

## **Minutes: Bethel Business Association meeting – July 2, 2008**

Chair Rick Benson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The minutes of the 6/4 BBA meeting were accepted as submitted. The Treasurer's report indicated a total cash balance of \$7,655.32, and dues-paid memberships at 59.

**Catamount mixer:** Overall sentiment of attendees was that the June 19 mixer went well. Nick Nikolaidis suggested we hold a similar event involving legislators. It was agreed that a mixer including those running for legislative office would be invited to attend a Q&A session – similar to the legislative breakfasts – some time in October.

**Council on the Arts:** Rick and some others attended the most recent Selectboard meeting, where representatives of the Council on the Arts attended to provide information on the organization's purpose and function. The Council offers concerts each Wednesday, at which questionnaires are distributed to attendees to get their feedback. The Council is looking to expand its involvement with local organizations to get their input on the concert series.

**Recreation trail hike:** Due to caterers' and other people's busy schedules, this event has to be postponed from July to September.

**Miscellaneous discussion:** Nick suggested that the school administration be asked if a downtown cleanup could be done twice a year instead of only once, since it was a very successful effort.

Those in attendance designated Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> as the next meeting. The second meeting in August will also be cancelled due to busy summer schedules, making Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> the meeting after Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Nick Nikolaidis tentatively volunteered the Black Forest Café for a mixer in November. To be confirmed.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:10 p.m. The next meeting will be Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jamal Kheiry  
Secretary