

**Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce  
Member Meeting Minutes  
May 1, 2008 Noon  
Village Pub**

Meeting called to order by President Helen Thomson at 12 pm

Present: Deb Bartel, Steve Brooks, Tammy Brooks, Jane Waniger, Deanna Weyers, MaryJo Winkenwerder, Dave Norton, Kyle Patenaude, Mark Koldos, Andy Beiser, Mark Shipman, Doug Nelson, Lon Hecker, R.E. Schallert, Jeff Liebzeit, Dennis Reimer, Patti Janikowski, Helen Thomson.

Approval of minutes:

Motion made by Andy Beiser, second by Mary Jo Winkenwerder to approve of minutes of 4/3/08

Adopt agenda:

Motion by Dave Norton to agenda, seconded by Mark Shipman

Secretary's Report:

Introduction of new secretary: Patti Janikowski

Patti reported that she sent out membership applications with a due day of May 30 as that will encourage more businesses to sign up.

Sent out invitations to our Car show to all car clubs in Wisconsin

Treasure Report:

Membership dues applications sent out last week, would like them in by May 30, 2008. Helen Thomson is working on 2<sup>nd</sup> business applications fee.

Taxes are filed.

Presidents report:

Care Partners just joined chamber, discussion on who they are; Assisted living group.

We welcomed Studio 136 with a ribbon cutting ceremony this morning. We only heard about this ceremony two days ago. From now on if you know about any business that is going to be opening, please let chamber know so that we can get as many people there as possible through emails/phone calls.

Goody bags were ordered today for future usage for car shows, etc.

All businesses who would like to put in a flyer, or announcement about specials or whatever you would like to promote, please must have into chamber office by May 16 so that chamber can assemble for the car show.

We encourage all members to visit the chamber website [www.winneconne.org](http://www.winneconne.org)

There is very good information on website about businesses, connection to business websites, and current events calendar. John Bartow is working to get this website to be a great place for all.

Committee Reports:

Dennis Reimer has agreed to chair a committee that would assist in getting a community involvement group together to help people from out of the area get started in businesses/moving here. We lose out

many people who need information for getting started here, but where do they go?

Questions like "What is labor pool like businesses, schools, churches. Could be like a Welcome Wagon or 1<sup>st</sup> line of people to contact for any information on what the community is like or about. New people need to talk to the right people.

Discussion on who would be the right people to talk with, how to contact, hour meetings Get everyone together with a common interest. Help keep taxes down, maintain a positive image, we have more to offer here than just fishing and drinking.

Andy Beiser spoke about the Visitors Guide that he is working on.

Next meeting is May 14 at 10 am at Rogers Publishing.

Discussion on a photo contest, for pictures in the Visitor guide, great way to get committee involvement/visitors.

Some discussion on that we need a professional photographer to capture fishing in May, we will work together.

Please call Andy at 582-4011 if you would like to volunteer on this committee or come to the meeting on May 14.

Carnival/rummage sale-

Looks like Marble Park maybe the place due to wetness or if it keeps raining. Deb Bartel has coupons to save on carnival tickets. Please feel free to copy them as well. Mary Jo Winkerwerder said that she attended last year's carnival and that the attendants at carnival were very nice helping kids on and off rides and that rides were very clean and safe. Fin'Feather will have a marquee for this.

Raffle- Tickets are in, discussion on when to sell, decided to start now. Will sell at car show as well.

Doug Nelson wants to sell brats and beer for a fishing show held on June 7<sup>th</sup> same day as car show. Will talk with bar owners, police and fire department and see about getting insurance for this. Steve Brooks motioned for Doug to proceed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Norton. Helen Thomson will check on insurance.

Mark Shipman volunteered to have his band play on 4<sup>th</sup> of July before fireworks, (provided that all members are available) may sell beer and stuff at this event

R.E. Schallert from Lord of the Lakes asked permission to put up a tent during car show days to promote an international project for Dakar. During discussion ideas came up to do this on his church property as he would have more room. He will be able to set up on Dr. McDonald property.

Mark Shipman also volunteered to help with door prizes if we need them for future events.

Winneconne Area Chamber of Commerce next meeting date is June 5, 2008 at 6 pm Municipal Center,

Motion by Dennis Reimer, second by Andy Beiser

Meeting adjourned at 1; 05 pm

Minutes taken by Patti Janikowski-Secretary