

# EBBE group

Expand Business Beyond Expectations

## Meeting Minutes- September 3, 2009

- Meeting started: 7:15 am
- Members in attendance: 11 out of 14  
[Tim Andrew, Ernie Bramucci, Norm Corigliano, Dick Forrest, Bill Gilligan, Sydney Hirsch, Larry Krainson, Jim Moran, Mary Ripley, Sandy Saffer and Joe Zawrotny]
- Guest Speaker: Round Table/ No speaker

## Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 am by Bill Gilligan.
2. 60 second round table commercials were not presented because this meeting was designated for a “round table” discussion on networking.
3. Below are some highlights from the round table discussion
  - The ACCGS **September “After 5”** will be held on Wednesday, **September 9** at Cafe Lebanon, 1390 Main Street in downtown Springfield. Cost is \$10 for chamber members.
  - The ACCGS October “After 5” called Oktoberfest- *After 5 & Tabletop Expo* will be held on Wednesday, **October 14** from 4 pm – 7 pm at the MassMutual Center, Springfield. Parking is \$5 at the MassMutual Center Garage. EBBE will be a sponsor for this event and have a table.  
Followups: For this event, we will need EBBE business cards (Nyles Courchesne?) and printed EBBE brochures (need to print some more with latest listings → Laura) for this upcoming event.
  - There is also another East of River Chamber sponsored event being held at Wilbraham & Monson Academy, Greenhalgh Gymnasium Board Room, Faculty St., Wilbraham on **September 18** from 7:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. The topic is “**Growth Through Social Networking: Add Value to Any Business**” with presenters: Amy B. Perrault & Dr. Sandi Coyne of Bay Path College.
  - Sydney Hirsch mentioned that Glenmeadow is celebrating their 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year and is having an open house on September 26. There will be speakers including Sydney + workshops on various subjects. Interested people can visit Glenmeadow’s website for additional information.
  - Tim Andrew mentioned that he recently joined the Springfield Chamber of Commerce
4. Sandy Saffer/ Saffer Financial Services mentioned that he also has become a Springfield CC member. He is in the process of obtaining approval for issuance of “disability” insurance for chamber members. The insurance will be offered through Mutual of Omaha with a 15% discount for business owners.
5. Next week- September 10, Joe Zawrotny/ Magnum Industries is scheduled as the speaker.
6. There were 1 referral and 1 testimonial.
7. The meeting was adjourned.