



BURLINGTON
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Membership Meeting Minutes
Elton Tavern, Burlington CT
Thursday, February 15, 2018

- I. Call to Order – 12:03 pm
- II. Attendance
 - a. Peter Bevivino – Chair (President), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Jerry Burns (Secretary), Chris Borda (Director), Kerry Brash (Director), Colleen Ververis (Director), Marjorie Bowen (Member), Yanina Daigle (Member), Diana Lepore (Member), Bruce Supernaugh (Guest)
 - b. Bruce S. was invited by Jerry B. to attend this meeting to share his background as one of our first Help Needed participants. Thank you, Bruce, for being interested in how our local Chamber operates, good luck on the search.
- III. Past Minutes
 - a. January 18, 2018 reviewed; Peter B. motioned to accept as-is, Diana L. 2nd, All in Favor.
- IV. Treasurer Report
 - a. Bank balance of \$13,599.27
 - b. Expected Expenses for February 2018:
 - i. \$2,200.00 affiliate expense to Central CT Chambers of Commerce
 - ii. Christmas Trees still not invoiced by Town, expect a \$1,260.00 pay back.
 - c. Membership
 - i. Welcomed new business, YZD Business Solutions, Yanina Daigle and she gave introduction to her business to group.
 - ii. 59 Members active with 8 past due from January Cycle
 1. The automated Chamber email system may not have been sending invoices as expected. Rich B. will reach out to those not paid.
 - d. Peter B. motioned to accept, Colleen V. 2nd; All in Favor
- V. Old Business
 - a. Car Show/Mountain Bike Expo with Food Truck event for Summer 2018
 - i. No tangible updates, need to decide in February if we want to tackle this in 2018.
- VI. New Business
 - a. Annual Dinner Committee
 - i. May 8th or 10th, but looks like May 8th due to potential conflict on May 10th with a NWCCC event.
 - ii. Kerry B. said that the Men’s Club president could not give okay to our date until new Men’s Club Board is seated in April.



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1. This is obviously not good for our planning, Colleen V. and Kerry B. will keep on this situation.
 - iii. Awards
 1. Burlington Community Fund said not involved enough to have an award sponsored by them.
 2. Discussion by Jerry B. on getting multiple inputs from all groups in town and then we as a Chamber Board decide on final award. Kerry B. was in favor of this approach as well.
 3. Jerry B. will find awards write-up from a past survey that was done.
 4. Discussion on what groups should nominate for what award and consensus was to send all nominations to every party.
 - b. March BAH Event – March 15th
 - i. Had to move to March 15th from March 7th on request of NWCCC
 - ii. Discussion on timing of the printed NWCCC newsletter. Consensus is it is too late for these events. Also discussed promotion of this event by CCCC and NWCCC digitally.
 - c. CT Office of Tourism
 - i. Peter B. said Ted Shafer and Tod Kallenbach from Town talked to contact about a 2Q18 event.
 - ii. We will promote when the details are finalized.
 - d. Multi-Chamber BAH Event
 - i. June 7th event at Larson’s Garden Center
 - ii. Discussion about Sponsors to offset food costs
 - iii. Our Chamber will supply the Beer. Kerry B. said she can do a wine tasting.
 - iv. Would the Lions Club be interested in doing a grill for the event? Jerry B. will reach out to see if they are.
 - e. Car/Mountain Bike Event in 2018
 - i. Peter B. says unless someone can step up and run, can’t do this event.
 - ii. Marjorie B. shared that the Mountain Biking Association is not keen on the Region 10 Complex as there is nowhere to do riding close by like Nassahegan.
 - iii. Will defer until later in the year for 2019 planning, if we think it is still a viable option for the membership.
 - f. Truck or Treat
 - i. Not realistic without Tom M. being able to do, must defer until 2019.
 - g. Chamber News & Updates
 - i. Nothing reported.
- VII. Open Forum



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- i. Discussion on whether we would be able to use the new Library for a Business After Hours location. To be determined.
- VIII. Adjourn – Motion Jerry B., Rich B. 2nd, All in Favor – 1:03 pm

Next Meeting – Thursday, March 15, 2018 - 12:00 pm at Elton Tavern, Burlington CT