

TUXEDO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 25, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Dale Mottola, Applied Systems Group
Gary Phelps, Gary Phelps, Inc.
Greg Stevens, Greg Stevens Inc.
Jerry Mottola, Jerico/ U.S.P.S
Natalie Pearson, Keeper Stores
Don Blum, Shopper's Service
Greg Duffy, Sterling Portfolio Management
Andrew Berish, Tuxedo Silver Dollars
Nanette Bieber, Tuxedo Park Business Portfolio
Bob Thompson, Tuxedo Park Preferred Properties
Jim Burger, Tuxedo Park Schools
Diane Petrosky, Tuxedo Union Free School District

Others Present: Kerrienne Cavada, Tuxedo Farmers' Market
Christina Tremblay, Tuxedo Farmers' Market

Call to Order:

Dale Mottola, President, called the regular monthly meeting of the Tuxedo Chamber of Commerce to order at 7:09PM on Wednesday, April 25th, 2007 in the Community Room of the Tuxedo Town Hall.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed and approved by a unanimous vote.

Spotlight on Business:

Nanette Bieber from the Tuxedo Park Business Portfolio joined the Chamber and presented to us copies of the first volume of the magazine. Nanette explained that the magazine will be sent first class and free of charge to Tuxedo residents. She also told us that the magazine will have "something for everyone". Copies are also available at the library and other locations throughout Tuxedo.

Membership Report:

Dale reported that there are 42 paid members and 23 members that had not yet renewed their membership for 2007. Memberships must be paid by April 30th to be in the Community Guide.

2nd Annual Golf Outing:

Greg Stevens reported that he has spoken with Donna Blair and Kent Kroeber of The Tuxedo Club and that they are currently putting together a cost package and should have it by Friday, April 27th.

Update: The golf outing is scheduled to take place on Thursday, September 6th. The cost will be \$199 per player.

2007 Membership Directory/Community Guide:

Dale is sending out an email to anyone who has not yet paid for their membership for 2007. The deadline is April 30th to be included in the print edition of the community guide. The rough draft will be sent via email.

Business News:

Dale announced that Jim Lattini received a variance and special permit at the April 24th meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals for locating his light manufacturing business at what was formerly the Duck Cedar Inn. He is currently looking at a September /October occupancy.

Dale also announced that Tuxedo Ridge was sent to the zoning board for clarification because everything is “stated or implied” and needs to be “verified”. The issue is over allowing paint ball and movies.

Other Business:

Kerriane Cavada and Christina Tremblay from the Tuxedo Farmers’ Market joined the Chamber meeting to discuss the utility pole banners, as requested by the Town Board. They indicated that the Tuxedo Farmers’ Market Board was willing to allow the fundraising enjoyed by the Chamber through this program to continue rather than request Town Board permission to institute its own banners. The subject of the Business of the Week at the Farmers’ Market was also discussed. Kerriane and Christina conveyed the position of the Tuxedo Farmers’ Market Board to not allow sales of items not manufactured by the business or containing the business name for promotional purposes. Dale explained the several businesses interested in participating in the Business of the Week program during the 2006 season indicated that not being allowed to sell a small selection of their usual sale items would result in their incurring a loss from the business closing for the day to participate in the Farmers’ Market. Also pointed out was that there were several vendors selling items not normally seen in a true Farmers’ Market. Dale requested that the Tuxedo Farmers’ Market Board compromise on its position in the interest of benefiting the businesses that serve the community all year, rather than one day a week for a few months, and allow the handful of businesses that this would apply to

sell items from their store stock. Kerrienne and Christina indicated that the Market Board would not be willing to agree to that.

Dale indicated she would follow up with Chamber members that had expressed interested in banner sponsorship to determine preference for sponsoring a Market or Tuxedo banner.

Adjournment: 8:54PM