

August 27, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Those in attendance included: Sam Taranto (DSC, Spangler Legion), Suzie McCombie (Mainline Newspapers), Jeff Lantzy (Jeff Lantzy Insurance), Nancy Holtz (Gap Federal Credit Union), Robert Paterno (City Hotel Bar & Grill), Barbara Kirby (First National Bank), Tim Whited (Al's Tire), Fran Filkins (Health South), and John Rouse (Rouses Flower & Garden).

The minutes were read. Suzie McCombie made a motion to approve the minutes; Sam Taranto seconded the motion, the motion approved unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Barb Kirby**

The financial statement was passed out and noted.

A new printer was purchased that can handle 11x17 paper.

Barb noted the yearly fiscal financial statement. We are in-line with our non-profit status.

#### **Membership Report – Tim Whited**

There are 121 members. No new members at this time.

#### **Economic Committee – Fran Filkins**

RODP – Tim is now representing the NCABA as Fran Filkins is now representing Susquehanna Township and one person can not hold two positions. Fran is on a committee to pick a name for the region. It was discussed that the NCABA might donate a prize if the RODP wished to have a contest for naming the region. Fran will present this to the RODP committee.

Improvement Report – Fran reported that one of the next projects the Economic Committee will do is coordinate a story and photos of the new improvements and new structures throughout our region. Sam Taranto and Tim Whited agreed to help with this project. The story should run in the October newsletter.

Health & Wealth Gala – Oktoberfest Tickets and posters were distributed. Golden Living Center – HAIDA has agreed to do the decorating. Volunteers were requested.

#### **Communications**

The following communications received by mail were noted: UCP Golf Tournament, Library Correspondence, Potato Fest, Chamber of Commerce, Mickey Pacenek Tournament. Many businesses have noted they received the same correspondence and will handle donations individually. Fran shared a letter from Janet Dobransky regarding a fundraiser for her brother. She asked that it be included in the newsletter. The letter will be condensed and it will be included.

### **Little Kahuna Golf Tournament**

The tournament is scheduled. Individual golfers are being accepted at \$40 donation per golfer. Help is needed that day with food, decorations and registration.

### **Old Business**

Beating the Odds – The NCABA agreed to cover the costs for this event (refer to previous minutes). Joe Harties, of Beating the Odds, wanted to have the public forum in September. Due to our schedule with the Kahuna and Oktoberfest we may need to push it back until November> Jeff will discuss with Mr. Harties.

### **New Business**

Our Town – Sam Taranto reported that the producers from the PBS television station that produces “Our Town” will be coming on September 22 to orient the public on how they can contribute video clips. An “Our Town” segment on Northern Cambria Borough will be produced. Fran will contact Fred Nastasi on the particulars of the meeting to include in the next newsletter.

Fran has resigned as the representative for the Ebensburg Area Business Commission and suggested that if anyone from the NCABA wishes to sit on the board, they need to contact the Ebensburg Borough Council or Christine Strugala. Fran suggested that the representative should also have a business interest in the Ebensburg Borough.

2009 Golf Tournament – Tim oriented the group to a suggestion about combining work forces for the library tournament and our Kahuna tournaments. Tim is going to the meeting in September to discuss. The library has an abundance of workers with few golfers; we have an abundance of golfers with few workers.

Fran requested that the October meeting of the NCABA be held at her business location, HealthSouth in Ebensburg. The Ebensburg clinic will be holding a 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration with a networking mixer. Fran said we could have our meeting there and then kick off the mixer. Details will follow.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jeff Lantzy and seconded by Robert Paterno, the motion was passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Cambrian Hills, Wednesday, September 17, 2008.

Minutes compiled by Francine Filkins in the absence of NCABA Secretary, Erin Gabany.