

**TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

March 5th, 2008

MINUTES

Members Present: Dan Castricone and Heather Bowie, Allstate of Nanuet
Bob Goldberg and Dave Bower, Allstate of Nanuet
Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps Carpentry
Kristen Huss, Hudson Valley Renegades
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Natalie Pearson, KeeperStores
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management
Jennifer Hartley, Taverna Tuxedo
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties
Stephanie Cole, Tuxedo Ridge

Call to Order: Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 5:38PM on Wednesday, March 5th, 2008 in the Community Room of Tuxedo Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Membership Update: Dale stated that there are now 34 members that have paid for 2008 and that there are already three new members for the year. Also, 23 out of the 63 current members have been with the chamber since 2003.

3rd Annual Golf Outing Update: Jerry remarked that the brochure should be completed in 2 weeks by AMD Factory Ltd. It was also reported that Greg Stevens was able to acquire the same cost for the golf outing this year as in 2007.

Tuxedo Clean Sweep: Dale noted that she and Betty Anne went to the Southeast Regional Chamber Council of the Orange County Chamber of Commerce (that sponsors Monroe's clean sweep) to see if the Tuxedo Chamber could work together with them. Dale stated that it was an issue because of the potential liability with the Orange County Chamber. She did mention however, that we might be able to piggy back with the Chamber on the t-shirts.

There would be a \$100 sponsorship fee for the t-shirts. Dale also noted that the sponsorship letters will be going out shortly and that volunteers would be the greatest need. Gary Phelps also has a letter out to Home Depot for cleaning supplies but there has been no response as of yet. Dale asked the police or fire police department to escort and help with safety issues. For additional info, contact Betty Ann Eberling.

Spotlight on Business: Allstate of Nanuet:

Dan Castricone introduced associates of the Agency and explained that Kieran Murray was forced to retire, resulting in the name change to Allstate of Nanuet. The Agency is located in the center of Rockland in Nanuet, NY. They offer a wide variety of insurance and non-insurance programs. If you are looking for commercial insurance contact Heather Bowie. She deals a lot with the Tuxedo area and has 5 years experience. Bob Goldberg is the Financial Specialist. Bob explained the variety of services such as long term programs, employee benefits plans and estate planning. Dave Bower deals with Voluntary benefits. Dave works with business owners for employees to be able to offer plans such as voluntary disability insurance, accidental insurance and critical illness plan. You can reach them at 845-623-0202, on the website at www.allstate.com or www.nanuetagency.com for all non-Allstate products.

Business News: Dale informed the Chamber members that the Chamber is sponsoring the White Sox Little League team. The team is comprised of 10 and 11 year olds and the chamber is currently working on an outing with the Hudson Valley Renegades.

Other Business: Dale remarked that there is a free concert at St Mary's this evening and that on Saturday the Tuxedo Performing Arts Group has a 3 part program taking place at Baker High School. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Betty Ann and Dale met with Andrew Dance from Tuxedo Reserve and are talking about a Tuxedo quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to be the source of accurate information. The Reserve wants it to be a commercial type of newsletter with news from the chamber and an events section. The target date is April 15th. Dale wrote up a brief article and asked the chamber members' opinion about the content. After some discussion, the members voted approval to submit the article for publication in the Tuxedo Reserve newsletter with 1 member opposed.

Stephanie Cole mentioned that K104 radio will be at their upcoming rail jam at Tuxedo Ridge. She also mentioned that there will be paint ball and movies on the slopes starting soon.

Dale also asked whether the Chamber should continue to do fund raising through the banner project or give up the project all together. The Tuxedo Farmers' Market Committee has approached the Town Board regarding its own banner project. If the Chamber continues the project, it would seek sponsorships for only banners with the "Tuxedo" design. Dale has mapped a plan which would allow for 9 Chamber banners alternating with the American Flag for the west side of Route 17. The plan also includes 7 Market banners that would be installed on the east side of Route 17. Gary made a motion to proceed with the plan. The motion passed with 1 member opposed and 1 abstention.

Adjournment: 7:20PM