

**NEW HARTFORD BUSINESS COUNCIL**  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
May 14, 2014

**In attendance:**

Paul Amenta (chair), Peter Bakker, Peggy Budny, David Childs, Cameron Cunningham, Kim Hanson, Donna LeBlanc, Carol Monroe, Bob Switzgable, and Phil Worley

**Absent:**

Cindy Donaldson and Donna Laplante

**Minutes**

4/9/14 meeting - No corrections made.

P.Bakker made a motion to approve report. D.Childs seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**May 14, 2014**

Balance as of last report – 4/9/2014 -	\$5,241.98
4 New Members from promo	
5 New Renewing Members	
2 New Members	
11 Sponsors for BAH event 4/22/14	
<b>Total income for this month</b>	<b>\$1,060.00</b>
<b>Total expenses for this month</b>	<b>\$ 474.48</b>
March/Apr Morning Minglers	
Flowers for MaryAnn Gunning	
Ashley Trumbull 1 hour for Apri	
Goulet Printery	
BAH 4/22/14-Supplies	
BAH 4/22/14-Postage	
BAH 4/22/14-Pizza	
<b>Current NHBC funds as of 5/14/2014</b>	<b>\$5,827.50</b>

**Treasurer's Report , May 14, 2014 (Continued)**

Remaining funds being held for tourism brochure remains at \$108.59 and Light New Hartford funds being held are \$110.40.

Carol reported that a refund will be issued from our previous policy. The latest insurance premium is billed in two separate payments. The first payment will be made this month.

The BAH on 4/22/14 brought in several donations. Bob Switzgable was acknowledged for his generosity. Carol announced that NHBC made a profit of \$202.

Paul Amenta made a motion to approve report. B.Switzgable seconded.

**Motion carried.**

**Membership                      May 14, 2014**

103 Active Members  
2 Members are non-paid Active Honorary Members  
8 members are due for renewal

Dues increase from \$75/yr to \$85/yr will be effective 6/1/14

Although the JOGO ended in April, Phil recommended that we extend the rate until the end of May for new members

**Unanimously Agreed**

Peg stated that the BAH has been an excellent source for new and potential members along with the drawing of business cards.

C. Monroe made a motion to approve report. B.Switzgable seconded.

**Motion carried.**

## **Events**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** BAH with NW CT Chamber at Ski Sundown was a success. Cameron reported that there were 55 attendees. The sign in was helpful in identifying who was present. There were 40 NHBC attendees 15 from NW Chamber.

BAH Meeting on 5/12/14 had 30 in attendance.

Upcoming events:

- Open Forum at the Senior Center: Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Internship Kick-off meeting: Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Next Morning Mingler: Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>
- June Morning Mingler: Thursday, June 26.
- Scholarship Event is scheduled for the same day.
- No BAH in July
- Possibility of a "BLOCK PARTY" in August with Better Half Bistro, Nejaimes Package Store and Eastern Accents. Bob had a concern about the safety of people crossing Route 44. More discussion will be had in regard to the planning of the event along with the possibility of utilizing the Pine Meadow Firehouse.

Cameron announced that the remainder of the 2014 calendar seems to be filled for BAH. Pizza Pete's and the New Hartford Firehouse would like to host in either October or November. More info to follow.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Received letter from Dawn Whalen for donation to the annual Celebration of Excellence for Ann Antolini School. A \$50 donation was made in the past. Phil motioned that we donate the same amount this year. Cameron seconded.

**Motion carried.**

## **Communications (Continued)**

A card from MaryAnn Gunning was received thanking the Board for the flowers and plaque that was given to her. She also had a few ideas in regard to the up-coming events:

Fishing Derby -

Brewfest – June 21<sup>st</sup> –

- Possible booth for NHBC

Litchfield Hills Triathlon – July 27<sup>th</sup> - Brodie Park

- Peg to look into the chairperson for this event to see how can we participate and advertise our members

Discussion about the upcoming payment for our website was held. Paul and Peg, along with Bob, will look into alternative options and companies. Phil recommended that Peg look into “Go Daddy”. Peg will also investigate “Word Press”.

**Paul, Peg and Bob to follow-up**

## **Intern Program**

May 22, 2014 – Wrap up meeting - Senior Center -6:30PM.

Paul announced a plan that he would like to incorporate. To obtain \$1,000 each from 10-12 companies in order to offer either one \$10,000 or two, \$5,000 scholarships. He has asked Donna LaPlante to assist in securing three individuals to address the scholarship process.

**Unanimously agreed.**

## **Presidents Report**

No discussion. Past information included a combined fundraiser with New Hartford Lions Club for scholarships-tabled until next year and tag line update

**Not finalized- Tabled until next year**

## **New Business**

Petals and Paws in Canton is having a “Summer Splash” event on Thursday, July 17 from 5-7pm. Space will be available to any/all businesses and the public is invited to attend. Paul suggested we look into the possibility of obtaining space.

**Paul to follow-up**

## **Bylaws**

No action this month. Waiting on a date for Skip to discuss any changes or updates.

**On hold.**

## **Rails to Trails**

No discussion at this meeting.

Past information:

EDC looking for support from NHBC for Rails to Trails project. Per EDC, project is at a standstill.

**For future consideration**

## **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 8:40 am. Phil made the motion to adjourn, David seconded.

## **Next Board Meeting**

Wednesday, June 11, 2014, 8:00 AM

Conference room at Town Hall