



**BURMA Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2008**

The meeting was held at A Governor’s Inn and called to order by the president Gene Starr.

- 11 Attending: Gene Starr – WVCEE, SCORE
 Jerry Henderson – A Governor’s Inn
 Lori Harvey – CVB Director; Personality by Lori
 Jeff Harvey – JH Consulting
 Anne Sterneman – Faith Lodge Bed & Breakfast
 Angela Errett – Angelic Designs
 Kay Seinkiewicz – Momselle Maternity Shop & Nana Kay’s Baby Nook
 Sharyn Coker – Whimsical Treasures
 Emma Lue Marsh – The Sign Guy LC
 Debra Hupp – President, WV Strawberry Festival
 Kurtis Wilkerson – Orion Strategies
- Guests: Don Nester – Toothman Rice
 Beth Walker – Candidate for WV Supreme Court

Introductions

The minutes from September 4th, 2008 meeting were e-mailed for review. Motion made by Kay to approve minutes from September 4th, 2008. Motion seconded by Sharyn. Motion approved.

Current Balance is	\$651.45
<i>Progressive Bank</i>	\$615.89
<i>Petty Cash</i>	\$35.56
Accounts Receivable	0
<i>Pending Members Dues & Calendar Sales</i>	
Outstanding Bills	\$0
<i>Bills Paid Out</i>	
<i>Joe Pyle</i>	\$400.00
<i>Whimsical Treasures</i>	\$25.00
<i>American Calendar</i>	\$1,256.54

Motion to approve treasurer report made by Jeff and seconded by Emma Lue. Motion approved.

Old Business:

09 Almanac Calendars:

- Press Release sent to local papers
- Members are selling at: Whimsical, A&D, Momselle, & Sweet Life
- \$5.00 each this year
- Ad to be in Prospector starting October 10/3/08 until 10/24/08 at \$52.00

- Contact Craft Show to see if BURMA can sell calendars in the parking lot. Lori to check with Pam to get approval. Volunteers would be needed to sell.

BURMA Bucks:

- Sample shown of business card size with listings – Suggestion to increase fonts.
- Letters to non-members to join so they can be included on 2009 card to be sent out end of December so dates can start in Jan/Feb 09.
- Use current BURMA members on BURMA Buck to be placed on the CVB Holiday Calendar of Events. Change expiration date to 12/31/08.
- BURMA to donate \$100.00 towards printing CVB calendars and include BURMA Buck on back

Red Hat Event Details:

- 50 participants from around state
- Participants stated they enjoyed the events, loved the flags on Main Street and felt welcome. Sent letter of thanks to Record Delta and CVB.
- There were around 10 vendors
- Event scheduled for 2nd weekend in September 2009

Appraisal Fair Items Report: Partial listing

- Persian Armour – priceless
- 1800's Fur Coat
- Civil War swords
- Music Box – estimated at \$5 - \$10,000
- Linens, jewelry, Bible scroll, glassware, pictures, artwork, furniture
- BURMA to promote more in 2009
- Appraisers in '09 must have certifications on site during fair

Eye On Business:

- Sample brochure and flyer were shown to attendees
- Anyone can participate
- Jerry is working with the Buckhannon City Police – Chief Gregory and Officer Keith Rowan - to finalize project
- Training is tentatively scheduled for January 2009 and kickoff of the program in February 2009

Under New Business

Guests: Don Nestor & Beth Walker

- Mr. Nestor introduced Beth Walker, candidate for WV Supreme Court to attendees
- Mrs. Walker stated the election was for two open seats on the court
- She is a partner with Bows-Rice in Charleston and resides in Kanawha County
- Wants to make a difference state wide by being fair based on the law
- Stated this was a very important race

Posting Meeting Minutes Online:

- Continue to email minutes for member review
- Only post minutes once approved

Motion made to post meeting minutes online once approved made by Jeff and seconded by Kay. Motion approved.

Co-Sponsor Bridal Fair – BURMA Responsibilities:

- Provide volunteers for setup and teardown
- Volunteers to help with follow up

Merchants Fall Shopping Event – Sponsored by BURMA:

- There is no fall carnival this year for WVSF
- Date considered for Fall Shopping Event – November 5th from 5pm – 8pm in downtown Buckhannon from City Hall to Courthouse
- BURMA will promote the event
- Possibly have group sell baked goods at store fronts
- Live entertainment – local school band. Jessica Jenkins as a possible backup.
- Do a sign up form for participants and BURMA will keep on file.

Motion made by Sharyn to proceed with a fall event sponsored by BURMA on Nov. 5, 2008 from 5pm to 8pm and for BURMA to join and meet with the WVSF to consider a joint Fall Festival in 2009. Motion seconded by Angela. Motion approved.

Announcements/Comments

- CVB will host the 1st Horseshoe Classic on May 24th, 2009. This is a non-sanctioned event.

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 27- Oct. 5, 2008 – Mt. State Forest Festival – Elkins
Oct. 1-4, 2008 – Mystery Harvest Shop Hop – 3 States, Buckhannon
Oct. 17 – Nov. 1, 2008 – Weston Hospital of Horror– Weston
Oct. 18, 2008 – Helvetia Day – Helvetia
Oct. 19, 2008 – Bridal Show – Buckhannon
Oct. 24-25, 2008 – Quilter’s at Heart Guild Quilt Show – Stockert Youth Ctr., Buckhannon
Oct. 26 – Nov. 2, 2008 – Augusta Heritage Ctr. Old Time Week – Elkins

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be on November 6th, 2008 at 12:00 Noon. Location to be determined and sent to members once confirmed. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.