

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

February 17, 2010
Noon
Antelope Hills

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:02 p.m. by Chamber President John Knight.

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

John Knight	Lindsay Wheaton	Jenna Workman
Fay Chase	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
Allen Holcomb	Lois Buckman	
Becky Mogensen		

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Chris Pastori	Tina Lewis
-----------------	---------------	------------

Guests attending were:

Janet Harris	Arapahoe Library District - Kelper Library
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Greg Wright	Edward Jones
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Delores Tippet	Byers Community Assoc.
Cassandra Knight	Two Knight Enterprises
Connie Moos	Guaranty Bank and Trust
Wendy Woods	Grothe Financial Services
Rae Lynn Bauer	Byers Community Association
Levi Smith	Byers Community Association
Terry Robinson	Comfort Guy Inc.
Lance Grothe	Grothe Financial Services
Terri O'Dell	Longhorn Restaurant
Vyron Abbott	Byers Fire Dept.
Jose Rocha	Bennett Parks and Rec. Dist.
Trish Stiles	Town of Bennett
Frank Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Terrye Hoffman	Prairie Skies Technical Services, LLC
Mark D Beede	Retired
Jerry Rohlf	Antelope Hills

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the January 20, 2010 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Gary Duke and seconded by Cassandra Knight to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS received in January included:

Arapahoe County
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
Blossom Shop
Byers America Feed & Supply
Byers Community Association
Byers School District 32J
Christine's Candles – Independent PartyLite Consultant
Citywide Bank
Colorado Amateur Motorsports
Comanche Crossing Historical Society
Denver East/Strasburg KOA
Dutch Valley Ranch Quality Alpacas
First National Bank
IREA
K.I.T. Agency
Prairie Creeks Living Center
Premier Real Estate Group, LLC
Primerica Financial Services

New Businesses/Individuals

Vyron Abbott
Beautiful Memories Photography

A motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by Levi Smith to accept the January new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Fay Chase reported that the budget will be prepared as a group when decisions have been made on 2010 events and the expenses that will occur. Chris Deverell added that the Chamber would need to raise approximately \$3,000 in addition to the funds raised through memberships.

A motion was made by Terry Robinson and seconded by Cassandra Knight to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Customer Service Award

John Knight explained that the Customer Service Award was established to recognize staff at Chamber businesses by awarding Chamber Bucks, which are gift certificates given by the Chamber and redeemable at Chamber member businesses. Chris Deverell added that this is a great way to collect testimonials about businesses to be placed on their websites.

Old Business:

1. Conversion of dues reminder: The conversion is almost complete. Chris Deverell wanted to let everyone know that we are working to make dues renewals a much smoother process in the future. If anyone has not received an email or letter regarding their dues, please let the office know. If duplicate invoices have been received, please let us know that as well. Once all dues are in, we will have a better idea of what we need to raise and what we have to spend.

2. Communication Guidelines: Guidelines regarding Chamber communication procedures were distributed. These guidelines will enable the Chamber to process communications more efficiently by standardizing the way they are received and communicated on our website.
3. The January Meeting featured some fantastic food and was a great chance to sample menus from area restaurants and caterers.

New Business:

2010 Schedule of Events: Chris Deverell announced that there is discussion about the business expo and possibly conducting it at the same time as the 9 Health Fair. We may need to skip this year due to time restraints. John Knight added that having our business expo in April would be a great partnership with 9 Health Fair and would take advantage of drawing in more people. The fall date was not as successful as it has been in the past.

The Annual Dinner will be held on September 18th.

Announcements:

Jose Rocha, Special Events Coordinator and Sports Director for the Bennett Parks and Recreation District informed us that the pool will be opening in May. He also encouraged businesses to sponsor the recreation district by advertising in their program. Jose also announced that they are planning for the Harvest Festival. A military appreciation event is being held on Saturday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. . This is a great event for everyone to meet each other.

Terrye Hoffman from Prairie Skies Technical Services will be speaking at our April Lunch and Learn meeting to go over email and communications, do's and don'ts and cut off times.

Chris Deverell asked how everyone liked the announcements. Additions will be made as we go along.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at 12:00 noon on March 17, 2010, at the K.O.A. in Strasburg.

Dates to Remember:

March 11, 2010 (Thu) 11:45 a.m.

REAP meeting, at May Farms in Byers. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

March 13, 2010 (Sat) 5:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.

May Farms St. Paddy's Day Celebration! Live music featuring – "PLAY IT FORWARD", no cover, wear green and receive \$1.00 off of one item from the kitchen!

March 17, 2010 (Wed) 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

I-70 CCOC Monthly Business Meeting – A forum of School Superintendents led by Ed Vandertook of Strasburg, at the Strasburg K.O.A. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Make your reservations by contacting 303-644-4607 or admin@i70ccoc.com

March 17, 2010 (Wed) 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Chambers After Hours - Kohrs Orthodontics – Come and join other Chamber members at Kohrs Orthodontics, located at 56620 E. Colfax Ave. in Strasburg. Light appetizers will be provided.

March 19, 2010 (Fri) 7:00 p.m.

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 at 12:25 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Speaker:

Jerry Rohlfs gave a presentation on a trip he took to Germany in 2008 with his Rotary club. The Rotary Club is a worldwide organization with over 2.2 million members belonging to over 200,000 clubs in 20 countries. The mission of the Rotary is to communicate peace and understanding through helping people from around the world that need help.