

Ashford Business Owners' Association
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Minutes of March Meeting
Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Call to Order

Welcome by President Janice Sentivany. Had to hold meeting at Old Town Hall since our room was taken over by Zoning Board.

Attendee Introductions

Regulars plus five new attendees.

Hear from Public and/or Invited Guests

Introduction of all attendees and welcome to the new attendees.

Approval of Minutes of March Minutes

Approved and seconded.

Approval of Treasurer's Report for March

Unable since Treasurer was not in attendance. Will need approval at April meeting.

Old Business

- Still no Recording Secretary
- Positive response to Scott Chapman last month's speaker
- Regarding update on directory sign, Bryan will be going to EDC meeting with Scott to find out who gave approval. Zoning is still unaware of sign and permission. We need more than verbal from EDC, need it in writing.
- Update on website, Bob has requested links for town, fire department and school. So far only school has acknowledged. Suggestion to have an official seal/emblem on all literature. One recommendation was a little oak tree. All members could put onto business cards as "proud members of A.B.O.A."
- No new members on board discussed going out for membership dues rather than just introductions and invites to meetings.
- Membership update, Gary has been out and about, reason for our new attendees at meeting. It seems lots of interest but some time/date conflicts. For future visits is going to hand out membership forms and solicit payments. Try to lock in those that would join but don't want to be at meetings.

New Business

- James family update, it seems lots done with suppers, Boy Scout clean up and other fundraisers. Temporary house with furnishings provided for them.
- Do we want a spring/summer Business Open House? Lots of suggestions, firehouse BBQ, our own business expo, tie in with fisherman's breakfast or Ashford Family Day in September. Decided that may be the best first step. Have booth at family day with info and business cards from members about their businesses and create more awareness to citizens and interest for other business to join.
- Want to look at possibility of town mailing of member businesses.
- Regarding suggestion on emblem for us...we should consider forming a committee to work on that. Would we want to list just members on directory with emblem or list all businesses and bold member businesses? Will be on next month's agenda.

Confirm Date, Time, Location and Agenda for Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm at Town Hall Conference Room – lower level. Possibility we may get relocated again to Old Town Hall room due to zoning.

Adjourn

Adjourned at 8:30pm by President Sentivany.

Respectfully Submitted,
Janice Sentivany, President and Interim Recording/Corresponding Secretary