



Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2007

Attending: Jerry Smith, Greg Mihalic, Rick Banks, Susan Martin, Cathy Hoechst, Jan Zacharchuck, Colleen McGinley, Jerome Wostika, Kelly Psciotta, Glenn Irby, Shannon Pugh, Pam Jennelle Betty Bernard, Debi Dyer, Sharron Semento, Dottie Keedy, John Moore, Ray SanFratello and Robert Johnson

1. Presentation: Jerry Smith, Lake County Emergency Management. Jerry discuss the potential of staffing the EOC after disasters. Robert Johnson discussed the concept of preparing a mutual add agreement between chambers to assist chambers after a disaster to help the business community get up and running after a natural disaster.

Old Business

2. Minutes of July 13, 2007. Rick Banks made a motion to approve, Glenn Irby seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Lake County Days 2008. Doubletree Hotel will site of the event and the breakfast and lunch. Sponsors are committing for next year and remaining sponsors will be contacted in September.
4. Transportation Impact Fee Issue. Position Paper has been drafted and proposed to be provided to the County Commission.
5. Modifying the Structure of the Chamber Alliance. The structure of the Chamber Alliance is such that at most we will have only 8 members of the board. Due to the conflict of schedules, we rarely have that many attend. Recommendation at last meeting was to have two members from each chamber be appointed. Attached is the draft bylaws amended to reflect this change. Recommendation: Review and Approve and at the September meeting bring new appointees to the meeting. Rick Banks made a motion to approve, Glenn Irby seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.
6. Annual Chamber Survey. Anticipate that the College will conduct the survey in the second week of September.

New Business

7. Part time staff position. The activities of the chamber are growing beyond that of a normal all volunteer board. Recommend that hire a part time staff person for 10 hours a month. The purpose of the position would be to ensure that the agenda material is pulled together, meeting notices are sent, website is updated, invoices are sent and financial report is pulled together. Robert Johnson recommended that we consider a staff person in an existing chamber office so that we do not have run payroll only provide reimbursement to the chamber that is processing the payroll. Jerry made a motion to approve, Glenn Irby seconded motion. Motion approved unanimously.
8. Business Awards Event: In the last few weeks we have had several individuals approach the Alliance about this concept. Russ Sloan with the Business Resource Center has expressed an interest in starting a business hall of fame for Lake County and he wants to

work with our awards program to annually induct members into the hall of fame. Secondly, Robert Johnson was approached by a member of the leadership team at Lassiterware a large insurance company with offices in Leesburg that would be interested in sponsoring the event. Additionally, I have had a preliminary discussion with Jim Meyers an officer with the League of Cities that co-sponsors the Community Service Awards to make sure they would not have a problem with us doing a separate awards program. At this point if we are interested in doing an event in 2008 or 2009, we need a committee to work on it. It does not need to totally be made up of Alliance members. Recommendation: Need a volunteer to serve as the chair of this event. Sharron and Jan volunteered to serve on this committee.

9. Meeting Schedule Change. United Chambers moved to 2nd Friday and Chamber Alliance moved to 3rd Friday. Chamber Alliance proposed for Tavares Civic Center.