

Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting
September 30, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. at the Telephone Museum by treasurer, Lynne Haney and secretary Barbara Lassonde, who thanked everyone for coming.

Present were: Treasurer Lynne Haney, Secretary Barbara Lassonde, ten members of the Chamber and two interested townsfolk, for a total of 14.

Lynne and Barbara explained our current situation of having only two board members, when we are supposed to have six.

Suggestions were offered as to how to attract more members, and these suggestions were graciously received.

Copies of the bylaws were passed out, so each could see what the responsibilities are for each position. It was explained that each position filled this night would be only temporary until our annual meeting in January. With a full board, we would be able to continue making decisions for the Chamber and conduct business as usual.

Members came forward and offered to serve on the board until the annual meeting. The new board of directors presented was:

Lynne Haney, president

Patrick Miller, president-elect

Cheryl Johnson, treasurer

Barbara Lassonde, secretary,

Mary Watts, board member

Dan Watts, board member

Per the bylaws, the current board members voted to accept this board of directors as presented. All were welcomed and thanked for their support.

It was agreed that future board meetings would be held at 5:30 p.m. on the First Tuesday of each month, and the location will rotate to the towns represented on the Board. The next meeting will be held at the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner on October 7 at 5:30 p.m.

It was requested that the minutes of each meeting be emailed to the members so they will be aware of what is going on. All agreed.

Barbara was asked to notify the Concord Monitor reporter who publicized our situation to inform her of the positive outcome of this meeting. Members should also be notified via email.

The situation of the funds was described, with various accounts for different purposes. Suggestions were made on finance security, to include two signatures and an annual audit.

A motion was made, seconded & voted that the president, president-elect and treasurer all be signatories on the bank accounts, and that each distribution of funds contain two signatures.

Because we now have a full board of directors, the nominating committee will be named from the board, as stated in the bylaws, and will proceed with their work of securing a board of directors for the upcoming year. This new slate will be presented to the members in November and voted on at the annual meeting in January. According to the bylaws, the terms of these positions is two years.

It was suggested that we reach out to new businesses as they are formed and invite them into the Chamber. It was also suggested that we invite businesses from other towns to our meetings so they can see what benefits they will gain from becoming members of the Chamber.

Nancy Ladd offered to sit on the Board as the Warner Liason.

Leanne Vance will sit on the board as the Contoocook Liason

Christine Waite will sit on the board as the Bradford Liason

Dan Watts requested Barbara send him the email addresses of all board members.

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Barbara Lassonde

Secretary