

MINUTES CHAMBER MEETING

August 19, 2009
Noon
Antelope Hills

The monthly meeting of the I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce was called to order at 11:58 a.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
Jenna Workman		

The following Board Members were absent:

Bonnie Damschen	Al Holcomb	Becky Mogensen
Chris Pastori	Lindsay Wheaton	

Guests attending were:

Kim Dennison	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Joe DiSalvo	Interquest Detection Canines
Renee Graham	High Plains Bank
Russ Hickmon	Interquest Detection Canines
Kirk Holwell	Colorado First National Bank
Sue Horn	Town of Bennett
Lisa Keith	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Keith Kohr	Kohr Orthodontics
Kat McAllaster	Sam's
Stuart Mc Arthur	Town of Bennett
Pat Nettesheim	K. I. T. Agency
Tracy Perez	Strasburg Veterinary Clinic
Dorothy Pisel	Town of Deer Trail
Gregg Roberts	High Plains Bank
Jerry Rohlfs	Antelope Hills
Kathy Smiley	I-70 Scout
Susan Starr	Guaranty Bank and Trust
Ed VanderTook	Strasburg School District

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

The Minutes of the July Board Meeting were submitted for approval. Motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Kirk Holwell to approve the Minutes as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Secretary's Report.

NEW MEMBERSHIPS
High Plains Raceway
Reay Engineering

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS
Colorado Rifle Club
Pickens Tech
Valley Bank and Trust

A motion was made by John Knight and seconded by Kirk Holwell to accept the September new and renewal members. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report—Sheila Cooper. A motion was made by Pat Nettesheim and seconded by John Knight to approve the Treasurer's Report as written. The motion was carried by voice vote.

Old Business:

Nominating committee – Chris Deverell reported that they still are looking for a volunteer to represent Watkins on the Board. Chris Deverell will accept the nomination to the position of President Elect under duress. Fay Chase has volunteered to be the treasurer.

Business and Service Expo – A 37 “ Flat screen television will be given away as a door prize at the Expo. Luanne Lown is still trying to locate something or someone else as a special draw to the expo. She has contacted Valley Bank about sponsoring a shred event, but at this time, they are not able to do it. Luanne Lown had also contacted the county about their recycling days they had hosted to see if that might be something they could consider again this year. Chris Deverell suggested the banks donate one of their recycle days.

Chris Deverell also expressed her disappointment that the coupon offer that was made to the Chamber members was not as well received as she had hoped for the High Five Walk Run during Strasburg Hometown Days.

Chris Deverell also posed the question and/ or concern about emails. Some of the people in attendance said they would prefer not to get an attachment, but to have in information in the body of the text of the email. She shared that a committee of board members was addressing this issue of emails..

New Business:

Annual Dinner – Chris Deverell reported that the Annual Dinner would be on September 26, at 6:00 for the social hour at May Farms. This years theme is “Remembering the Duke” and everyone is requested to dress in casual Western Attire. Outback Steakhouse will be preparing the meal of 8oz. sirloin, chicken breast, potatoes, salad and cheesecake at cost. They will need an accurate head count by September 12. May Farms is donating the use of their facility. An organization is being retained for bussing the tables. The committee would like to have 5 volunteers at 3:00 p.m. to set up tables and chairs and place silverware. They would like to have donations for fruit and veggie trays. They also would like donations of silent auction items and door prizes. Table sponsorships are available for \$240.00 or tickets are \$30.00 each. Please contact Jenna Workman, Tina Lewis, Chris Deverell, John Knight, or Becky Mogenson if you are able to help out.

Luanne Lown reported that the Chamber had been invited to participate in the Greatwood event on September 12 & 13. If anyone would like to operate the sno-cone machine that day, or have any other type of activity please contact her.

Announcements:

The High Five Plains Foundation Golf Tournament flyers are available. Please contact Patty of Lindsay Wheaton for further details.

Tina Lewis reported that May Farms has their U Pick It Garden open on Saturdays from 7 to 10 a.m.

Sue Horn invited everyone to attend the Breakfast with the Board on August 21.

Sue Horn also told everyone that the Bennett Harvest Festival Flyers were on the table for their reference.

Lunch and Learn speaker

Joe DiSalvo of Interquest Canine Detection gave an overview of his company both nationally and locally. He shared how he and his team come in to schools and businesses and the dogs will search belongings for drugs, both prescription and over the counter, gunpowder, firearms, alcohol and other contraband. The dogs are passive and they are rewarded for their efforts. Their work allows the company to make judgment calls on the findings. He emphasized the need for the searches to be random. Questions were raised afterwards.

Our next I-70 Corridor Chamber of Commerce meeting will be at **12:00 on September 16, 2009 at Antelope Hills Club House with Kris Wetzel as the guest speaker...**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Dates to remember:

August 21, Breakfast with the Town of Bennett Board 7:30 a.m. at the entrance to King Soopers. Coffee and rolls will be served. Come and meet, or speak with the Town of Bennett Board of Trustees. More information, call Lindsay (303) 644-4506. Thanks!

August 28 – 30 - Bennett Harvest Festival for more details visit <http://www.bennettrec.org/SpecialEvents.html> or call 303-644-5040

August 28 – 30 – Truckload Sale at Byers General Store Bronco Cheerleaders will be there on Saturday afternoon. Great buys on fresh produce!

August 31 – HFPF Annual Charity Golf Tournament at Antelope Hills Golf Course. 7:30 start – breakfast and lunch included, with prizes and silent auction items available. Lots of sponsorship opportunities, get a team together! Call Patty (303) 622-9588, or Lindsay (303) 644-3332.

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 12 & 13 – Non Profit Fundraiser at Greatwood Lumber. Non profits on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Set up by 7:30 a.m.

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 16 – Chamber After Hours 5 – 7 p.m. at Premier Real Estate Group, LLC, at 56541 – A E. Colfax Ave in Strasburg.

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

September 26 – Annual Dinner at May Farms

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.

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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.

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