

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes of September 18, 2008  
Presented for October 16, 2008

The first meeting of the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce Year 2008-2009 was held at Cherrystones restaurant on Thursday, September 18, 2008.

1. Call to Order, Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Delinks.
2. Pledge of Allegiance (Tim Griswold)
3. New members attending for the first time:
  - a. Matthew McConnell, Southern Connecticut Freightliner
4. Introduce any members' guests, ask to stand:
  - a. Tony Sheridan
  - b. Sheri Cote
  - c. Heather Giffen
  - d. Marilyn Guiliano, State Rep
5. Secretary's Report (Russ Gomes): Report submitted.
  - a. Motion to accept by Pam Stevens; seconded by Cliff Johnson.
6. Treasurer's Report (Steve Ross):
  - a. Accepted as submitted; will be submitted for audit
7. BOD report:
  - a. The Board of Directors will meet October 8<sup>th</sup>
8. Correspondence:
  - a. Thank You from Eagle Scout candidate Evan Anway for LOLCC providing lunches during nature project. President Delinks also thanked Chamber member Old Lyme Subway for their participation in supplying the lunches.
  - b. Thank you from Calli Coffee
  - c. Thank you from Maggie Smith
9. Committee Reports:
  - a. CCECT Representative
    - i. Billing for 2008, 2009
  - b. Fund-raising/Boat Ride – Pat McCarthy
    - i. Boat Ride – October 26<sup>th</sup>. Pat addressed the membership and informed them the boat would hold 40 people and to please contact her for a reservation.
  - c. Membership – Connie Anderson, Kathy Murphy
    - i. Committee Report
      - (1) CCECT will be launching a membership drive. Anyone wishing to join the Chamber or pay dues should forward them to Chamber of Commerce, Eastern CT, 39 King's Highway, PO Box 726, Gales Ferry, CT 06335; Attn: Sheri Cote.
    - ii. New applications:
      - (1) Kathy Clark, DVM, Clark Veterinary Hospital (sponsored by Ruth Roach)
      - (2) Nancy Beebe, Beebe Transcription (sponsored by Steve Ross)
      - (3) Matthew McConnell, Southern Connecticut Freightliner (sponsored by Amish Shah) – present at the meeting
      - (4) Jeffrey LaMura, Old Lyme Dental Associates (sponsored by Jane Cable)
      - (5) Darrell Emanuelson, D.G. Bones Pet Supplies (sponsored by Ruth Roach)
    - iii. Applicants have been approved by Membership Committee.
      - (1) Motion to accept by Pam Stevens; seconded by Peter Cable. Motion accepted.
    - iv. Total members now = 196
  - d. Scholarship - John Stratton:
    - i. Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts (LACFA)
      - (1)
    - ii. Rutherford Sheffield
      - (1) John Stratton was recognized and reported on his progress, and is presently working with

Dr. Joanne Hedwall at the LOL High School business department. Efforts are underway to assure more participation and communication to students on the availability of this scholarship.

- iii. Lyme Art Academy (LAA)
  - e. Programs (upcoming speakers, etc.) - John Stratton:
    - i. No action
  - f. Publicity - Cathy Frank:
    - i. Old Lyme events, eventsmagazines.com (Susan Scott?)
    - ii. President Delinks thanked Cathy Frank for her hard work and efforts to assure that the Chamber gets adequate publicity.
  - g. Web site – George Young:
    - i. No report
  - h. Adopt-a-Highway – Tim Griswold:
    - i. Tim reported that October 4<sup>th</sup> would be the day the Chamber would participate in it's Adopt-A-Highway initiative and anyone wishing to participate should report at the Town Hall at 9 am.
10. Old Business:
- a. Destination: Old Lyme (Steve Ross) –
    - i. Postponed until January 2009
11. New Business:
- a. Requests for funds:
    - i. A Business After Hours will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the LAA at 530 pm. All members are invited and welcome to attend.
  - b. Political Debates (Cathy Frank)
    - i. October 28<sup>th</sup>, Old Lyme Middle School
    - ii. Cathy reported that on Oct 28<sup>th</sup> there would be political debates for candidates running for Congress and State Representative.
  - c. Historical Commission Meeting (Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>) about LAA Bench
    - i. Sheila Wertheimer, Duck River Garden Club, will need help on their initiative to beautify the Old Lyme post office. This will be September 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 830 am; it will be an all day affair.
  - d. Selectman Tim Griswold informed all that the Historical Society would hold a lecture at the White Sands community center on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 pm.
  - e. Bob Dunn, Chair of the Town Woods Park Committee, informed all that everything was complete on the phase 2 part of this project, and that everyone was invited and welcome to attend a ceremony starting at 9 am on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Plaques would be presented to all those who donated. Bob was congratulated for his hard work and leadership towards the Town Woods Recreation Park.
12. Other topics:
- a. Summer Festival (Neil Gottfried, Pam Uthoff)
    - i. LOLCC had a table set up
  - b. Midsummer Festival (Pat McCarthy) – Pat informed all on the success of its sale of popcorn, which consisted of 25 bags and beverages. Pat thanks Ruth Roach, Pam Uthoff, Alice Burbank and Tim O'Neill for their participation. Pat also thanked Kettle Korn for their donation of the 25 bags of popcorn.
    - i. Bureau Kettle Korn, Glow Sticks went like hot cakes
      - (1) Net proceeds: \$560
  - c. Postal meter. President Delinks stated the Chamber would no longer need its postal meter and would like to sell it to anyone belonging to the Chamber. Anyone interested should contact President Delinks.
  - d. Upcoming Tree Lighting for Christmas Holiday 2008 – Pam Uthoff informed all this year's tree lighting should be the best yet. There will be free photos with Santa and other new initiatives, and she would further update the membership at its October meeting.
13. Break for Dinner
14. Tony Sheridan "What Can the Chamber Do For You?". Tony gave a PowerPoint presentation on the benefits that were available, and then had a Q & A period afterwards.
15. Remarks for the good of the Chamber.
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16. Adjourn: meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm. Motion by Jane Cable; seconded by Pam Stevens.

Respectfully Submitted

Russ Gomes, Secretary