

Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 6, 2012
Hotchkiss Library Basement

In the absence of president, Nathan Sponseller, the meeting was called to order by Bill Long, Vice President at 7:30 a.m.

Those in attendance were: Bill Long, Tom Wills, Debbie Pennington, King Robertson, Marsy Moore, Mary Hockenbery, Debbie Cheesman, Katherine Colwell, Gloria Crank, Sue Whittlesey, Margaeux Hakes, Elsie Edstrom, Joann Tullis and Rhonda Duclo.

A motion was made by Moore to approve the minutes of the last meeting as emailed. Motion was seconded by Whittlesey and carried.

A motion was made by Pennington and seconded by Whittlesey to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary report: We now have 86 members. The Website has been converted to a horizontal menu. Updating of content continues, and the calendar still needs work.

We received a thank you from the dog trial people for the Chamber support.

Since we are not able to give a monetary donation for Huck Finn Days, we will help by including their pdf announcement in our emailing.

Business After Hours will be June 21 5-6:30 at the Yoga Tree, Embrace~, ETSS, and Ultramat, located 110 South 7th Street. These Hotchkiss Chamber members look forward to seeing you then!

Presentations:

Creamery opening is June 8.

Creative Coalition will meet June 19@1.

Old Business:

1. Since Nathan will be gone during Ride the Rockies, Elaine Brett will be in charge. We might still need a few volunteers for security. Kelli Hepler will help at the information booth. The Metamooil Mountain Boys, performing June 10 at RTR, were inadvertently not listed in the special RTR section in the Denver Post.
2. Post cards: Moore reported good response in post cards sales. They have been bundled 30 in a pack for \$10. It was suggested that we sell postcards at Ride the Rockies for \$2.00. Buyers can write their message and we will stamp and mail them. Colwell moved and Whittlesey seconded that we do this. Motion carried. Pennington will take care of this project.
3. 501c6: Alowetta has started the paper work on this. We need to provide more financial information for her.

Committee Reports:

1. Downtown Merchants/Hotchkiss is Happening: June 9 Everyone is encouraged to gather at the Creamery to decorate bikes at 8:00 a.m. Then at 9:00 there will be a short parade lead by Marshall Miller. Return to the Creamery for a short awards ceremony. People are then encouraged to leave decorated bikes in front of business on Sunday for Ride the Rockies.
2. There was good feedback on the HIH Art Walk. There will be another on July 14. Businesses have an artist do demonstrations from noon to 3:00. Another Art Walk is tentatively scheduled for November.

3. Downtown improvement: Mary Hockenbery has planted more flowers and is checking to make sure the plants are being watered and cared for. It may be a challenge to make it happen every year.
4. Tom Wills discussed the Downtown and Highway Corridor Improvement Survey. They need to be done by the end of June. Contact Tom for a copy if you haven't turned one in yet. The Town of Hotchkiss' Master Plan may be passed this month. Downtown improvement may be included as part of the Master plan.

The next meeting will be at the Hotchkiss Library basement July 11 at 7:30 a.m.

Whittlesey moved and Colwell seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Duclo, temporary recording secretary