

MINUTES
CHAMBER MEETING
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April 15, 2009
Noon
Antelope Hills Club House

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:01 p.m. Chamber President, Gary Duke.

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

Sheila Cooper	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
John Knight	Tina Lewis	Luanne Lown
Chris Pastori	Lindsay Wheaton	Jenna Workman

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb	Becky Mogensen
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Guests attending were:

Kathy Dowd	Byers Community Association
Jeff Hastings	Denver East / Strasburg KOA
Janet Harris	Arapahoe Library District - Kelder Library
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Donna Kesler	Arapahoe Library District - Koebel Library
Suzanne Kaller	Arapahoe Library District - Koebel Library
Mike LeClair	IREA
James Mason	Antelope Hills
Pat Nettesheim	K. I. T. Agency
Jean Noe	Curves
Dolores Tippett	Byers Community Association

Board Secretary, Luanne Lown, took Minutes. A quorum was present.

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the March Board Meeting were submitted for approval. A motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Jenna Workman to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Denver East / Strasburg KOA

Price Ranch

Windy Ridge Farms, LLC

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Arapahoe Library District – Kelder Branch

Aurora Mental Health Center
Citywide Banks
KT's Famous BBQ, LLC

A motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by Chris Pastori to accept the April new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report—Sheila Cooper. A motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Pat Nettesheim to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Board of Directors Report

The board met on Monday, April 13, 2009. The Carnival was not available for the Harvest Festival dates, so they are checking to see if they can have the carnival during Strasburg Hometown Days. A decision was made to run ads as needed, but not to sign a contract and be locked in to a specific amount of advertising with the I-70 Scout. Plans are underway to contact all the businesses on the corridor to have a special event in June. Membership fees will be rising by \$5.00 for the 2010 dues. Also the timing will change to have all memberships due on January 31.

Old Business:

Mary Farms Activities- Tina Lewis extended the invitation for everyone to attend some upcoming events at May Farms. They include the May 3rd Spring Tea which will have vendors, entertainment and food. Also the upcoming Cajun Fest on May 16th.

New Business:

In light of not having any new business to come before the board, we went around the room and shared new things happening in each business represented. Some of those highlights include:

- John and Cassandra Knight have purchased an embroidery shop to enhance their lines of advertising products.
- The KOA Kamp grounds is offering a free nights stay over Mother's Day Weekend. Their pizza shop is open as well as the ice cream parlor. They have 2 new lodges available. They will be offering hay rides and have family movies on Friday and Saturday nights during the summer.
- Byers General Store is having their first Truckload sale of the year on May 8 & 9. The Sno cone machine is available for use during that time.
- Comfort Guy has systems available that will meet the stimulus package requirements for a rebate.
- Breakfast with the Board has been rescheduled. It will now be held on Friday, May 1 at High Plains Diner in Bennett.
- The 4th of July Celebration plans are well underway in Byers.
- Scholarships may be available for youth volunteers from Byers.
- Kelter Library is offering an AARP driving class. They also are having a Butterfly gardening class on April 28.
- The Community Center in Bennett has received a new coat of paint thanks to the board.
- James Mason is the new general manager at Antelope Hills and he invited everyone to attend the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch and Wine Tasting event at Antelope Hills.
- Kirk Holwell reported that all was fine at Colorado First National Bank and encouraged people to inquire with specific needs.
- Mike LeClair reported that things were going well now that they had replaced many poles due to the ice/ snow storm the first weekend in April.

- Gary Duke encouraged everyone to share with their friends and neighbors that people had just a few weeks to move their money out of the New Frontier Banks in Northern Colorado.
- Luanne Lown announced that she had a few maps of the corridor available and invited everyone to participate in the REAP meetings.
- Jean Noe told that she had recently purchased Curves, in Bennett and that she has extended the hours to accommodate more people and invited all to come and check it out. She will have an open house on June 1 & 2.
- Chris Pastori thanked all who came to their ribbon cutting. She is in a new Premier Real Estate group with three partners.
- Pat Nettesheim said she was an insurance agent with 26 years experience and would welcome the chance to give anyone a quote.
- Sheila Cooper shared that the Strasburg Water and Sanitation is getting some updates as some of their system is over 50 years old. A new well filtration is being implemented.

Guest Speaker

Donna Kesler and Suzanne Kaller from the Arapahoe Library District gave a very interesting program about the ways you can use your local library to find potential customers and also to check on your competition. The information can be accessed from your own computer as long as you have a library card. Go to the website www.arapahoelibraries.org for more details. Or call 303-LIBRARY for more information. A one on one program is available, or they do offer monthly seminars at the library.

Dates to remember:

April 28 – SBDC Seminar “So You Want to Start or Expand Your Own Business? Presented by the Arapahoe Library” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

May 1- Breakfast with the Board: Have coffee and rolls with the Bennett Town Board of Trustees at 7:30 a.m. at the High Plains Diner. Contact Lindsay 644-4506 for information.

May 2 – Community Shred Event: 9 a.m. to noon Valley Bank and Trust, 56642 Colfax Avenue, Strasburg 303-622-6598 Protect yourself from Identity theft. On site document destruction while you watch. Event will happen rain or shine. Each person is welcome to bring up to 3 copy boxes or one large trash bag full of confidential material. Newspapers and other recyclable materials are not accepted.

May 3 – Ladies Tea at May Farms from 1:30 to 4:30. Refreshments, entertainment – Studio 4 (female barbershop quartet), and female friendly vendors. For more information please contact May Farms at 303-822-5800

May 14 – REAP Meeting at May Farms. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

May 16– 3rd Annual Cajun Feed at May Farms from 12:00 to 8:00 p.m. Authentic Cajun cuisine, children’s entertainment and other live entertainment. For more information please contact May Farms at 303-822-5800

May 20 - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

May 26 – SBDC Seminar “Leadership skills” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at **12:00 on May 20, 2009** at **Antelope Hills Club House.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:05 p.m.