

Valley Venture Minutes
October 10, 2008

Place: Woodland's Credit Union
Time: 9:15am – 11:15am
Facilitator: Derik Brasher
Minute Taker: Lise Grondin-Danault
Time Keeper: Karen Bradley

Present: Carla Lapierre, Karen Bradley, Derik Brasher, Eric Lang, Joyce Presby.

Absent: Jackie Hawkins, Keith Lynch, Laura Lynch, Denise Doucette, Dennis Bisson, Rick Alger.

Minutes:

Motion to accept the minutes as written: Lise 1st, Karen 2nd.

Treasurer's report:

Motion to accept: Derik 1st Eric 2nd

Three Minute Check In

Carla: Doing great this month!!! She is running ads in the Berlin Daily Sun, promoting her Shadow Box framing. She is very pleased with her business right now.

Lise: Joined Marketing Committee at the Chamber of Commerce in Berlin to keep a pulse on their efforts to promote local businesses. Worked at the Northern Human Services Wellness Fair in Conway on Oct. 7th. Generated much interest, however, no one booked any appointments. Looking at discontinuing working out of Dr. Trish Murray Wellness Center in Conway due to lack of customers. Wondering if lowering price of sessions would be an answer and the group overwhelmingly said no. Offer a promotional discount with a time limit instead.

Eric: Doing better than last month. He is finishing up with last client. He stated "he feels like an old computer!" He is looking at taking a hiatus from bookkeeping. Looking at another venture—and keeping it under wraps for now.

Derik: He received one call, but it didn't turn into anything. Home buyers aren't as plentiful as the last few years. Derik is attending seminars. He will finish IDA account to purchase new used vehicle.

Karen: Doing very well—is now working out of Bethlehem 3 days a month. Another opportunity has come up in Colebrook once a month, however he charges more rent—on a percentage basis. Karen values making connections with people and finds it so rewarding to see people getting better. Her office in Gorham is meeting and exceeding goals every week! Karen's biggest problem is staying on top of paperwork. She is working on applying for an IDA account as well as the CCEP program.

Keith is undergoing shoulder surgery once again in October. We wish him and Laura well. They have been busy working on their home as well.

Motion: At Keith and Laura's request to the group, a motion has been made to forgive Keith and Laura Lynch's September loan payment and allowing them to pay interest only for the month of October. Motion to accept 1st Lise, 2nd Derik.

Accepted: unanimously.

Housekeeping Issues:

1. Jackie has been absent for many meetings due to illness. Therefore, in order for our group to function properly, Jackie Hawkins' name will be taken off the charter. She is welcome to attend meetings anytime.
2. Since Rick Alger did not actually join the group and has missed the last 4-5 meetings, we will no longer consider him part of Valley Ventures MicrocreditNH Group.

Tradeshow

Lise will connect with radio station, and speakers to get their input on what their presentations will entail. All this information needs to be given to Tara Bishop by November 10th.

North Country Tradeshow 2009 website: We need clarification from Keith and Laura if they plan on working the registrations the same as last year.

Tutorial 5: The group finished this chapter.

New Microcredit Groups: Since Joyce has assisted several new startup groups, she has asked the group if anyone would mind attending and helping some of these new groups learn how to run functional meetings. We all offered our help, depending on our schedules.

Next month Tutorial 6 – Derik Brasher

PLEASE READ THIS CHAPTER PRIOR TO OUR MEETING, THANK YOU!

Next meeting: November 14, 2009

Facilitator: Lise Grondin-Danault

Minute Taker: Derik

Time Keeper: Eric Lang