

**WISNER AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
JUNE 24, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

A total of 7 members, including Brenda Breitreutz a new employee at Elkhorn Valley Insurance and Chase Becker the area representative from KTIC Rural Radio, met at Coachmen's Steak House & Lounge for the regular meeting.

President Layne Matthes called the meeting to order at 12:06 P.M. All members introduced themselves.

The minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting as emailed and provided as a handout were reviewed. Motion to accept the May 27, 2009 minutes was made by Nadine Hagedorn with second by Alan Harms. No further discussion, motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Secretary/Treasurer Peggy Liermann with a handout showing fiscal year to date transaction history and with the total of all accounts as of June 22, 2009. The handout is made a part of these minutes by reference. A motion to accept was made by Barbara Rabe, second by Nadine Hagedorn. No further discussion, motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED** – No communications were presented

**UPDATE ON 2008 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE** Peggy Liermann reported that the 2009 membership total remains at fifty-eight (58).

**WCD UPDATE** - Alan Harms reported. The move to 503 9<sup>th</sup> Street was accomplished on the evening of May 27<sup>th</sup>. The jail meetings continue to be held at the Heritage Museum's conference area with the last meeting being May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DOWNTOWN BEAUTIFICATION** – With the aid of Alan, Sally Harms planted and placed planters at riser areas on 9<sup>th</sup> Street, the businesses nearest the new planters are responsible for the watering and upkeep. All members expressed their appreciation for the efforts made by Sally and Alan Harms to undertake this project. After discussion it was decided to place 4 of these planters in the block of 10<sup>th</sup> Street. No motion was necessary as this had been approved in the May 27<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**WISNER CALENDAR/POSTCARD PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST** – No additional photos have been received. Nadine Hagedorn provided posters to be put up in businesses within the community.

**HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS – SCHOOL YEAR 2009/2010 – REQUEST FOR ONE JUNIOR (2 YEAR TERM) AND ONE SENIOR (1 YEAR TERM)** – Nadine Hagedorn had a verbal conversation with Mr. Uttecht who thought this was a very good idea. Alan Harms suggested that this conversation be confirmed in writing. Nadine will draft a letter for Layne to review and sign.

**WISNER JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW – CONTACT/PLANNING** – Tim and Lisa Montgomery are the chair couple for the Livestock Show this year. All requests for information should be passed on to them.

**FARM AND HOME SHOW, SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2010** – Nadine Hagedorn advised that letters will go out to previous vendors on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**WISNER-PILGER SCHOOL SOCIAL DATE**– After a brief discussion of August activities, Alan Harms said the date of the social will be on Thursday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup>. The social is for all staff employed by the Wisner-Pilger Schools, the total amount of employees being 85. Last year the chamber provided dessert for

everyone. After a brief discussion Nadine Hagedorn made a motion that the chamber provide and serve dessert at this year's social, second by Chase Becker. Roll call vote all ayes, motion carried.

**THUNDER BY THE RIVER** – After a brief discussion it was decided to proceed with the \$1,000 donation as shown in the approved budget.

**NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TRAVEL COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP** – A photocopy of correspondence asking for membership and a brochure were included in the handout material. After a brief discussion Nadine Hagedorn made a motion for the chamber to join at the annual membership fee of \$50, second by Alan Harms. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

**NORFOLK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AMBASSADOR VISIT** – A photocopy of the email communications regarding this potential visit was provided in the handout material with Peggy Liermann advising of additional communication received that morning. Nadine Hagedorn was very familiar with ambassador visits and briefly explained what to expect. After a brief discussion it was decided to provide the dates of Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup> to the Norfolk Chamber for consideration. Since there would be no expenditures required by the Wisner Area Chamber no motion was necessary. Once the date has been decided upon further information will be forthcoming.

**NEDA NIX BIZ SUCCESS SITE** – There was a brief review of correspondence from NEDA provided in the handout material. This item will be tabled until further review is completed.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Chase Becker announced that the Great Nebraska Tractor Ride will be starting in Wisner in 2010. The route is to leave Wisner on June 18<sup>th</sup>, travel to Norfolk via towns in between and then return via other in between towns to Wisner on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Pre-check in is held on June 17<sup>th</sup>. In 2009 there were 182 tractors so it is anticipated to expect that many or more. Much appreciation to KTIC for again giving Wisner this opportunity.

Alan Harms requested that thought be given to getting people to visit uptown during events at the Wisner River Park, such as Thunder By the River. Various things were discussed. Nadine Hagedorn will attend the TPOW meeting and get input.

**NEXT MEETING** – The next meeting will be **Wednesday, July 29, 2009 at 12:00 P.M. (Noon) at Coachmen's.**

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Alan Harms to adjourn the meeting, second by Chase Becker, roll call vote all ayes. The meeting was adjourned by Layne Matthes at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted:

Peggy Liermann, Secretary/Treasurer