

MINUTES
CHAMBER MEETING
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Valley Bank, Strasburg, CO
Noon
January 19, 2011

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:07 p.m. by Chamber President Chris Deverell.

The following Board Members were present:

Lois Buckman	Fay Chase	Chris Deverell
Gary Duke	Kim Iverson	Tina Lewis
Becky Mogensen	Jean Noe	Chris Pastori
Lindsay Wheaton		

The following Board Members were absent:

John Jacob	Aaron Rotkovich
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Guests attending were:

James	Caldwell	Home Enhancements
Wil	Chase	Byers General Store
Patricia	Coyman, Dr.	Plains Medical Center
Doug	Claussen	The I-70 Scout
Kim	Dennison	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Dee	Duke	Town of Bennett
Terrye	Hoffman	Prairie Skies Technical Services, LLC
Kirk	Holwell	First National Bank
Dana	Hudson	Kohrs Orthodontics
Keith	Kohrs	Kohrs Orthodontics
Mike	LeClair	IREA
Carol	McCormick	A-Family Plumbing & Drain
Robyn	Metcalf	Byers Community Association
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Pat	Nettesheim	KIT Insurance
Tracy	Perez	Strasburg Vet
Larry	Pitzer	Agate Mutual Telephone
Gail	Pitzer	Agate Mutual Telephone
Chris	Raines	Bennett Parks & Recreation District
Matt	Reay	Reay Engineering
Robert	Riley	TDS Telecom
Brenda	Robbins	Byers Community Association

Terry	Robinson	Comfort Guy, Inc.
Christine	Romkee	Plains Medical Center
Judy	Shultheiss	Farmers Insurance
Delores	Tippett	Byers Community Association
Jim	Toft	Edward Jones
Steven	Vetter	The I-70 Scout

Board Secretary, Lois Buckman took Minutes. A quorum was present.

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the November 17, 2010 and December 15, 2010 board meetings were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by Terry Robinson to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report:

New Businesses were:

Willow Tree Inn
Eastern Plains Solar and Wind, LLC

Membership Renewals:

A motion was made by Kim Iverson and seconded by Pat Nettesheim to accept the new members and to table the renewal memberships until after the January 31, 2011 renewal deadline. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Fay Chase announced that the December Financials and the 2011 budget had been disbursed to the Board and that they were available for review upon request.

Customer Service Award:

Terry Robinson of Comfort Guy Inc. was the winner of the drawing for the "Pride of the Corridor" customer service award at this meeting. Terry received \$25 in Chamber Bucks to be used at participating Chamber member businesses. Other nominations for this award were:

Dyanne Caprio	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
All Staff	Byers General Store
Sara Nelson	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Fay Chase	Byers General Store
Danny	Freshway & Byers General Store

Old Business:

Website and Database Update: Lois asked everyone to take a look at their business listings and to update her with any revisions that they would like made. The upgrades have allowed the Chamber to list a business under more than one category in the online business directory. The 2011 meeting locations and dates have been established. This information is available here at the meeting or can be accessed on the Chamber website. Attendees were encouraged to sign up for an event committee. The next Chamber event is the Business Expo which will be taking place on April 16th at the Bennett High School/Middle School building. Contact board members Becky Mogensen, Kim Iverson, and Jean Noe.

New Business:

John Knight resigned his position as President of the Chamber in December. Pursuant to the Chamber Bylaws, the executive committee appointed Chris Deverell as the President of the Chamber; Rebecca Mogensen as the President Elect; Chris Pastori as the Strasburg Representative replacing Rebecca; and Jean Noe as the new At Large Representative replacing Chris Pastori.

Announcements:

Christine Romkee has been named the site coordinator for the 9 News Health Fair to be held at the Bennett High School on April 16, 2011 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.. She asked that anyone wanting to volunteer for the health fair contact her at the Plains Medical office in Strasburg. Christine also announced that Plains Medical will be offering free health screenings for the community on Wednesday, January 26th at Chase Pharmacy inside Byers General Store in Byers. Screenings include; blood pressure, blood glucose and cholesterol.

Guest Speakers:

Doug Claussen and Steven Vetter from the I-70 Scout and Eastern Colorado News provided attendees with advertising information and tips to get the most for their businesses. Topics such as area circulation, ad placement, sizes, costs and design services were addressed. Steven also presented his idea on publishing a quarterly coupon sheet featuring local businesses.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Mon, Jan 24 -- Sat, Jan 29
Pet Health Fair at Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Reduced pricing on many pet services.

Thu, Jan 27
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM Small Business and Job Search Assistance
Jump start your job search or boost your business at Kelter Library. Set up a 45 minute appointment with a business librarian and let them guide you.

Mon, Jan 31
2011 Chamber Membership Renewals Due Today
All Chamber membership renewals are due today. Please don't risk being left off of our online directory. Online payments can be made through our home page at www.i70ccoc.com. Please call 303-644-4607 if you have any questions about your membership.

Thu, Feb 10
11:45 AM - 1:00 PM REAP Meeting
Join us for the first REAP meeting of the year to be held at Front Range Airport. Lunch is available for \$12.00. Please rsvp to Lois at admin@i70ccoc.com.

Wed, Feb 16
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber Lunch & Learn Meeting
We'll be meeting at May Farms, Byers, CO