

Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce  
Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2012

Attending: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, Vice President; Penny Alexander, Cyndi Boerner; Elaine Brett; Mary Hockenbery; Rhonda Duclo, Treasurer; Marsy Moore; Katherine Colwell, Corresponding Secretary; Debbie Cheesman; Tom Wills; Joanne Tullis.

The August 1, 2012 regular meeting of the Hotchkiss Community Chamber of Commerce was called to order by President Sponseller at 7:35 a.m. in the basement of the Hotchkiss Library.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Hockenbery to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as sent out by email. Motion carried. Wills made a motion that was seconded by Brett to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Corresponding Secretary Report: We now have 92 members. The website is being updated with the information on the grant for renovation of the Hotchkiss barn, and the free August 14 Lunch and Learn Business Event hosted by HCCC member Diana Tourney: Stepping Stones to Successful Rural Business.

Old Business:

- The Colorado Grand will be in Hotchkiss for lunch on Friday Sept. 14. Most of the arrangements have been made. We will need volunteers. Call Nathan if you can help. We will receive \$6000 from them to pay for the meal and a donation.
- A Rolls Royce representative met with Nathan. They will come for a similar rally on Sept. 13, 2013. About 30 cars will be from 1907-1924.
- Visitor Center - We are meeting with DMEA on remodeling the building and sharing the space. They will set up a kiosk for paying bills and customer service. DMEA will hire an architect and pay for changes that need to be made. There will be electricity, phone, air conditioning and information screens. Nathan has signed an MOU to pursue having an architect start work. He has contacted the Town about zoning and building permit requirements.
- The glass in the door was shattered. Nathan cleaned it up and contacted Tuin Glass for an estimate for replacement.

Non-Agenda Items:

- Brett gave out Creative Coalition directories. There will be a Gathering of Creatives with the North Fork Valley Creative Coalition at the Yoga Tree on August 18. Heart & Soul will be having a 'pass the mic' as a kids project; and a series of classes on how to interview.
- Alexander said the Creamery will be promoting kid's art during the County Fair. There will be an auction on Aug. 14. The Creamery August reception will be on August 17 instead of the regular 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday.
- Aug. 3-5 is the West Elk Wine Trail.
- Aug. 10-11 is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Food, Farm, Film and Wine festival.

Committee Reports:

- Wills gave a report on the downtown improvement project. Wills and Hockenbery are a sub-committee on the planning commission. They will be meeting with businesses to see what merchants are willing to do. There may be grant funds from Urban Development Action Grant.
- Cheesman reported that plans are being made for the Hot Bucks program again. The Business Symposium could be the kick off. The Downtown Merchants meet every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at the Coal Train.
- We need to begin making plans for the annual meeting that will be held in November.
- Tullis reported that the Creative District is working on a branding project.

Rhonda Duclo, secretary protem