

# Business Networking Board Meeting Minutes

Date August 1, 2008

## Attendees

Triona Guidry                      Holly Monger                      Sheryl Rudy                      Dan Felix  
Gordon Nishimoto                      Steve Kessler                      Raymon Alperstein                      Alan Winter  
Joel Nelson

## General Opening Comments by President

- o Thank you for attending

## Agenda

- Budget
  - o Current balance as of June 30,2008 2,980.94
  - o Raymon distributed income statement
  - o Summer Picnic budgeted at \$250—August 17th
  - o Holiday party—set up date for December 6<sup>th</sup>- budget \$500
- Facilitators
  - o Discussion concerning what the format of the meetings should be and confusion regarding responsibilities in running the meetings, working and communicating to the facilitators.
  - o Triona and Joel- updating the website for the facilitator schedule
  - o Holly- communicating and working with the scheduled facilitator with his/her responsibilities in “running “the meeting. The guidelines are posted on the web and will be provided at the meeting prior to their scheduled date to facilitate.
  - o Important that if there is BNG business that needs to be discussed, to be given the facilitator before the meeting.
- Membership
  - o Membership drive- had been discussed at last meeting. We have had new members this year, not felt a “drive” is needed at this time.
  - o Chamber events- had been suggested by Doug and Gordon- partner with other members to attend chamber events together, to market BNG, their own business, and have accountability/critique while using their networking skills. Gordon will look into ways to link up with the Chambers, ie. Group memberships, and partners.
  - o New member Rich Boltz—
    - have not received check yet—has to go thru his company process. For future applicants the application must be accompanied by a payment.
    - Need to clarify his “business”—commercial or personal
    - Recommend that info on a prospective new member be sent out ahead of time for members to review and question
  - o Paid Speakers- if reasonable we would be in favor of. Can use as a promotion to invite a friend t the meeting to attract new members.
  - o BNG Ambassador?-similar to chambers. Sue M. Roberts had been functioning as our Public relations person. Triona has been in contact with her getting suggestions on marketing BNG. See above regarding chamber events-
- Website mailing list
  - o Need to make sure member list is up to date
- Brochure
  - o Dues are due every April and October, if not paid by May 1 / Nov 1 member will not be in the brochure.
  - o Alan will manage the brochure process to make sure updated information is given to Doug to prepare the brochure and that copies are made. The Brochures to be available on a timely manner.
- Events
  - o Summer picnic August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - o Holiday Party December 6<sup>th</sup>, Sheryl to reserve clubhouse
- Other Business
  - o Location- Is Mundelein still a good location for our group? Some discussion but nothing was decided. Granny V's provides us a meeting room that can accommodate the numbers and privacy that we need.
  - o Board Election- October - Joel and Sheryl will be on the nominating committee
  - o “Engaging Speakers”, Toastmasters is always available to us if there is interest.

Meeting adjourned.