

MINUTES
CHAMBER MEETING
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Valley Bank Strasburg
Noon
June 16, 2010

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Chamber President, John Knight.

The following Board Members present:

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| Lois Buckman | Fay Chase | Chris Deverell |
| Tina Lewis | Lindsay Wheaton | |

The following Board Members were absent:

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| Bonnie Damschen | Gary Duke | Al Holcomb |
| Becky Mogensen | Chris Pastori | |

Guests attending were:

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| Mary Ellen Dressler | Bennett Historical Society |
| Aaron Rotkovich | Lead Valley Range |
| Glenn Rotkovich | Lead Valley Range |
| Janet Harris | Arapahoe Library District |
| Connie Moos | Guaranty Bank and Trust |
| Ivy Fischer | Valley Bank & Trust |
| Chuck Franceschi | Primerica Financial Services |
| Terrye Hoffman | Prairie Skies Technical Services |
| Patsy Turner | Comanche Crossing Historical Society & Museum |
| Donna Holcomb | The Gift Shop |
| Keith Kohrs | Kohrs Orthodontics |
| Greg Wright | Edward Jones |
| Lisa Mehring | I-70 Scout |
| Cliff Smith | Comanche Crossing Historical Society and Museum |
| Matt Reay | Reay Engineering |
| Jose Rocha | Bennett Parks and Recreation District |
| Doug Milliken | Arapahoe County Treasurer |
| Judy Shultheiss | Farmers Insurance |
| Dolores Tippett | Byers Community Association |
| Nate Cooper | Farm Bureau Insurance |
| Tracy Perez | Strasburg Veterinary Clinic |
| Tania Stephens | Strasburg Veterinary Clinic |
| Rene Kagen | Strasburg Veterinary Clinic |

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the May 19th, 2010 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by Delores Tippet to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report:

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Enchanted Floral Design, Bennett
Curves, Bennett CO
Beautiful Memories Photography

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

No renewals were recorded.

A motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by Glenn Rotkovich to accept the May new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

Fay Chase reported that financials had been sent via email to all directors. She would be happy to make these available to anyone requesting them..

Customer Service Award:

This month the entire staff of the Strasburg Veterinary Clinic received the Chamber's Customer Service Award. Representing the staff were Tracy Perez, who was last month's winner, Tania Stephens, and Rene Kagen. John Knight made the presentation and stressed the importance of good customer service from corridor businesses, as he thanked the Strasburg Veterinary staff for their efforts.

Old Business:

- a. Summer in the Country: John Knight stated that it was unfortunate that the Chamber had to cancel this fantastic low-cost opportunity to promote your business and bring customers to you. Without 100% effort from Chamber members, events such as this cannot be successfully promoted. The Chamber is not going to give up on this event and plans on putting on a bigger event next summer. Chamber Members were encouraged to get involved in the planning and promotion of this event for next year.
- b. Chris Deverell updated attendees on the progress of the website enhancements, specifically advertising. Prairie Skies Technical Services can have advertising available within 30 days of finalizing needs and features provided by the Chamber. Chris will get with Terrye before the

end of the week to provide that information. Members will be notified when advertising is available.

- c. Chamber Bucks are ready to go. A letter will be emailed to Chamber Members requesting their participation and instructing them on how to cash in any Chamber Bucks that are received for payment at their businesses. Chamber Bucks will be given out as Customer Service Awards and as prizes at Chamber events. If all goes well with the new procedure for Chamber Bucks, It is anticipated that the Chamber Bucks program will be expanded and that they will be available for purchase as Gift Certificates sometime in the future.

New Business:

No new business items were brought forth or discussed.

Announcements:

The next Chamber lunch and learn meeting will be on July 21st at the Bennett Recreation Center at 12:00 noon. The guest speaker will be Jeff Ratajczak, Executive Director of the Bennett Parks & Recreation District.

Chamber After Hours Tonight at the Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Glenn Rotkovich announced that the July Chamber After Hours will be hosted by Lead Valley Range. He encouraged everyone to come out to see the range and even try a little shooting while there. Participants are welcome to bring their own firearms. Trained instructors will be available to safely assist those who have never shot a firearm before. Glenn also passed out flyers for the rifle poker shoot event taking place at Lead Valley Range on July 17th.

Lindsay Wheaton reminded everyone about the State of the Town luncheon that is being put on by the Town of Bennett. The Town would like to see a good showing of area businesses. There are several county, state and local officials attending as well.

Delores Tippett, of the Byers Community Association, reminded everyone about the 4th of July festivities in Byers. This year the celebration will be on Saturday, July 3rd. She welcomed everyone to visit Byers for the events scheduled that day.

Jose Rocha, of the Bennett Parks and Recreation District announced the dates for the Bennett Harvest Festival. It is scheduled for August 27th and 28th. He also requested that anyone interested in sponsoring the event or wishing to participate as a vendor, contact him. Jose also brought the most recent activity schedule for the recreation center.

Lois Buckman announced that there will be a Mental First Aid training course taught on June 17th and 18th at the Strasburg Community Church. Flyers were available for those who requested additional information.

Dates to Remember:

Wed, Jun 16

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Chamber After Hours at Comanche Crossing Museum

Join us at Comanche Crossing Museum in Strasburg for this Chamber After Hours Event.

Sat, Jul 3

6:00 AM - 8:30 PM Byers Community Assoc. Independence Day Celebration

Festivities kick off at 6:00 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at the Legion Hall, followed by a parade at 10:00 a.m.. Carnival and games start at 11:30 with taste of the corridor booths open from 8:00 to 3:00. Final event of the day is the Byers Fire Dept. dinner/dance at May Farms starting at 5:30 p.m.

Thu, Jul 8

11:45 AM REAP Board Meeting

At May Farms, Byers, Colorado. 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.

Thu, Jul 15

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Chamber After Hours at Lead Valley Range

Join us at Lead Valley Range from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for a Chamber After Hours and Open House. Refreshments will be served and Trap will be thrown! You won't want to miss this unique and fun event. Lead Valley Range is located east of Byers on Hwy. 36, between mile markers 118 and 119.

Wed, Jul 21

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Chamber Lunch & Learn

Please join us for our Chamber Lunch and Learn Meeting at the Bennett Recreation Center, 455 S. 1st St. in Bennett, at 12:00 noon. Lunch is available for \$10.00. Please rsvp at admin@i70ccoc.com or 303-644-4607.

Wed, Jul 21 - Sun, Jul 25

Arapahoe County Fair - Arapahoe County Fair Grounds

Thu, Aug 12

11:45 AM REAP 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.

Thu, Aug 12

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Chamber After Hours at Guaranty Bank

Join us for Chamber After Hours at Guaranty Bank & Trust, 56540 E. Colfax Ave., in Strasburg. from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.. Get ready for Hometown Days with some nostalgia and light refreshments.

Sat, Aug 14 -- Sun, Aug 15

Hometown Days

Join the fun at Strasburg's Hometown Days celebration, August 14th and 15th.

Sat, Aug 21 -- Sun, Aug 22

Deer Trail Rodeo

More details will follow.

Sat, Sep 18

I-70 Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner at May Farms

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Lunch and Learn Speaker:

Cliff Smith, Curator of the Comanche Crossing Museum, gave a presentation on the history of Strasburg and it's businesses. Cliff's presentation included many comparisons of "past" and "present" photos of area businesses and landmarks.