

**MINUTES**  
**CHAMBER MEETING**  
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May Farms, Byers, Colorado  
12:00 p.m. – November 16, 2011

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:17 p.m. by President-Elect, Becky Mogensen.

**The following Board Members were present:**

Lois Buckman	Fay Chase	Gary Duke
Gary Duke	Christina Pastori	Tina Lewis
Aaron Rotkovich	Becky Mogensen	

**The following Board Members were absent:**

John Jacob, Lindsay Wheaton, Kim Iverson, Chris Deverell, Chris Raines

**Guests attending were:**

Frank	Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Kathy	Smiley	I-70 Scout
John	McCart	McCart & Associates
Mike	LeClair	IREA
Claire	Endicott	Byers Community Association
Glenn	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Matt	Reay	Reay Engineering
Dolores	Tippett	Tippett and Woodis Farms
Janet	Harris	Arapahoe Library District
Al	Holcomb	Western Hardware
Morgan	Honea	Plains Medical Center
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.
Greg	Roberts	High Plains Bank
Terry	Robinson	Comfort Guy Inc.
Jose	Rocha	Town of Bennett

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

**Hearing of Interested Parties:**

A motion was made by Aaron Rotkovich and seconded by Matt Reay approve the minutes from the October 19, 2011 meeting as written. The motion carried.

**Secretary's Report:**

Lois Buckman reported that since the last meeting, there was one new business member:

Pro Active Physical Therapy

There were no renewals recorded.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Fay Chase announced that the Chamber financial report was available for viewing. Income is at a lull this month however, the membership renewal drive will start soon, which will bring an increase in funds.

**Customer Service Award:**

This month's winner of the Customer Service Award is Leah Morse of Rocky Mountain Classic Canine. Becky Mogensen encouraged members to take some CSA cards with them to place in their business.

**Old Business:**

Information about the holiday events along the I-70 Corridor was presented to attendees. Frank Doyle spoke about the fundraising that High Five Plains Foundation does at this time of year. Businesses can purchase signs of support that will include their business name and logo. These signs are placed outside of the Muegge House for whole month of December. Jose Rocha from the Town of Bennett gave us more details about the festivities in Bennett, kicking off on December 3<sup>rd</sup> with Breakfast with Santa at the community center. Their annual parade of lights and chili dinner will take place on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. The Patty and Frank Doyle have been announced as Grand Marshalls of the parade. Businesses can still participate by sponsoring various activities or providing food for the food bank. Jose thanked the Chamber for their contribution of Chamber Bucks to be awarded as prizes for parade entrants. Connie Moos spoke on behalf of the Byers Community Association who is once again presenting their Winterfest in Byers. Activities include a craft fair at the Legion Hall in Byers. Christina Pastori, provided more information about the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber's Christmas Night in Strasburg event. Many of the activities from the past will take place including hay rides, pictures with Santa, handmade crafts and vendor booths, roasted chestnuts, cider and hot chocolate, homemade hot chili, and the return of the gingerbread house contest. The Chamber will be running a full page color ad in the I-70 Scout the week prior to the event. All businesses are encouraged to purchase space in this ad.

**New Business:**

The December Chamber Meeting has been moved up a week to December 14<sup>th</sup> and will take place at the Muegge House. This will be our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Munch and Learn meeting. All are welcome to stop in and enjoy cookies and snacks made by the Chamber Board.

Membership renewal information will be going out soon. Membership rates will stay the same for those who renew or join as a new member and make payment by December 31, 2011. These early renewals will also include a free link and logo. New rates take effect on January 1, 2012. There has been a slight increase at all levels of membership, however, the link and logo features will now be included in the membership amount.

**Announcements:**

Tina Lewis announced that May Farms is taking reservations for their Christmas party which will be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> this year. The cost is \$25 which includes a buffet and entertainment by Tony David. As the committee chair for the 2012 Chamber Annual Dinner, Aaron Rotkovich asked everyone to mark their calendars for September 29, 2012 as the date for next year's annual dinner. The location will be at May Farms. More information will be provided as it becomes available. Matt Reay invited everyone to a reception for Wil Chase in honor of his retirement from REAP. It will take place on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at May Farms.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

### **Guest Speaker**

John McCart of McCart and Associates presented an overview of Medicare hospital coverage, doctor care, and prescription drug coverage as well as some of the penalties for not enrolling when first eligible. John provided the advantages and disadvantages of Medicare plans A through D.

### **Dates to Remember**

Wed, Nov 16

1:30 PM Free Business Resource Event at Front Range Airport

THR, Nov 17

Blossom Shop Open House

Sat, Nov 19

SMPRD 3rd Annual Cajun Boil

Sat, Dec 3

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Breakfast with Santa – Bennett Community Center

Sat, Dec 3

4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Christmas Night in Strasburg

Sun, Dec 4

Town of Bennett Christmas Festivities

The tree lighting, parade and chili dinner are all activities planned for this evening. Please check back as details are finalized.

Thu, Dec 8

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM REAP Meeting

Join us at May Farms this month for our December REAP meeting starting at 11:45 a.m. Sat,

Dec 10

Byers Community Association Winter Festival

Wed, Dec 14

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM Chamber Christmas Cookie Drop-In Meeting

Join us at the Muegge House for our 2nd annual Christmas cookies and treats drop-in "meeting".

Stop by to visit any time between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to snack on cookies and treats provided by Chamber Board Members.

Snacks are free, however, your canned good donation for area food banks would be very much appreciated.