

St Helen Chamber of Commerce  
May 28, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance - The meeting was called to order by President Jan Waltz at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Jan Waltz, Janet Bawol, Kathy Jernigan, John Sutter, and Ray Wlosinski were present. Bev VanMeter and Connie Barton were absent for tonight's meeting. A quorum was present.
3. Additions to the Agenda – none
4. Introduction of Guests – Mr. John Bawol
5. Approval of April 29, 2019 minutes- Ray Wlosinski made a MOTION to approve the minutes with no corrections. John Sutter supported. The MOTION carried.
6. Correspondence – None
7. Treasurer's Report – Kathy reviewed expenses and receipts for April 2019. She reviewed the expenses and income from the Summer Kick-off event which resulted in a \$153.00 profit. Kathy gave a brief report on the Kick-off event indicating the weather was not so great but there were many vendors and kids came later in the day for the pie eating, hula hoop, and watermelon eating contests. The watermelons were donated by Fultz Insurance while the pies and seeds were donated by Kathy Jernigan; ribs were donated by J.R. at the Firehouse.
8. President's Report – No report
  - a. Presentation of Great Lakes BBQ grant awards. Jan and the chamber board members made a presentation of \$50.00 each to Helping Hands and We Care We Feed on behalf of the Great Lakes BBQ Association. \$25.00 each will also go to Veterans Helping Veterans and VFW Post 5680.
9. Committee Reports
  - A. Membership – Kathy visited the new Minnow Bucket recently. In the next few weeks, Jan, Kathy and Ed will be discussing ways to increase chamber membership.
  - B. By-Laws Review – The first reading of the suggested updates will occur during the June Chamber meeting.
  - C. Summer Kick-Off – Kathy gave a report on this event earlier in the meeting.
10. Old Business
  - A. Local Visitors Guide – Jan reported this publication is still not completed. She is going to speak with Grange to see when the new completion date will be.
  - B. Higgins Rosco Chamber Expo – Ray indicated that many people he spoke to expressed interest in St. Helen and its events. He gave out membership applications and other St. Helen publications. Kathy reported that Ray did a great job during these two events, speaking to many people and answered a lot of questions regarding the trails in St. Helen and surrounding communities. They spoke to the owners of the nearby Bambi Lake Camp. They have added some attractions and facilities for RVs. They will be opening a small trail, to hook up with the DNR trails, in time for the upcoming ORV Jam.
  - C. Park Board Follow-up – Roberta Kary discussed some updates occurring at the Park including a new fence which was installed last year, from proceeds from the chamber raffle donation. This will allow for no passage through Tippedy Beach and also noted that Mr. Joe Friday will be bringing in volleyball and Beach Sand at the Cove.

11. New Business

A. Fundraising Ideas – Members discussed ideas for fundraising for the 2019-2020 year. Ideas included: Golf Outing, Camel (or some kind of animal) races, 5k, mud run (lawnmowers). Ray also suggested a Food Vendor show, business expo, and Outdoor Expo. Members discussed these ideas. Additionally, Mr. John Bawol is a member of an improv troupe in Grayling. During these bi-monthly performances, donations for certain non-profit charities are suggested. John suggested that the Chamber could be the recipient for these donations. They could then donate the proceeds, but advertise the event and the donations. Following conversations, it was decided the board members will concentrate on the golf outing, a 5k and an Improv performance for Fall 2019.

12. Items from Audience – Ray mentioned that he spoke with DNR regarding installing signs coming into town indicating where the trails begin and where the downtown area begins. This would hopefully alleviate the ORVs from raising dust on the shoulder of the roads going into the downtown area.

13. Adjourn – Motion to adjourn by Jan and John. The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Bawol, Chamber Secretary