

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

July 15, 2009
Noon
May Farms

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

Roll was called with the following Board Members present:

Sheila Cooper	Chris Deverell	Gary Duke
John Knight	Tina Lewis	Luanne Lown
Lindsay Wheaton	Jenna Workman	

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb	Becky Mogensen
Chris Pastori		

Guests attending were:

Glenn Conser	High Plains Raceway
Laura Franceschi	Primerica Financial Services
Janet Harris	Arapahoe County Library District
Terrye Hoffman	Prairie Skies Tech Services
Donna Holcomb	The Gift Shop
Mike LeClair	IREA
Cassandra Liggins	University of Colorado School of Medicine
Denise Longwell	High Plains Raceway
Kat McAllaster	Sam's Club
Steven Vetter	I-70 Scout
David Wentz	Strasburg Parks and Rec
Kris Wenzel	Central CO AHEC
Greg Wright	Edward Jones

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

Hearing of Interested Parties:

The Minutes of the June 17, 2009 Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by Chris Deverell and seconded by John Knight approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS

Interquest Detection Canines

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Byers School District 32 J

Central Colorado AHEC

Western Hardware

A motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Terrye Hoffman 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 John Knight and seconded by Chris Deverell to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was carried by voice vote. Chris Deverell questioned how we were charged for rent on the Muegge house and what would happen when the High Five Plains Foundation moves out. She also questioned when the lease was up on the Muegge House.

Old Business:

1. Summer in the country – Luanne Lown reported that most of the Chamber bucks have been spent. The money has been spent at a variety of locations as well – Byers General Store, Corona's, Western Hardware, Antelope Hills, Strasburg Auto Parts, Bennett Video and Strasburg Auto Parts.

New Business:

1. Nominating Committee – Gary Duke appointed Chris Deverell as Chairperson of the nominating committee. She also recruited Jenna Workman for the committee. They will come up with nominations for the election.
2. High Plains Raceway – Denise Longwell invited everyone to attend the Grand opening Gala on Saturday, August 1, 2009. They will have a car and motorcycle show, various media and racing personalities there. You may also drive your car on the track for a donation. Booths are available for vendors for \$250.00. Chris Deverell volunteered to set up and take down the sno cone booth, but she needs other helpers.
3. High Five Plains Foundation is holding their annual Walk Run on August 9. Chris Deverell asked if any of the Chamber members wanted to include coupons in the goodie bags for the participants to get them to her. They would like to have 200 for the expected participants. The Foundation is also having a golf tournament next month at Antelope Hills.
4. Greg Wright introduced the idea of having Pumpkin Patch People in the fall. He and his wife had traveled to NH and saw some there and there was a contest for judging the best at businesses. Luanne Lown has contact the chamber there for more details.
5. David Wentz of Strasburg Parks and Rec was there to remind the businesses of the upcoming 12 and under age group softball tournament. It is a regional tournament and teams will be coming from Iowa, Missouri and Kansas to participate. Host families are still needed for housing team members. Booths are available at \$25.00 and there will be a bar-be-que on Thursday for the teams. Volunteer opportunities are available as well. Byers General store is doing the bar-be=que.

Dates to remember:

July 18 - Arapahoe County Fair VIP Dinner Come out and join your friends for an old fashioned Barn Dance and good time! Foot stompin' entertainment, Finger Lickin' barbecue, Dance your feet off, Photo booth and Silent Auction to benefit the Fairgrounds Building Fund

July 18 – 4th Annual I-70 Open for area golfers at Antelope Hills Golf Course. 6:30 a.m. registration, 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. For more details please contact the Golf Shop at 303-644-5992 or email: Golf_Shop@antelopehillsgolfcourse.com

July 22 – 26 Arapahoe County Fair Join Parker the Pig for fun at the Arapahoe County Fair! More details are available at www.arapahoecountyfair.com . Check it out for all the latest news!

July 24 – 9 and Dine at Antelope Hills Golf Course. \$30.00 per person includes 9 holes of golf, cart, small bucket of range balls, and dinner from Johnny's Italian Bistro. Tee off at 5:30. For more details please contact the Golf Shop at 303-644-5992 or email: Golf_Shop@antelopehillsgolfcourse.com

July 27 - Junior Golf Clinic Join golf Professionals - Brian Ridgway, Josh Palm, and Bud Douglass for either a beginner or intermediate level clinic at Antelope Hills. For more details please contact the Golf Shop at 303-644-5992 or email: Golf_Shop@antelopehillsgolfcourse.com

August 1 – Bennett High School Golf Team Benefit Fundraiser at Antelope Hills Golf Course. 2 person Scramble 8:00 a.m. Shotgun Start. For more details please contact the Golf Shop at 303-644-5992 or email: Golf_Shop@antelopehillsgolfcourse.com

August 1 – Chamber after Hours at the **Teacup Oasis** from 2 – 4 p.m. Come and get introduced to Alpacas. The Teacup Oasis is located at 64185 E. County Road 42 in Byers.

August 7, 8 & 9 – Strasburg Hometown Days

August 13 - REAP Meeting at **May Farms** at 11:45 a.m. 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.

August 19 - Chamber Lunch and Learn 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.

August 28 – 30 - Bennett Harvest Festival

September 10 - REAP Meeting at **Antelope Hills** at 11:45 a.m. 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

September 16 - Chamber Lunch and Learn 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.

September 18, 19, 20 – 4th annual U. S. Highway 36 Treasure Hunt Highway 36 in Byers

October 8 - REAP Meeting at **Front Range Airport** at 11:45 a.m. 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.

October 10 Business & Service Expo at **Hemphill Middle School** in Strasburg.

October 21 - Chamber Lunch and Learn 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.

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.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:10 p.m.