

RVBA
Marbletown Business Association
Minutes of Meeting 6/15/06

The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m. at the French Corner. There were 30 people in attendance. Thank you Leslie and Jacque for hosting us.

New Member: Nectar in High Falls, owned by Jenny Wonderly.

Committee Reports:

Community Service: No report. Laurel reminded all about the Garden Tour 6/24.

Membership: Ben Shor reported that the Committee's focus is to get membership benefits defined and improved, and attract new members. We are working on a welcome packet, as well as a membership card with a discount program. Members will be receiving phone calls asking them how they would like to participate in the program. Tim and Roger both offered their help with recruiting new members and developing a recruitment package.

Finance: The Committee needs proposed budgets from all other committees for 2007 by 9/1. They are also working with the Communications Committee on their budget, proposed expenses, etc.

Nominating: Laurel and Richard reported that they are working on a sleight of officers volunteers and suggestions are welcome. The roles of officers and future succession plan was discussed.

Communications: Mike Taylor reported. The Sign Committee is a subcommittee of the Communications Committee. They are seeking input from the membership regarding ideas to make the Rondout Valley a destination, ideas for media outlets are welcome. Also looking for input about events and activities to promote our area.

Garden Tour: Updated the group on progress and details of the Garden Tour. Sign up sheet for volunteers was passed

New Business:

Steve McDonald thanked Ulster Savings Bank and Mary Collins Real Estate for their support of the Library Fair. It's not too late to contribute.

Tim announced a Bastille Day (7/15) wine tasting at Stone Ridge Wine & Spirits 2:00-7:00. There will be no charge and all are welcome to stop in.

Howard Mont announced a benefit at SUNY Ulster. A Concert by Halden Wofford and the HiBeams (Colorado's hottest honky-tonk band, featured on A Prairie Home Companion). Proceeds will go to support the arts at SUNY Ulster. 8/13, 5:30-7:00, concert and refreshments. \$20.00 General admission, \$15.00 seniors and students.

Laurel extended a welcome to Barbara Esmark of the new Be Gallery. The Gallery will be opening July 4th weekend. They will be representing mainly local artists, plus 30% of the works being from a distance. They plan a series of events for the opening weekend, starting with a champagne reception Friday evening. They will be closed on 7/4.

Laurel reminded the group that MBA can broadcast events to MBA members via e-mail. Just contact Laurel with info.

Alex announced the D&H Canal Golf Tournament at Stone Dock 6/24.

Introductions were made around the room.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Submitted by Susan Benz, Secretary