



MINUTES – May 12, 2009

The Coldwater Area Chamber of Commerce held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at the village office.

The meeting was called to order by Mark Obringer, president, with the following trustees present: Dan Broering, Ken Obringer, Greg Homan, Jon Gardner, Jill Timmerman, Kelli Steinbrunner, Lisa Niekamp-Urwin, Jamey French, Toni Klosterman, Randy Kaup & John Yoder. Village Administrator, Eric Thomas and Deanna Davis with Innergy Fitness were also present.

The April minutes were approved with a motion by John Yoder and a second by Mark Obringer.

Treasurer's report was given by Dan Broering with a reported balance, as of April 30, as checking = \$6,264.76 and Gift Certificate account at \$5,298.66. Jamey French moved to accept the treasurer's report and Kelli Steinbrunner seconded.

Old Business:

Membership Committee:

Kelli Steinbrunner gave an update on the membership renewal drive. We are still missing membership dues from many chamber members. Personal contact will go out to each business that has not yet sent in their membership renewals. It was noted that possibly we have incorrect email address. Kelli and Jill Timmerman will be distributing the 2009 plates to those members who have submitted their dues and personally calling or visiting those members whose dues have not yet been received. ALL MEMBERSHIPS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 9TH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHAMBERS BUSINESS DIRECTORY.

Financial Committee: Reported on the upcoming Putt-Putt Golf outing that is scheduled for this Sunday 5-17-09 from 1-3 hosted by Pla-Mor Lanes. This event helps to support the Chamber's annual scholarship that is awarded to a high school senior every year. Bring the family out and enjoy a round of Putt-Putt Golf, door prizes, ice cream and fun. Entry fees for the event are: \$6.00 for children 11 and under, \$6.00 for adult 65 and older and \$7.00 for adults and children 12 and over. You will play in order that you arrive.

Mark Obringer and John Yoder both reported on the recipient of this year's Chamber Scholarship. It was awarded to Joe Thomas at the recent awards banquet held at the school. Congratulations to Joe and best of luck!

Programs Committee:

Greg Homan reported on the upcoming events sponsored by the Chamber. Please mark your calendars for the upcoming business after hours socials and seminars.

May 21, 2009 – Business After Hours, hosted by Briarwood Village from 4pm – 6pm. Come take a tour of one of the areas most lavish independent and assisted living villages, you will be amazed. Come, meet and mingle with other business members, enjoy snacks provided by Briarwood and help support these events that are brought to you courtesy of your Area Chamber of Commerce.

Greg also announced the next upcoming seminar to be sponsored by the Chamber. Randy Kaup, with Moorman and Hartings, will be presenting a seminar on taxes. Seminar will be addressing both personal and business tax do's and don'ts. He will also be taking questions from the audience. Please be sure to watch for the date of this seminar and mark your calendars to attend.

New Business:

In new business, Jamey French, with State of the Heart, announced that due to increasing responsibilities with his current position that he would be stepping down as a trustee. He introduced Toni Klosterman and asked the Chamber to allow Toni to assume the trustee chair in representing State of the Heart. Greg Homan moved to accept Toni as the replacement trustee and Dan Broering second the motion. Toni will fulfill the remaining term as trustee for State of the Heart.

Deanna Davis, with Innergy Fitness presented to the Chamber a fundraising idea. She asked that the Chamber team up with her gym to sponsor a 4 mile race to be held September 10. The event will be an evening run and a course that matches the Buzzard's Run will be used. T-Shirts, door prizes, and awards will be handed out during the event. If you have any questions on the event please contact Deanna Davis at Innergy Fitness at 419-763-1111. Mark Obringer will be working with Deanna Davis in coordinating and announcing this event.

Trustees also discussed the upcoming Community Picnic. We will again be helping with the Lemon Aid Stand. Sidewalk sales were also discussed. It was communicated that we are in need of more plastic bags featuring the Chamber's new logo. Eric Thomas reported that he is waiting to hear back from the supplier on price. Short turn around time on the making of the bags. Will hopefully hear back on price by next month's meeting.

Trustees have also set a date for the **2009 BUSINESS EXPO**. This year's event will be held on September 20th from 11am – 3pm at the schools Commons / Auditoria. Please watch for more details to follow.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with a motion by Ken Obringer and a second by John Gardner.

Announcements: All members please, be sure to return your annual dues by JUNE 9TH TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CHAMBER'S BUSINESS DIRECTORY. Please update your business information and forward in your payment. Note, that you also access the annual due renewal form via the new Chamber website at www.coldwaterchamberofcommerce.com

Also remember to come see the new Briarwood Village facility at the Business After Hours event scheduled for May 21, 2009. Event will be from 4pm – 6pm;

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE JUNE 9, 2009 AT 7:30 A.M. AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE. AS ALWAYS ANYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND.