

1/17/11 GABA Board Meeting Minutes

Present: Ronda Hall, Jan Earl Woods, Sue Hefner, Barb Hogarth, Rick Vojvodic, Helen Hutchins

Absent Board Member: Tim Simpson

Meeting was moved to Helen Hutchins' home as the key to Conklin's was not available. Meeting called to order at 6:43 pm.

Minutes: Date was wrong on last month's minutes, so that will be changed to 12/13/10. No other changes were noted, and the minutes were approved.

Membership: 27 members. We received only one additional "re up" after Jan's membership email. The board will split up the names of those who have not rejoined, and we will make a courtesy call to those members. We will also explore avenues to recruit new members.

Correspondence: **Joe's Bar & Grill** in South Haven is hosting this month's South Haven Chamber's After Business Hours. Thursday, the 20th from 5-7 pm.

Season's greetings from **Veritas Law Group** in South Haven. They have assumed the law group of John J. Frost.

We also rec'd a copy of the **Allegan County News**

We also rec'd notice for the **Fennville Chamber's 8th Annual Winter Banquet**. In the past, we have sent board members, but not for several years. The board voted to purchase tickets to send Ronda Hall and another, as yet, unnamed GABA member, to the event.

Township/Fire Department: No report.

The Glenn Square: The committee has not met since last board meeting. Rick is the chairperson, but we're not sure who is still interested to be on the committee. Sue assured the board that there will be a meeting soon.

At least 2 of the park donation cans are MIA. 2 were retrieved from Earl's Farm Market, and there is one at Gerstners.

The question of whether to have a separate bank account for the Glenn Square was revisited. At this time, the board feels that the separate funds can be adequately tracked with only one account. If that changes in the future, we can renew that discussion at any time.

Circle of Lights normally pays part of the electric bill for the holidays. In the past, Jan and Barb thought that they sent a check for \$100.00 to us, but we will have to check old meeting minutes to confirm that.

Rick talked to the insurance carrier. They would like to be informed of park events sponsored by others such as Circle of Lights. They would also like to be informed prior to any larger event, such as Summer Fest, sponsored by GABA. We do not need to inform them prior to park socials. And, board members are covered for liability issues. Policy runs through June, 23, 1011.

GABA Website: The committee has not met since the last board meeting. Jan is the chairperson, but we have not confirmed who is still interested to be on the committee.

Advertising: We are still looking toward producing brochures or rack cards. One for services, and one for retail. This would be at GABA expense, and for current, paid members only. We also discussed placing some form of ad for the Glenn area, with the website address prominently displayed, in a local

paper. Probably the Observer. We first discussed placing the ad May-Sept. or October, as many members are seasonal only. However, as we do also have year rounders, that discussion will continue. Ronda will chair a committee to work on proposals for that ad.

GABA Bylaws: The board has not met since the last regular board meeting to discuss changes to the bylaws. As many board members as can will meet at the What Not on Thursday, the 20th, for that discussion. Depending on progress at that meeting, there may need to be another meeting prior to the next regular board meeting. We will schedule a regular membership meeting on the same night as the next regular board meeting. Any changes to the bylaws must be voted on by the general membership, so we hope to take care of that at that next meeting.

Summer Fest: We have not yet decided whether to sponsor the event again for this year. Focus, help, business involvement vs. purely community event. This will be one of the discussion topics for the general meeting next month. Hopefully, we can get a sense of whether there will be others willing to help get it up and running.

Silent Observer: Jan has been contacted about being a rep for the area for getting out the word about Silent Observer. The number that is available for that now may be retired in February due to minimal usage. So, the county would like to get our lakeshore area involved. This number connects to the Allegan County Sheriff's office vs. the state police. A more local response. There will be a meeting to promote the program on Thursday, Jan. 20, noon, at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. Jan Earl Woods will go as our rep. The current # is 1-855-745-3680 to remain anonymous while reporting a crime. The hope is to get this # advertised so people are aware of it and the program's existence.

Glenn Community Winter Market: A weekly sale market at the community center. Jan 22 and 29, and all of the Saturdays in February. 9 am to 2 pm. Foods, arts, crafts. 5% of sales go to the Community Center. There will also be a food concession which is a fund raiser for the students of the Glenn School. Contact Sue Poolman for information.

Treasury: Available GABA general funds: \$2393.54. Available Glenn Square Funds: \$2892.52

The next GABA board meeting will be at 6 PM on Monday, February 21 at The Glenn. There will be a General Membership meeting to follow at 6:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

GABA Board:

www.glennmichigan.com

President: Ronda Hall (Stantall Studio)

Vice President: Jan Earl Woods (Earl's Farm Market)

Treasurer: Sue Hefner (At Last)

Secretary: Barb Hogarth (Blue Star Studio of Wood and Glass)

Trustees: Rick Vojvodic (R & N Services)

Tim Simpson (Tim Simpson Carpentry)

IMPORTANT DATES:

GABA Board Meeting: Monday, February 21, 6pm, The Glenn - Note Time and Location change

GABA General Membership Meeting: Monday, February 21, 6:30pm, The Glenn

South Haven Chamber Events

Chamber Member After Business Hours: Thursday, Jan. 20, 5-7pm, Joe's Bar and Grill

Business Ladies Coffee: Friday, Jan. 28, 8:30-9:30am, Railroad Cafe in Bangor

Ice Breaker 2011: February 4-6, downtown South Haven

E-Club: Your employees can make you or break you: Small Business HR Management
6-8pm, Feb. 10, Lake MI College - SH Campus.

MSHA Main Streets Program: 10-11:30am, Feb 15, Van Buren Conference Center

Chamber Member After Business Hours: 5-7 pm, Feb. 17, Ramada Lighthouse Inn