

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

March 17, 2010
Noon
Strasburg KOA

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chamber President John Knight.

The following Board Members were present:

Lois Buckman	Fay Chase	Chris Deverell
Gary Duke	Al Holcomb	John Knight
Tina Lewis	Becky Mogensen	Chris Pastori
Lindsey Wheaton		

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Jenna Workman
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Guests attending were:

Janet Harris	Arapahoe Library District - Kelper Library
Aaron Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Glenn Rotkovich	Lead Valley Range
Connie Moos	Guaranty Bank and Trust
Wendy Woods	Grothe Financial Services
Keith Kohrs	Kohrs Orthodontics
Kim Iverson	Look East Realty
Ivy Fischer	Valley Bank & Trust
Lisa Keith	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Kim Dennison	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Tracy Perez	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Chuck Franceschi	Primerica Financial Services
Matthew Reay	Reay Engineering
Pat Nettesheim	K.I.T. Agency
Beverly Bean	Prairie Learning Center
Lisa Mehring	I-70 Scout

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the February 17, 2010 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Gary Duke and seconded by Glenn Rotkovich to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

Membership Renewals received in February included:
Comfort Guy, Inc.
Two Knight Enterprises

Aflac Insurance Agency, Agent Don Sunday
KT's Famous BBQ
Edward Jones, Advisor Greg Wright
High Plains Bank
High Five Plains Foundation
Arapahoe Library District

New Businesses/Individuals

There were no new businesses that joined the Chamber in February.

A motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by Becky Mogensen to accept the February renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report

Fay Chase reported that financial reports are available and will be forwarded via email upon request to interested members.

Customer Service Award

The Chamber did not receive any referrals this month for a customer service award. John Knight explained that the Customer Service Award was established to recognize staff at Chamber businesses by awarding Chamber Bucks. If any businesses are in need of customer service cards, please let Lois know and she will send some to you.

Old Business:

- a. We are still working on conversion of dues, which is almost complete. If you have not received your renewal information for 2010, please let the office know.
- b. The 2010 Membership Drive prize of a trip to Estes Park was awarded to Jenna Workman.

New Business:

- a. 2010 Schedule of Events: A preliminary list of scheduled annual chamber member events has been compiled for your review.
- b. Business Expo: Due to time constraints this year, the annual Business Expo will not take place in April as previously discussed. We will be looking to schedule it next year in conjunction with the 9 News Health Fair that takes place in Bennett every April.
- c. Summer in the Country: Chris Pastori addressed the Summer in the Country event. Bingo card squares will be available for purchase for Chamber Businesses. This is a corridor-wide event.
- d. Home Based Businesses: Chris Deverell spoke about putting on a Chamber After Hours event in April featuring home based businesses. The event will most likely take place in Strasburg this year. If you know of someone that has a home based business, please have them contact the Chamber so that we can be sure to include them in this event.
- e. Display Ads on the Website: Chris Deverell and John Knight spoke about the concept of selling display ads for the home page of the Chamber website. The ads will run for one month and will be available only to Chamber members. Rates for this service are being discussed and will be made available soon.
- f. Chamber Bucks: John reminded everyone about Chamber Bucks and their purpose of rewarding good customer service. John suggested that Guaranty Bank might be able to assist with the process of reimbursing the businesses once a Chamber Buck is redeemed.

- g. Raceway Rooms: Fay Chase gave an update on the raceway rooms project. Due to the non-profit status of the Chamber, she will go ahead and manage this project, working as the go-between with the race club organizations and the residents who have rooms to offer.

Announcements:

Don't forget the Chamber After Hours event at Kohrs Orthodontics in Strasburg. Stop in and see their offices and meet other Chamber Members.

The Rocky Mountain Auto Press has contacted the Chamber to let us know that they will be hosting a "Rocky Mountain Driving Experience" on Wednesday, June 9th. This event will take place at both area raceways and will consist of vehicle demonstrations. This event will be based out of May Farms and should bring some mid-week traffic to the area businesses.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at 12:00 noon on April 21, 2010, at the Strasburg K.O.A.. Terrye Hoffman from Prairie Skies Technical Services will be speaking at this Lunch and Learn meeting to go over email and communications, do's and don'ts and cut off times.

Dates to Remember:

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

March 20, 2010 (Sat) 7:00 p.m.

Plains Medical Center Night With The Denver Nuggets

Purchase reduced tickets in advance.

March 23rd, 2010 (Tue)

Arapahoe County final Open Space Open House

March 27th, 2010 (Sat)

Byers Community Association Spring Craft Fair and Flea Market

April 3rd, 2010 (Sat)

Town of Bennett Farewell Gathering – For outgoing trustees Carol Small and Dave Dummar 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center – prior to the Pie Baking Contest.

April 3rd, 2010 (Sat)

Town of Bennett Pie Baking Contest – Bennett Community Center 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

April 8th, 2010 (Thr) 11:45 a.m.

REAP Board Meeting - At Antelope Hills. Lunch is available for the cost of \$10.00. Please call the office at 303-644-4607 or email admin@i70ccoc.com for your lunch reservation.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Speakers:

Area school district superintendents Ed Vandertook, Strasburg, Tom Turrell, Byers, and Rich Coleman, of Bennett, discussed their recent budgeting efforts. They each provided information about the students and area that they serve and the effect that the reduction in State education funds may have on their districts and area businesses.