

# MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

September 16, 2009  
Noon  
Antelope Hills

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

The following Board Members were present:

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

The following Board Members were absent:

Sheila Cooper	Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb
Becky Mogensen	Chris Pastori	

Guests attending were:

Fay Chase	Byers General Store
Glen Cosner	High Plains Raceway
Lura Clowdus	Just Good Cookies
Janet Harris	Arapahoe Library District - Kolver
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Lisa Keith	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Cassandra Knight	Two Knight Enterprises
Mike LeClair	IREA
Stuart Mc Arthur	Town of Bennett
Tracy Perez	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Matt Reay	Reay Engineering
Terry Robinson	Comfort Guy, Inc.
Aaron Rotkorelf	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkorelf	Lead Valley Range
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Loretta	B & L Party Rentals

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

## **Hearing of Interested Parties:**

The Minutes of the August 19, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Jenna Workman and seconded by John Knight to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

## **Secretary's Report.**

NEW MEMBERSHIPS  
Action Signs & Graphics

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
Frank and Patty Doyle  
I-70 Publishing Company

A motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Tina Lewis to accept the August new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report**— The treasurer's report was not available.

**Old Business:**

1. Business and Service Expo

Luanne Lown reported that about 10 businesses had taken advantage of the early discount and were registered for the Expo. Flu shots will be provided by Chase Pharmacy at the cost of \$25.00. A drawing will be held for various door prizes, including a 37" flat screen television.

2. Annual Dinner

Tina Lewis reported that all was going well with the dinner. Outback Steakhouse will be catering the meal. Byers General Store is providing appetizers and Pat Nettlesheim of K.I.T. Insurance is providing dinner rolls. A dj, Jim Shelly, has been hired and the SASS group (Single Action Shooting Society), they will be able to set up their casino tables at our dinner. Claire Endicott and the Byers National Honor Society will be bussing tables. Tickets are available today if you would like to purchase them.

**New Business:**

1. Election – Ballots were passed out and nominations were read from them. Nominations were asked for from the floor. Hearing none, the members were asked to vote. Ballots were collected and counted. The board for the next year includes:

John Knight – President  
Chris Deverell – President Elect  
Fay Chase – Treasurer  
Luanne Lown – Secretary  
Bonnie Damschen – At Large Member  
Al Holcomb – At Large Member  
Tina Lewis – Byers Representative  
Rebecca Mogenson – Strasburg Representative  
Christina Pastori – At Large Member  
Lindsay Wheaton – Bennett Representative  
Jenna Workman – Deer Trail Representative  
Gary Duke – Past President

News from the members

Introductions were made around the room. Those present had the opportunity to report on upcoming events or news in their business.

Lura Clowdus brought her cookies and shared that she was opening a new wholesale cookie business and is looking for venues to offer them.

Aaron & Glenn Rotkovich reported they were joining the Chamber and had a membership club shooting range located east of Byers on Highway 36.

Tina Lewis reported that the U-Pick-It Garden was open. They will open the Maze on October 3, for their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvest Festival. They are looking for volunteers to help man the events. Also, they are booking holiday parties and will have a Christmas Party on December 4 that will be open to the public.

Fay Chase was glad to accept the treasurer position that had been voted on at the Board meeting.

Lindsay Wheaton shared she is quite busy with her pet sitting service. Also, Sally Stoudt has contacted the Town of Bennett and would like to do an event on December 4, where local businesses are open to the public and have caroling and other holiday activities. There will also be a chili dinner.

Matt Reay is enjoying his retirement and working with his engineering company.

Jenna Workman stated that they Highway 36 Treasurer Hunt would have booths available at the Byers General Store Parking Lot. They are offering flu shots. They have also added some new decor and painted and will have a grand re-opening soon.

Mike LeClair reported they had completed installing the new transmission poles for IREA and we should have better coverage.

Stuart McArthur reported there were some new businesses opening in Bennett, The Happy Burrito, a collision repair and the Luv's development were on schedule. The path will be extended across the railroad tracks to the school.

Terry Robinson asked people to please call for their air-conditioning and tank less water heater systems.

Amy Kirkwood is joining the Chamber and has a security system company.

Jerry Rolfs reported they had new menus at Antelope Hills and will be offering delivery service and call ahead pick up service. They are also having an Oktoberfest on October 9 with German Food and draft beer. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the High Five Plains Foundation.

John and Cassandra Knight are celebrating their 5<sup>th</sup> year of business.

Pumpkin Shoot November 7

Glenn Conser reported the racetrack is off and running 5 auto clubs and one motorcycle club are headquartered there. Weather permitting they have open lapping on Monday and Friday.

Kim Dennison reported that October is Geriatric Wellness month at Strasburg Vet. They have a program available for horses, dogs and cats.

Janet Harris passed around flyers with their upcoming program dates listed

Loretta Pierce was visiting and shared she has a new business called Mustard Seed catering and party planning.

Chris Deverell from Comfort Guy Inc. encouraged people to participate in the opportunities that are presented to get the most out of their membership.

#### **Dates to remember:**

**September 18, 19, 20 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual U. S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt** Highway 36 in Byers

**September 20** - Blackwood Legacy Concert at Strasburg Community Church is hosting Blackwood Legacy at 10:45. Potluck luncheon will follow.

**September 23- Deadline** for registration for the **Business Expo**

**September 26 – Annual Dinner at May Farms** Mark your calendar to attend the Chamber Annual Dinner at May Farms, 64001 East Highway 36 in Byers, CO. Join us for a fun filled evening. There will be a delicious dinner sponsored by Outback Steakhouse. Music, door prizes and silent auction items for your entertainment. The theme this year is "Remembering the Duke". Get out your old, new, any western wear!

6:00 Social Cocktail Hour

7:00 Dinner

Ticket fee \$30.00 per person, \$240.00 per table of 8 Make your reservations today at [i70ccoc.com](http://i70ccoc.com) or call 303-644-4607!

**October 3** -Mountain View Life Group - Spin a Yarn Anyone wanting to learn to knit or crochet, or just bring your own projects to work on is welcome to come. Call Deb at 303-807-9920 for more information.

**October 3** - 2nd Annual Hands of Love Women's Conference at Agate School lunchroom. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which includes breakfast and lunch as well as a craft project. Please call 303-905-6437 to RSVP.

**October 9 – Women in Rural Business Seminar** in Ft. Morgan from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.. Offered by the SBDC office. For more information please contact [SBDC@morganCC.edu](mailto:SBDC@morganCC.edu) or call 1-800-622-0216 Ext. 3256.

**October 10 - Business & Service Expo** at **Hemphill Middle School** in Strasburg. Come and see the showcase of local businesses. Visit with local vendors and find out about the services and products they have to offer. Sign up for your chance to win a 37" Flat screen television and many other unique door prizes. Flu shots will be offered for \$25.00 or your insurance co-pay.

**October 10** - Dinner and a Movie at Bennett Presbyterian Church. Come for a soup supper and family movie. \$5.00 per person.

**October 15 - REAP Meeting** at **May Farms** at 11:45 a.m. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation. Please notice the change of date.

**October 21 - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting.** Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com).

**October 24 - Ladies Luncheon Tea at Teacup Oasis Alpacas**

Join the ladies from Spin a Yarn for a yummy lunch and day of relaxation. Cost is \$15.00 per person. To rsvp contact 303-807-9920 or email to [rosebud4556@hotmail.com](mailto:rosebud4556@hotmail.com)

**November 12 – REAP Board Meeting** at **Antelope Hills Club House**. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com) for your lunch reservation.

**November 18 - Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting.** Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or [admin@i70ccoc.com](mailto:admin@i70ccoc.com).

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Approved 10/21/09