureau: Chamber events will be in the 2010 Tourism Bureau's visitor's guide.

Gordon Hoerchler, who was not in attendance, was the cash drawing winner.

A motion was made by Bob Nielsen seconded by Brent Rakers to adjourn the meeting. All present voting aye, motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Teri L Crane, Secretary