



Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce
Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, March 26, 2008 – 7 p.m.
Cambridge Valley Chamber of Commerce Office

Meeting Called to order at 1900 hours by President Lisa Pembroke.

Absences: Judy Russert, Rick Tinkham, and Butch Eastman

Present: President Lisa Pembroke, Vice President Laura Reynolds, Treasurer Beth Dillard, Secretary Melissa Spiezio, Heather Norman, Heather Mitchell, and Mark Donahue.

A motion was made by Beth Dillard and seconded by Laura Reynolds to approve the excused absences. The board of directors voted to approve the absences.

Minutes from the postponed February meeting that was held on March 11, 2008 were reviewed.

A motion was made by Laura Reynolds, seconded by Heather Norman. The Board of Directors voted to approve the minutes from the meeting held March 11, 2008.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance of the Chamber of Commerce account is \$15,758.17. A motion was made by Melissa Spiezio; a second was made by Laura Reynolds to approve the treasurer's report as presented.

Correspondence:

Legislative News

Application for new membership

Mattson Concrete Cutting located at 129 East Main Street, Cambridge. Run by Eric and Penny Mattson and specializing in concrete cutting.

A motion was made by Beth Dillard, seconded by Lisa Pembroke and the board voted to approve Mattson Concrete Cutting for membership.

Public Comments

none

President's Report

none

Presentations:

Naomi Marsh was to report on Small Business Procurement Seminar however did not attend the meeting

Committee Reports

Balloon (Beth Dillard) see minutes from Balloon Festival meeting held prior to this meeting

Beautification/Tourism (Heather Norman) Heather has contacted a company that will pay \$0.04 a pound for recycled clothing. Bins will be placed at a few locations throughout the village. Heather is brainstorming ideas on how to promote recycling clothing.

By-Laws, Rules and Regulations (Rick Tinkham) Rick was given information to write the conflict of interest statement for the by-laws.

Economic Development (no liaison)

Finance & Insurance (Butch Eastman)

Nominating (Butch Eastman) Letter will be going out soon regarding the open position on the BOD

Fundraising & Grants (Beth Dillard)

Government Relations (no liaison)

Media/Public Relations/Website/Newsletter (Laura Reynolds)

Membership and Social (Melissa Spiezio)

Volunteers and Events (Judy Russert) Christmas in Cambridge 2008 Dates 12/5-12/7/2008

Old Business

Committee Members and Budgets Tabled until the next meeting

Americade 2008 will be June 2-6, 2008. Three businesses will be chosen to participate in the scavenger hunt. Two of the Chamber members that will participate are Over the Moon Beads and King's Car Care Center. Heather will approach Battenkill Books and the Village Co-op Store to see if either of them is interested in being the third business.

New Business

Voted to dismiss the Chamber's records stating that Poochie Doo and Soapie Shampoo (Penny Spiezio) owed the Chamber for a Christmas 2005 ad and a Balloon Festival ad 2006. The total debt owed was \$150 and due to conflicting stories a motion was made by Lisa Pembroke and seconded by Heather Norman to dismiss any said debt to the Chamber from Poochie Doo. The Board voted to approve.

A motion was made by Lisa Pembroke and seconded by Melissa Spiezio to again give a \$500 award to a C.C.S. graduating senior. The board approved this motion.

A motion was made by Heather Norman, second by Melissa Spiezio to sign a resolution supporting the Reality Check and Southern Adirondack Tobacco Free Coalition initiative regarding in store advertising of tobacco products targeted at children. The motion was adopted. The Board also agreed to send a letter to the Cambridge Village Board expressing its concern about this issue and asking them to support the initiative and to encourage businesses to voluntarily reduce such advertising.

Members not yet paying their dues for 2008 were discussed. Members not rejoining are Poochie Doo and Soapie Shampoo, Cambridge Valley Diner, Spoonful Catering, Devine Designs, Cambridge Guest Home, and Wilkins Photography and Graphics. The Board divided the list of unpaid members and will make a final attempt to contact each one personally. The Board agreed to proceed with the 2008 brochure and Laura was instructed to only include those unpaid members who respond before it goes to print.

Meeting Adjourned 1947 hours

Next Meeting 04/30/2008

Respectfully Submitted, Melissa Spiezio