



June 20, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Introduction & Opening:

The June meeting was held at Coleman who also hosted the meeting. Barry Brittain opened the meeting by welcoming members and guests.

Member companies present were: Alamo Worksource, Alternative Benefits solutions, Ashley Furniture, Cemex, CTTC, Coleman, Comal ISD, Detex, Edisto Business Resources, Fedex Services, Great American Products, Hawkins Personnel Group, McKenna Health System, NB chamber of Commerce, NB Herald-Zeitung, NBU, Owens Corning, Priority Personnel, Simpson Performance Products and Star Manufacturing.

New member welcome for: EH Systems

Guests present were: Alert building Systems, Ameriquip, Checks In The Mail, CNC Innovations, Chemical Lime, ITM, NB Smokehouse, River Gardens, and Safesite.

River Gardens explained their role as a vocational work center for people with developmental disabilities. They offered their outsourcing services to NBMA members.

Thank you to Coleman for sponsoring the lunch and providing facility tours!

Officer Reports:

Barry informed the membership that the board had changed the classification of the new Braunfels Herald-Zeitung from associate to manufacturer because they do manufacture products. NBMA will have a booth at the New Braunfels trade show Sept 11 & 12. Barry asked for volunteers to work on the trade show committee to create and staff the booth so that we can enhance our presence in the community. The committee will be established at the July meeting.

Paul provided an update on the organization's finances. All membership dues have been paid. The golf tournament contributed \$1100 to the scholarship fund. Tom Brooks has some hats left over from the tournament that are being sold for \$12 each. These proceeds will go to the scholarship fund.

Committee Reports:

- Membership:
 - o No report

- Fundraising:
 - o Golf tournament was a success. \$1100 was earned for scholarships
 - o Remaining hats are being sold for \$12 each.

- Scholarship:
 - o The scholarship committee has received, reviewed and accepted the application for Tanus Geisi. The members present motioned and approved by voice vote awarding scholarship to Tanus.

Featured Program:

Barry introduced Mike Morrison, the New Braunfels City Manager. Mr. Morrison explained the effects of growth in the city on roads, schools, drainage and recreational programs. Mike discussed current and pending developments for the Creekside project, Canyon Crossing (retail sites) and some mixed use developments downtown and north of the city. The projects will pay for infrastructure improvements within the development areas.

The New Braunfels city council has adopted a five-year capital improvements program to work on streets, drainage, parks and public safety. The city will focus on planning and implementing the 1st & 2nd year projects at this time. The city management has been working with lobbyists and senators to obtain grant money to assist with the project financing. Also, a bond election will be on the May 2008 ballot to help cover some of the project costs.

Chamber Report:

Rusty Brockman touched on a number of events and issues that are on the horizon:

- The San Marcos Manufacturing Association will be holding a legislative update on July 12 at Texas State University with Patrick Rose. They have invited NBMA members to attend.
- CTTC has manufacturing training for high school juniors and seniors beginning in the fall. This manufacturing program includes internship opportunities. CTTC is looking for companies to sponsor/offer internships to these students. At the conclusion of the training is the "Accuplacer" test which students must pass to receive their certificate of training. CTTC is asking NBMA to assist with the \$15 per student test cost for those students in Comal County that cannot afford the test fee. The NBMA board will consider creating a pool for the test costs and present it for vote if accepted.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 17. The meeting will be at 11:45 a.m. at the new Comal ISD building on I35. The meeting topic will be the superintendents of Comal ISD and NBISD. Facility tours will be conducted after the meeting. Contact Rusty Brockman for reservations.

Respectfully submitted: Paul W. Webber, Secretary/Treasurer