

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

February 18, 2009
Noon
May Farms

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
Tina Lewis	Luanne Lown	Becky Mogensen
Lindsay Wheaton	Jenna Workman	

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb	John Knight
Chris Pastori		

Guests attending were:

Linda Bergemann	Plains Medical Center
Wil Chase	Byers General Store
Kathy Dowd	Byers Community Association
Patty Doyle	High Five Plains Foundation
Julie Grey	Bennett Parks and Rec
Laura Franceschi	Primerica Financial Services
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Mike LeClair	IREA
Jim Lunsway	Colorado First National Bank
Krista May	May Farms
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Terry Robinson	Comfort Guy, Inc.
Christine Romkee	Christine's Candles
Greg Wright	Edward Jones
Michelle Yowell	Strasburg Academy Kidz Klub

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the January 21, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by Patty Doyle approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS
Kohr's Orthodontics
Strasburg Conoco

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Robert Doriss
Eastern Plains Women's Resource Center
Eastern Slope Housing / Prairie Creeks Living Center
Greatwood Lumber
High Plains Bank
IREA
K. I. T. Agency
LaZy B Acres
Look East Realty
Our Lady of the Plains

A motion was made by Patty Doyle and seconded by Kathy Dowd 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 Patty Doyle and seconded by Sue Horn to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

Fundraising committee met. They purchased a 37" television to use as a door prize for the Business Expo. Hopefully this will bring in more interested people. They are having a book party for PartyLite candles. Orders need to be in by Friday, February 20, 2009.

They are working on details to have interested businesses run the sno-cone booth. Businesses can sponsor the booth for \$30.00 which includes the syrup, cups and other supplies. The business will supply the people to man the booth and have the opportunity to make their presence known in the community. More details will be coming soon.

September 26, 2009 has been selected as the date for the Annual Dinner. It will be held at May Farms.

New Business:

Bennett Harvest Festival- August 28 – 30, 2009. Julie Grey from Bennett Parks and Rec District gave an update on the plans for the Bennett Harvest Festival and the Spring Event to be held on Saturday, April 11, 2009. She is looking for volunteers and sponsors for the activities that will happen in Trupp park those days.

Linda Bergemann, from Plains Medical Center shared some information on various programs available to help the under and uninsured people in the area. She says there is state help available so that people can receive mental, dental and medical care.

Announcements:

Gary Duke told that Phyllis Kline, president of the Bennett Branch of Guaranty Bank, memorial service would be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at Our Lady of the Plains Catholic Church. He also shared that a memorial fund was being set up at Guaranty Bank and funds could be deposited at any branch.

Gary Duke also shared that Patty Duke had won the prestigious award as Colorado Broadcaster's Association, Citizen of the Year.

Chris Deverell announced that she had coupons available for Outback Steakhouse. They are announcing a new menu.

Dates to remember:

February 26- Women for Rural Business Seminar at May Farm 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

February 28 – Byers Community Association Flea Market & Craft at Byers American Legion from 8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. \$25.00 registration fee Spaces are limited so please contact Carol at 303-822-9756 or email candbdawkins@yahoo.com

February 28 - Vaccination Clinic 9 am – 12 noon Strasburg Veterinary Clinic, with Dr. Jodie Vetter, will be hosting a Vaccination Clinic at the **Antelope Hills Subdivision in Bennett**. The address for the clinic is 500 Columbine Drive. Vaccinations, heartworms tests, deworming for dogs and cats available. Other services upon request. No appointment necessary. **Please call so we may know numbers of attendees or for directions: Lindsay 303 644-3332.** Cash or check only.

March 12 – REAP meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Front Range Airport. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. The future plans for Watkins and surrounding area will be presented as well as an update on Front Range Airport. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

March 18 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting at noon at May Farms. Guest Speakers with be Laura & Chuck Franceshi of Primareica Financial Services. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

March 21 – Pie Baking Contest in Bennett. More details will follow.

March 24 – SBDC Seminar “Keeping your business alive in trying times” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

April 4 – ECLC Conference at May Farms. "Yogurt Imprints and Stretch Mark Olympics: Living a Life of Grace" 8:27 a.m. to 3:34 p.m. Presented by Kim Stuart, an Iowa wife, mother of three young children and author of three novels. Friendship, pampering, good food, spiritual renewal. Enjoy with your neighbors from the i-70 corridor. For more information: easterncoloradoladiesconference@yahoo.com. Fee is \$45.00 prior to March 15, 60.00 after March 15.

April 9 – REAP meeting at 11:45 a.m. at Valley Bank Conference Room. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. The future plans for Bennett, Strasburg and surrounding area will be presented. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

April 11 – Easter Activities at Trupp Park in Bennett, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Welcome Spring with many activities, including and Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, plant a spring flower, hear a story, go on a treasure hunt, decorate eggs and many more fun activities. More details will follow.

April 15 – Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting at noon at Antelope Hills Club House. Guest Speakers from Arapahoe County Library District, showing ways they can help grow and expand your business. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

April 28 – SBDC Seminar “Library Programs to help grow your business” at Antelope Hills Club House Cost is \$15.00 for the meal. Seminar is free.

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

Corridor Chamber of Commerce Mission Statement

Our goal is to promote the planned growth and development of our communities by bringing together business and community leaders to work together for the common good. We wish to maintain and support the quality of life that makes Eastern Colorado such a special place. Our desire is to preserve and promote the competitive enterprise system that makes America great. We will strive to be the organization recognized as the focal point of the I-70 Corridor.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at **12:00 on March 18, 2009 at May Farms.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.