

Durham – Middlefield Exchange Club  
10-04-07 Board of Directors meeting minutes  
Prepared by Ed Badon

Attending: Pete Cascini, Ed Badon, Ralph Chase, Rich Astle, Kevin Frank, Mike Cheney, Wally Douglas, Mark Jungels

Review of September 20<sup>th</sup> BoD meeting minutes by Pete. Minutes approved.

Discussion regarding the presentation of a \$500 check to Ms. Donna Mattie / Coginchaug Chapter of the Honor Society. Approved by unanimous vote. Ralph to arrange a photo opportunity / check presentation date and report at October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Discussion to authorize Ralph to be a voting member for this meeting. Approved by unanimous vote.

Review of letter to be sent to club members regarding the importance of prompt payment of dues. Letter approved by unanimous vote.

Discussion of Pat Boord's lack of Board participation and possible courses of BoD action. It was decided by unanimous vote, that Pat would be notified via letter of his removal from the BoD. Pete will draft and send the notification letter promptly.

Discussion of new Exchange Club signs to be purchased and installed in both Durham and Middlefield. It was suggested that we approach town officials regarding the placement of our signs on a stand with other club/organization signs in each town.

Discussion regarding the acquisition of two new electronic signs to be used for our major fund raising events. \$400 has been allocated for the purchase of these two signs. Ralph suggested that we might be able to use the signs owned by the Durham Fair Association. Pete to check with Gene Chiapetta to see if this is feasible. Mark expressed a concern regarding the lack of aesthetics associated with large electronic signs. Additional future discussion required.

Kevin reported that there is a sum of money left over from last business year that can be donated to worthwhile organizations. Actual amount not yet determined.

Final Fair results are not yet available, but by all accounts, this may have been a record year.

It is uncertain which of the five or so local Exchange Clubs comprising Division #3 will be hosting this year's joint meeting, Ralph to investigate and report back.

Pete mentioned that he will be posting meeting minutes to our web site. Pete also suggested the possibility of posting each club member's line of work or area of expertise to the web site "Bulletin Board" as well. The thought being, that this might foster increased commerce amongst members and it may make our club more attractive to prospective new members. Ralph recommended that members who would like their information to be posted should be required to submit a form or provide a business card.

It was noted that Phil will be submitting future editions of the “Bull Sheet” to both District and National in order to gain additional publicity for our chapter.

Mike and Wally notified the BoD of the outstanding support that our organization received from Jim Dumas of Mid State Tractor during the Durham Fair soda distribution effort. The board unanimously decided to acknowledge Jim’s generous support by presenting him with a plaque or certificate of honorary membership in our club. It was decided that the presentation would take place at the end of season summer picnic.

Rich suggested that we poll our membership for potential Durham and Middlefield organizations which we may decide to make contributions to this year. Pete will put this on the agenda for the November 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

It was decided that at the next Board meeting, the BoD would review the list of organizations that we have made donations to in the past.

Ralph suggested that Board members identify various committee members that have “gone beyond the call of duty” much sooner than has been done in the past. Traditionally, recognition for exemplary service has been given at the end of the year. Most Board members agreed that recognition would have more meaning if it were granted more expeditiously.