

## 10/18/10 GABA Board Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Tim Simpson, Barb Hogarth, Rick Vojvodic, Helen Hutchins, Sue Hefner

Absent board members: Ken Zecklin, Mike Kirsch

Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm

**Minutes:** September board meeting minutes approved.

**Membership:** 44. No new memberships this month.

**Correspondence:** Fennville United Methodist Church sent a solicitation for funds for holiday baskets. The South Haven Chamber sent notice of nominations for expiring terms on its board. Susanna Rast sent a note saying she very much enjoyed the last social at Glenn Manor, and she also sent a generous donation for the park.

**Township/Fire Dept:** No report.

**Park:** We need a new flag. Tim suggested trying a cloth one this time...probably 4' x 6'. Barb will see if she can find one locally. Otherwise, we'll order a new one. Including Susanna Rast's donation, the October social held at Glenn Manor brought in \$325.00 for the park. Vicki said she is also expecting another check to add to that total. Shoreline Sprinkler will winterize the system on the 22nd. The porta potty should be picked up by the end of the month. Barb suggested that the park committee discuss plans and purchases with the board. The sign was commissioned w/o board discussion. At the October social, it was announced that funds are being solicited for a structure, and that had not been formally mentioned to the board. Park funds are separate from the general funds, but they are still GABA funds. The board would just like to be kept apprised of plans and expenditures.

**Website:** No report.

**Annual Dinner:** Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the What Not. Appetizers and cash bar 6-6:45, then dinner, dessert, and discussion from 6:45 to 8:15ish. The What Not Inn is charging GABA \$20.00 per person, which includes dinner gratuity. (Tips will gladly be accepted at the cash bar!) GABA will charge attendees \$15.00 per person. From its general fund, GABA will cover the extra \$5.00 per person. We should have a table near the door for people to drop off some business cards and officer voting ballots, and pick up name tags. Probably should have some Glenn brochures there too. Rick has volunteered to "man" the table.

**Nominations:** We have received nominations for new officers. In the past, it has always been assumed that board members would be the owner of the member business. This year, 2 people who were nominated are employees, and not owners. The Bylaws do not address this issue, so we may have to consider rewording the bylaws on this matter in the future. However, as there is no apparent restriction at present, these 2 people will be asked if they wish to be placed on the voting ballot for board officers. The concern is that non owner employees are not as tied to the business, and may be more likely to leave the business and the board, leaving us with a position to fill. Tim thought there was a notation in the bylaws stating that the President *must* be VP first...the other

members present do not read it that way. If a question remains, we may revisit the issue. Barb will send out voting ballots and new year membership forms soon. She asks board members not to accept any checks or cash w/o an accompanying *complete* membership form. She would prefer that all the forms and dues are sent to the PO Box. Forms and cash have been separated in the past, and it has caused problems. Barb will ask members to either send in their officer voting ballots to the PO Box or bring them to the annual dinner. She will count votes and announce winners at the dinner.

**Treasury Report:** No report.

Next GABA board meeting: Monday, November 15 at 6:30 at the Conklin Building.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

**GABA Board:**

President: Tim Simpson (Tim Simpson Carpentry)  
VP: Vacant  
Treasurer: Mike Kirsch (Seymour House B and B)  
Secretary: Barb Hogarth (Blue Star Studio of Wood and Glass)  
Trustees: Ken Zecklin (KZ Small Engine Repair)  
Rick Vojvodic ( R & N Services)

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**GABA Annual Dinner:** Tuesday, November 9 at The What Not Inn. Starts at 6PM.

**Glenn Square Social:** Thursday, November 11 from 6-8. At present, scheduled for Seymour House.....but location may have to be changed.

**GABA Board Meeting:** Monday, November 15 at 6:30 at the Conklin Building.

**South Haven Chamber Events:**

**After Business Hours:** Amicarelli Vineyard Italian Restaurant 5:00-7:00 pm

**Business Ladies Coffee Club:** Cafe Julia, South Haven 8:30-9:30 am

**Summit:10-Entrepreneurship Maximizes Community Capacity:** Lake MI College - SH Campus 8:30-3:30 pm

**E Club: I've Thought About a Franchise:** Lake MI College - SH Campus 6:00-8:00 pm