



**General Membership Meeting
The Brick Pizzeria, Lounge & Arcade
July 18, 2013**

- I. Call to Order and Welcome**
 - a. J. Wright called meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. President's Report**
 - a. Induction of Board of Directors: J. Wright swore in new 2013-2014 president D. Smith. D. Smith swore in new 2013-2014 officers L. McMahon, S. Huckfeldt, G. Laskowski, T. Rushing, B. Lake and S. Cross
- IV. Secretary's Report**
 - a. Attendance: 16 members present
 - b. Minutes: G. Laskowski made a motion to approve the June 20th meeting minutes; second by R. Elser. Motion carried.
 - c. Correspondence
 - i. Check from Delta Theta Sorority for \$191.67 – Wristbands at Coal Festival
 - ii. Notice P.O. Box due by July 31st - \$64.00 – R. Elser made a motion to pay the P.O. Box bill; second by M. Minks. Motion carried.
 - iii. Suzanne Phelps – registration form & check for Tootin' Around Marissa
 - iv. Check from Delta Theta Sorority – membership dues
- V. Treasurer's Report**
 - a. M. Minks made a motion to approve the June Treasurer's Report; second by G. Laskowski. Motion carried.
- VI. Committee Reports**
 - a. Coal Festival Liaison – C. DeMange
 - i. Bingo profit needs to be adjusted because we did not account for the \$100 Annual Coal Fest Fee. Actual profit was \$985.83.
 - b. Finance – R. Owen
 - i. Membership Dues: Annual Chamber registrations are now due. Invoices have been sent out.
 - c. Golf Tournament – Aug. 24 – S. Cross
 - i. Still need hole sponsors. 54 requests were sent out; 12 answered so far.
 - ii. See Sharon if you want to make a team.
 - iii. R. Elser presented the golf balls for the tournament with the Chamber logo on them.
 - iv. D. Smith will be making the food for the tournament – pulled pork on Hawaiian buns, slaw, baked beans, chips & relish tray, dessert TBD.
 - d. Marissa Movies & More – D. Smith
 - i. No Report.
 - e. Membership/Welcoming – K. Wright / D. Rushing
 - i. No report.

- f. PR/Marketing – R. Elser
 - i. July Yard of the Month has been uploaded to the website.
 - ii. Banners for the following events have been added: Diva's Day Out, Golf Tournament, Citywide Yard Sale, Chili Cook Off, Tootin' Around Marissa, Toast of Marissa, Grape Stomp 5K, Amateur Wine Competition. These will link to the appropriate Registration Form as they are finalized.
 - iii. Marissa Chamber is up to 853 Facebooks friends. Invites to our fall events will be utilized.
 - iv. EMC has been updated with: Find us on Facebook, Rushing for the Cure and Rushing for the Cure Poker Run.
 - v. Tourism Bureau consolidated membership levels, so our membership was changed to Silver (\$700), up from \$600 last year. Silver offers 30% discount on advertising in the Visitors Guide. R. Elser made a motion to split membership with Village of Marissa at \$350.00; second by B. Lake. Motion carried.
 - vi. M. Minks made a motion to pay Elser Interactive Solutions, Inc. \$100 per month (\$1,200) to manage the Chamber website for 2013-14; second by C. DeMange. Motion carried.
- g. Shooting Complex Liaison – K. Wright
 - i. SCTP Nationals going on now until the 20th. Lots of people out there.
- h. Small Business Initiative – K. Wissehr / R. Elser
 - i. Diva's Day Out – Aug 24th
 - Participants will be painting wine bottles.
 - B. Lake is working on goodie bags for the participants using the canvas Chamber bags. She had one at the meeting for everyone to see.
 - BPW has agreed to co-sponsor this event and will make a financial contribution of \$50 to assist with food expense. R. Elser made a motion for Marissa Chamber to contribute \$50 for snacks for this event; second by K. Wright. Motion carried.
- i. Toast of Marissa – M. Minks
 - i. Plan to invite the same five wineries as last year: Alto Vineyards, Fox Creek, StarView, The Bluff's and Von Jakob.
 - ii. No decision yet on if will have craft beers.
 - iii. Looking to have entertainment lined up by end of the month.
 - iv. Vendor Village will have the same setup as last year.
 - v. Promoting Grape Stomp 5K and will distribute fliers at area races.
- j. Village Liaison – J. Wright
 - i. Streets have been completed. Please call Village Hall if you see any bleeding of the tar.
 - ii. Mid to end of August Village will be working on new sewer lines. The entire village will be revamped – this means new liners, not necessarily new pipes. Expected to take approximately 3 months to complete the project.
 - iii. Sparta Community Hospital is considering funding a fitness center in town. Village of Marissa is waiting on the engineer to bring in plans so they can review. Additional funding may need to be discussed.

VII. Old Business

- a. Alberta Hamilton Project – Lighting
 - i. J. Wright getting with Tommy Thompson to figure out the lighting for the sign and will start on when the weather cools down.

- b. Tootin' Around Marissa – K. Wright
 - i. Need workers see Kathy Wright to sign up to help.

VIII. New Business

- a. Rushing for the Cure Poker Run – July 20, 2013
 - i. Event starts at 11 a.m. DJ starts at 6 p.m.
- b. Paul Schimpf is new to the area (Waterloo) and is running for Illinois Attorney General. Offered if anyone has any questions, would be available after the meeting to discuss.
- c. C. Kempfer brought up term limit of Chamber officers and directors. Discussion was held and consensus was that current limits are acceptable and membership feels it is unlikely that individuals will commit to more than one year.

IX. Attendance Raffle

- a. Diecker Terry Masonry was selected, but not present. \$61.00 will roll over to the next meeting.

X. Adjourn

- a. R. Elser made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.; second by G. Laskowski. Motion carried.