

MINUTES
CHAMBER MEETING
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December 16, 2009
Noon
Valley Bank and Trust

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Chamber President Elect, Chris Deverell.

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

Fay Chase	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
Allen Holcomb	Tina Lewis	Luanne Lown
Becky Mogensen	Chris Pastori	Jenna Workman

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	John Knight	Lindsay Wheaton
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Guests attending were:

Joe Carter	Carter Construction Co.
Tracy Carter	Carter Construction Co.
Wil Chase	Byers General Store
Ivy Fischer	Valley Bank and Trust
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Janet Harris	Arapahoe Library District - Kelter Library
Keith Kohrs	Kohrs Orthodontics'
Mike LeClair	IREA
Grider Lee	Beautiful Memories Photography
Stuart McArthur	Town of Bennett
Pat Nettesheim	K.I.T. Agency
Matt Reay	Reay Engineering
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
David Wentz	Strasburg Parks and Rec District
Greg Wright	Edward Jones
Steven Vetter	I-70 Scout

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the November 18, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Jenna Workman and seconded by Pat Nettesheim approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS received this month included:
Adams County Economic Development

American Legion
Byers General Store
High Plains Bank
High Plains Sanitation Service
May Farms
Morgan Community College
Prairie Bookkeeping
Prairie Learning Center

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

Customer Service Award

Terry Robinson once again won the drawing for customer service.

Old Business:

1. Conversion of dues reminder Chris Deverell reminded everyone that they would be receiving invoices for their dues. Dues will be due in January as we are converting to a calendar year for dues instead of each month having some dues come in.
2. Christmas events – Christina Pastori reported that the Strasburg event went very well. 256 Santa sacks were handed out to children and she wanted to thank everyone for their participation to make it a great event. Chris Deverell reported the Bennett event had not gone as well. There were 6 floats in the parade and that Pat Nettesheim had volunteered to help next year. Since it was the first year the Chamber had been involved, there was room to expand and improve for next year.

New Business:

1. Website updates There has been an update to the website and it is now functioning and sending weekly announcements. Chris Deverell wanted everyone to know there was a brief planned outage for the server this evening. She also announced that the new deadline for submitting information for inclusion in the weekly reminder is at noon on Friday. Submissions must be a pdf file. And also that guidelines will be published as this website is a member benefit.

Announcements:

Grider Lee announced that the 2010 Women of the Corridor Calendars were available and that the funds raised from the sale would benefit the scholarship program of the High Five Plains Foundation.

David Wentz thanked everyone for their support in the Cajun boil dinner that was during the Strasburg Turkey Shoot. They plan on having it again next year and have already sold some tables for it.

David also stated that the Strasburg Parks and Rec was hosting a night with the Nuggets. More details can be found on there website. 25 kids from the group will be able to go on the court with other fans.

Wil Chase updated that REAP has had a big year and is planning for a lot of interesting subjects to be discussed next year. REAP meetings are open to the public and he encouraged everyone to attend the next meeting at Antelope Hills on January 14. If you are not already getting REAP reminders, talk to Luanne Lown to get on the REAP mailing list. The REAP Regional Plan is well underway with cooperation from both Adams and Arapahoe Counties.

Stuart McArthur reported that things were coming together in Bennett. Luv's is close to fulfilling their permit requirements and will break ground in February. The new Wings place is trying to open before the end of the year, and High Plains Diner is moving along with their share of the remodel to reopen soon as well.

Dates to remember:

December 16 -your web site will be down for a short time. This outage will take place between 6 pm and 12 pm for no more than 2 hours (and probably much less).

December 20 – 10:45 a.m. **Christmas Concert at Strasburg Community Church.**

December 25 – Office Closed Christmas Day

December 31 - New Years Eve Party at Antelope Hills. \$35.00 per person for buffet. Cash bar. Dress festive! If a person attending feels they have had a little too much to drink, the Antelope Hills staff will establish a time for departure. The van will leave the restaurant to deliver those folks home. Their car will be safe at Antelope Hills. We will provide this service for the Bennett/Strasburg area only and there will be a slight charge for this service. Considering the serious implications of a DUI, this is really a valuable tool for people who wish to enjoy the evening.

January 1 - Office Closed New Years Day

January 4 – Chamber Board meeting at the Muegge House 7 p.m.

January 7 - Communities Coming Together for Mental Health At Bennett Elementary Cafeteria, 462 8th Street. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m., the meeting will begin at 5:30 and end at 7:30. Please RSVP to admin@i70ccoc.com or call 303-644-4607.

January 14 - REAP meeting at Antelope Hills Club House. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

January 17 – Love and Logic Parenting Classes begin a six week series. 4 to 6 p.m. at the Bennett Recreation Center. For more details contact Tina Von Lienen at 303-644-5581.

January 20 – Chamber meeting. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

January 20 – Chamber After Hours at Kohr's Orthodontics, 56620 E. Colfax Ave. in Strasburg from 5 – 7 p.m.

January 25 - Tourism Day at the Capitol 1 – 4 p.m. FREE Join tourism ambassadors, industry members, and business leaders from across Colorado to learn about the legislative process, how funding for promoting the state's tourism industry is determined, and the many ways you can become involved in supporting Colorado as a premier travel destination. **RSVP now online at Attend Tourism Day at the Capitol or no later than Wednesday,**

January 25 - Tourism Industry Association of Colorado (TIAC) Legislative Reception **January 20, 2010**, for Tourism Day at the Capitol. Cost \$75.00 per person at the Denver Athletic Club, 1325 Glenarm Place, Denver, CO 80204 Meet and educate Colorado legislators on the importance of statewide tourism funding, network with tourism industry professionals, and top off your day with your favorite beverage accompanied by scrumptious heavy hors d'oeuvres. **RSVP now or no later than January 20, 2010**, for the TIAC Legislative Reception to Janie McCullough at 303. 238. 3446 or janiemc@comcast.net.

February 11 - REAP meeting Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

February 17 - Chamber meeting at KOA in Strasburg. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

March 11 - REAP meeting. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

March 17 - Chamber meeting. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

March 19 – Keiko Matsui Concert at the Bennett High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available. For more information on purchasing tickets, please contact 303-644-3234 x 7402 or daniel.jalee@Bennett.k12.co.us

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Guest speaker – Greg Wright with Edward Jones. Greg told that he is still planning to open an office in the area and supplied information to everyone about the investment strategies that they have to offer. He invited questions and answered those.