

# GOWANDA AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Minutes – Monthly Meeting – Board of Directors

March 12, 2014 – 4:00 P.M. – Persia Town Hall

**Call to Order:** President Gary Patterson called the meeting to order at 4:12 P.M.

**Directors Present:** Mark McHale, Gary Patterson, Carol Sheibley, Mary Stelley, Sal Dicembre; Ralph Swanson arrived at 4:40 PM.

**Absent:** Greg McClure, Mary Clark, Don Rogers, Sue Hodges, Mary Pankow, Travis Grubbs  
Due to stormy weather conditions the above members did not attend the meeting.

**Minutes:** Motion by Sal Dicembre, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark McHale to approve the 02/12/14 monthly minutes as written – **carried**.

## **Secretary - Correspondence:**

- Marsha Reding, Springville Chamber called Mary Stelley re use of “Spirit” for their annual dinner – she was advised not a problem as it was not a trademark slogan.
- Gowanda Fire Department regarding pancake breakfast and sale of bricks fundraiser
- Ralph Swanson advised the Gowanda Moose will be holding a benefit on 3/29/2014
- 15<sup>th</sup> annual Crouse 5K Challenge poster distributed by Jen Gernatt. Ralph Swanson advised the chamber should not be listed as a sponsor and remove from indemnification clause. Carol Sheibley will also check with Village of Gowanda if they are a sponsor.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Balance Sheet & Year-End Income Statement as of 02/28/2014 was distributed reflecting \$4,856.11 assets and bank balance \$5,060.77. Report will be filed.

**Vice President’s Report:** no report

## **President’s Report:**

- Music in the Park – Village of Gowanda would like the 2014 series to be held at Chang Hu Park. After discussion it was decided to leave at the American Legion Post 409 for 2014 and obtain bands from 7/10/2014 to 8/7/2014 and send letters to the surrounding municipalities requesting funds for the series.

## **Committee Reports:**

- **Spirit of Gowanda** – Mark McHale updated the board regarding the meeting held 3/5/2014 and advised the following were selected: Designer Pools – business, Nick Hodak – service, Excellence in Youth - Kelsey Delpriore – Gowanda Central School, Alexis Sager and Megan Stang, St. Joseph’s School
- **Zoar Valley Fest** – event to be held 5/10/2014 – chamber is not a sponsor this year
- **Harvest Fest** – Ralph Swanson will ask Becky Hubbard and Kevin McCormack to chair scarecrow portion. Sal Dicembre suggested combining event with Hollywood Fright Fest.

## **Unfinished Business:**

- **Status of chamber** – Office moved to inside Gabel Bros store on 2/27/2014. Sal, Gary and Mary Stelley assisted in the move with the help of 2 other community volunteers.
- **Health Insurance** – no action regarding using Anne Cooper for health insurance as waiting for further information from Cattaraugus County.
- **Discussion re mission and goals** – no action taken at this time

**Adjournment:** As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, April 9, 2014 at 4 P.M. at Persia Town Hall

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Mary Stelley, Secretary