

Strawberry Point Chamber Board Minutes–March 22, 2011

President Abbie Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:05 a.m. Additional board members present were Lisa Meyer, Mike Tucker, Wally Rowcliffe, Vicki Rettinger, and Brenda Landis. Absent were Larry Klostermann and Lorna Sheckles. Also present were Chamber of Commerce Secretary Amanda Whittle and Mayor Dale Fox.

The minutes and treasurer's report were approved.

Old Business: Strawberry Days was discussed. The chamber was presented with rain insurance quotes for Strawberry Days from Smith Insurance. The chamber will receive other quotes from Zwanziger Agency and then decide on a policy. Mark Meyer has agreed to be the parade announcer for Strawberry Days. Bob Pope is organizing a drunk driving simulator to be located in the park on Saturday early evening. The simulator will then be moved to the teen pool party sponsored by the S.A.F.E Coalition. The sponsorship letters have already been sent out, but a suggestion was made for next year to add a request for volunteers on the pledge form. Amanda Whittle reminded the board that Strawberry Point is hosting a Regional Chamber meeting on Tuesday, March 22, at the Franklin Hotel. Thirteen representatives from Northeast Iowa chambers will attend. After the meeting, they will have the opportunity to tour the Wilder Memorial Museum. The Northeast Iowa Regional Chamber Conference is scheduled for Friday, April 29th, in West Union. Chamber board members from the region will get together for a workshop on techniques, strategies, tools, and best practices.

New Business: The chamber board members divided up a list of past members who have yet to pay their dues. Board members will be calling these businesses in the next couple of weeks to see if they still want to be a chamber member. The chamber needs to update by-laws. The board will look over the by-laws, and will vote on changes at the next meeting. The chamber is going to add photos and a short biography paragraph for each board member to the Chamber webpage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 a.m. The next Chamber Board meeting will take place Monday, April 4, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. at the Franklin Hotel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signature _____ Date _____
Amanda Whittle, Secretary