

**MINUTES**  
**CHAMBER MEETING**  
*DRAFT*

Valley Bank Community Room, Strasburg, Colorado  
Noon  
April 20, 2011

*(The Schedule was adjusted to present the speakers prior to the business meeting being called to order.)*

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:37 p.m. by Chamber President Chris Deverell. Chris called for introductions.

**The following Board Members were present:**

Lois Buckman	Fay Chase	Chris Deverell
Gary Duke	Tina Lewis	Aaron Rotkovich

**The following Board Members were absent:**

Kim Iverson	John Jacob	Becky Mogensen
Jean Noe	Chris Pastori	

**Guests attending were:**

Wil	Chase	Byers General Store/Chase Byers General
Richard	Coleman	Bennett School District 29J
Dee	Duke	Town of Bennett
Delores	Tippett	Byers Community Association
Terrye	Hoffman	Prairie Skies Technical Services
Claire	Endicott	Byers Community Association
Connie	Moos	Guaranty Bank & Trust
Pat	Nettesheim	KIT Insurance
Matt	Reay	Reay Engineering
Carol	Hulse	Strasburg School District 31J
Stacy	Sondburg	Byers School District 30J
Kathy	Smiley	I-70 Scout
Glenn	Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range

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

**Hearing of Interested Parties:**

Having no additions to the agenda, the minutes of the March 16, 2011 meeting were submitted for approval. A motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by Tina Lewis to approve the minutes as written. The motion carried by voice vote.

**Secretary's Report:**

A motion was made by Gary Duke and seconded by Pat Nettesheim to accept the new businesses and renewal businesses submitted. The motion carried by voice vote.

New Businesses were:

Robert & Tricia Scoby, Independent Consultants for Shelf Reliance  
Clarks Equipment Sales and Rental

Membership Renewals were:

Blue Sky Party Rentals                      Sam's Club                      Prairie Learning Center, Inc.  
Blossom Shop                                      Smart Security

**Treasurer's Report:**

Fay Chase announced that the March Financials have been disbursed to the Board and that they are available for review upon request. The Chamber is doing very well this year. She thanked the members.

**Customer Service Award:**

The winner of this month's Customer Service Award drawing was Leah Morse of Rocky Mountain Classic Canine, of Bennett, Colorado. Leah will receive \$25 worth of Chamber Bucks to spend at participating businesses.

**Old Business:**

Spring Fling committee member Tina Lewis provided an overview of the I-70 CCOC Spring Fling event that was held on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Tina said overall, the event was a success however the proximity to the 9Health Fair was a drawback. Tina welcomed suggestions and participation from Chamber members. To aid in planning for next year, the committee will meet to go over the outcome and a survey will be provided for businesses who participated.

**New Business:**

Chris advised that the bylaws were in the process of being revised. When final, they will be available to view on the Chamber website. Chris also added that an election committee will be formed in May. This committee will then present names of members who have agreed to fill Board positions should they be elected. The Board elections will take place at the June 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Open representative positions are Deer/Trail Agate, Strasburg, and one At-Large. Open Officer positions are; President-Elect, and Treasurer.

Chris announced that the Annual Dinner will be held on Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Chris welcomed participation on the Dinner Committee that is responsible for planning the event.

**Announcements:**

Tina announced that the annual "Ladies Tea" at May Farms will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 4 p.m.. Dee Duke announced that the Grand Breaking Ceremony for the new Loves Travel Stop will be held on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. Matt Reay thanked Richard Coleman for his time and commitment to the Bennett School District and communities along the corridor. Chris thanked Richard and the Bennett School District for allowing the Spring Fling to take place at the High School.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 12:59 p.m.

**Guest Speakers:**

Richard Coleman, Superintendent of Bennett School District 29J, presented information about this year's budget and proposed cuts, along with a summary of the process the school districts follow to reach a final budget. Richard and Keith Yaich of the Bennett School District, along with Stacy Sondburg of the Byers School District, and Carol Hulse of the Strasburg School District then entertained many questions from the meeting attendees..

**Dates to Remember**

Fri, Apr 22

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. Grand Opening  
Plains Medical Center's newly renovated Strasburg Dental Suite  
55981 E. Colfax Ave., Strasburg, CO

Mon, Apr 25

8:30 a.m. – Loves Travel Stops & Country Stores Groundbreaking  
Hosted by the Town of Bennett – Corner of Marketplace and Highway 79

Thu, May 12

11:45 AM - 1:00 PM REAP Meeting  
REAP Meeting at Front Range Airport, 5200 Front Range Parkway, Watkins, Colorado. Lunch is available for \$12.00 with your RSVP. Please RSVP at [admin@i-70reap.com](mailto:admin@i-70reap.com) or 303-644-4607.  
Thank You.

Sat, May 14

All Day – Byers “City Wide” garage sale. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary  
Contact Debbie Messer for more information on how to participate - 303-822-5682

Wed, May 18

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber Lunch & Learn Meeting  
We will be meeting at May Farms in Byers. Lunch will be available for \$10.00 with your RSVP to Lois at [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com).