

**MINUTES**  
**CHAMBER MEETING**  
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Valley Bank and Trust, Strasburg, Colorado  
12:00 p.m. – October 19, 2011

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by President, Chris Deverell.

**The following Board Members were present:**

Lois Buckman	Fay Chase	Chris Deverell
Gary Duke	Becky Mogensen	Christina Pastori
Chris Raines	Aaron Rotkovich	Lindsay Wheaton

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Kim Iverson, John Jacob and Tina Lewis

**Guests attending were:**

Wil	Chase	Byers General Store and Pharmacy
Kathy	Smiley	I-70 Scout
Janet	Harris	Arapahoe Library District
Mike	LeClair	IREA
John	McCart	McCart & Associates
Glenn	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Dolores	Tippet	Byers Development Council
Sarah	Nelson	Guaranty Bank & Trust
James	Tipton	JRT Photography
Tracey	Smalley	Adams County Sheriff Department
R. Maria	Mills	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Ivy	Fischer	Valley Bank & Trust

Board Secretary Lois Buckman took minutes. A quorum was present.

**Hearing of Interested Parties:**

A motion was made by Christina Pastori and seconded by Gary Duke to accept the minutes from the September 21, 2011 meeting as written. The Motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

Lois Buckman reported the following new members:

Loves Travel Stop

There were no renewal memberships received since the last meeting. A motion to accept New members was made by Christina Pastori and seconded by Dolores Tippet. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Fay Chase announced that revenues were very positive and that the reports were available for viewing upon request.

### **Customer Service Award:**

The drawing for the October Customer Service Award took place and Susan from Guaranty Bank & Trust was awarded \$25 in Chambers Bucks. Chris Deverell reminded everyone to take some CSA cards with them so that their employees could be acknowledged for their great customer service.

### **Old Business:**

Becky Mogensen gave an update on the results of the Annual Dinner. The dinner was an overall success in raising enough money to help fund community events along the corridor next year, such as the Christmas in Strasburg event coming up on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Bennett Days Celebration, and Byers 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Aaron Rotkovich will advise of Deer Trail events that the Chamber could assist with.

### **New Business:**

Christina Pastori spoke about the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Night in Strasburg. This event will take place on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Chamber would like to continue supporting activities such as the reindeer, Santa's sleigh and appearance at Guaranty Bank; hay rides; roasted chestnuts and cider stations; craft fair; and a return of the Gingerbread House contest and display at Valley Bank. Last year the Strasburg Elementary school provided the entries. This year the plans are to include the elementary, middle school and high school, along with an open class for anyone interested in submitting an entry. More information about Christmas Night in Strasburg activities will be sent via email along with registration forms for all activities, including the Gingerbread House contest.

### **Announcements:**

Sarah Nelson announced that the Byers Community Association will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Winter Festival on December 10<sup>th</sup> in Byers. Lois advised that Bennett is also planning their Christmas celebration on December 4<sup>th</sup>. More details about both events will be made available as soon as they plans are finalized. James Tipton of JRT Photography offered his assistance with the Christmas Night in Strasburg event and also volunteered to photograph events for the Chamber web page.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

### **Guest Speaker**

Senior Deputy Tracey Smalley from the Adams couth Sheriff Department Crime Prevention Unit, gave a presentation on CPTED: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. Deputy Smalley provided many ideas to make area businesses and residences less appealing to criminals. After her presentation, Deputy Smalley offered her assistance free of charge to anyone in Adams County who wanted a CPTED review of their business or residential property. Deputy Smalley can also assist those residents or businesses located in Arapahoe County upon approval of Arapahoe County.

### **Dates to Remember**

Sat, Oct 29

Oktoberfest Celebration At Primo Bistro in Bennett, Colorado

Thu, Nov 10

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM REAP Meeting

This month's REAP meeting will take place at the newly remodeled Front Range Airport.

Wed, Nov 16

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber Lunch & Learn Meeting

Join us at May Farms, Byers, Colorado for our November Lunch & Learn meeting.