



Membership Meeting Minutes
Elton Tavern
Thursday, January 16, 2020

- I. Call to order at 12:02 pm

- II. **Attendance** – Kerry Brash (President), Colleen Ververis (Vice President), Tom Martin (Secretary), Rich Browning (Treasurer), Margie Bowen (Director), David Shepherd (Director), Diana Lepore (Director), Liz Cowdell (Director), Chris Borda (Director), Cindy Bombard (CCCC President), Diane Rivard (Member), Shaun Calhoun (Member), Judi Ann Lausier (Member), Heather Taylor (Member)

- III. **Past Minutes** – Colleen motioned to approve. Diana seconded. All approved. Moving forward we are going paperless. Minutes will be posted on the Chamber website (About Us > Meeting Minutes). Kerry will not bring paper copies to meeting. Members are expected to review minutes prior to membership meeting. All approved.

- IV. **Treasurer Report**
 - A. Bank balance of \$12,369.47

 - B. Expenses

Recent expenses: \$77.50 to CCCC for Feb 2020 newsletter printing, \$47.93 to Eversource, \$69.99 for Oct 2019 BAH Beverage Expense, \$58.48 for Web Hosting, \$200.00 for Burlington Men's Club Rental for 2019 Holiday BAH

Upcoming Expenses: 2020 Affiliate Expenses to CCCC (2019 = \$3,250.00)
Recent Credits: \$1,521.70 in dues collected since last report

 - C. Membership
 - 61 active members
 - In 2019 we had 11 new members and 12 lapsed members. One member renewed in December and 22 members are up for renewal in January
 - 15 have renewed to date. Three active members renewed at the new discounted \$125 rate.

 - D. The Membership Committee will be assigning Ambassadors (Kerry, Dave O, Dave S, Rich and Liz) to members who do not actively participate in the Chamber. At least once per year the Ambassador should contact their assigned members personally to check in, gather feedback about their involvement, invite them to an event, etc. Membership Committee members will be assigned to each of the 5 lapsed members to gather feedback on the decision for nonrenewal and encourage rejoining.



V. **New Business**

A. Kerry advised that she will not be at the February Membership meeting. Colleen will run the meeting.

B. Cindy Bombard provided CCCC update

Bristol Home Show is Feb 15, 16 at Bristol Eastern. Chamber members can have a discounted space. Leadership training meetings at Yard Metals, Thomaston Savings Bank, Connecticare, Trumpf. Margie will include both events in our weekly newsletter.

C. Kerry provided Event Committee report:

- **Touch A Truck/Chili Contest**
There is a lack of interest from our members to run an event of this size. Kerry asked for honest feedback as to whether we should wait until we acquire more active Chamber Members who would be willing to assist. Diane, Tom & Colleen indicated that we should concentrate on Fire Dept Fundraiser and table Touch A Truck/Chili Contest for another year. Event committee to discuss how to proceed.
- **Winter Wonderland, Feb 22, 2020, 1:00 – 3:00**
Parks & Rec has asked us just to sponsor a Hot Chocolate and S'mores station. Kerry will not be in town on the 22nd. She asked for a committee who will attend and purchase the groceries. Kerry to ask Fire Department for the use of their insulated tubs, as well as their kitchen and a large pot in which to prepare the Hot Chocolate. Kerry to check with town to see what materials we need such as hot chocolate, marshmallows, cones, chocolate sauce, napkins, cups. Volunteers are Tom (possibly), Shaun, Judi Ann (possibly), Heather (possibly). Discussed getting Ice cream cones instead of graham crackers and chocolate sauce instead of melting chocolate. We will still roast marshmallows.
- **Morning Networking**
Diana suggested we do a morning networking once per month, which she will organize. Tom and Chris mentioned that the Chamber had tried a long time ago and we did not get much response. Kerry is all for trying it again. Diana will host at her place to start with. Discussion followed with Cindy about having a sponsor who can have 10 minutes to present their business. Other attendees would get 3 minutes. The sponsor is responsible for providing coffee, juice and breakfast food. Cindy will check and advise when the Farmington and Bristol Chambers hold their morning networking. Event committee to discuss further.
- **Burlington Vol Fire Department Fundraising Event**



Suggestions for a Pancake Breakfast on Mother's Day or an evening Wine Tasting. All were in favor of a Wine Tasting. The Event Committee will start the planning.

- Welcome Bags

The town is not in line with doing them. They need a point person to oversee the storing of literature and the bag stuffing. Tom will check with Kids in the Middle at the school to see if they would be interested in filling the bags and mailing to the new houses in town. Perhaps, instead of mailing the bags, they get delivered by Chamber members. Further discussion to follow. Judi Ann and Tom will get together to try arranging a game plan.

- Judi Ann advised that the United Way Award ceremony is on April 8. She will provide more info to those interested in attending.
- Annual Dinner – need to discuss at next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm

Next Meeting – Feb 20, 12:00 pm at Elton Tavern.