

# HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## Minutes of the January 28, 2015 Board Meeting

Attendance: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, Vice President; Carrie Yantzer; Katherine Colwell, Communications Secretary; Sue Whittlesey, Treasurer; Rhonda Duclo, Recording Secretary; Tom Wills; John Vandenberg; Jim Ramey; Anna St. Peter; Tracy Ihnot

President called the meeting to order and introduced the guests.

Whittlesey made and Long seconded the motion to accept the December minutes. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report shows a balance of \$9314.09. Colwell made and Yantzer seconded the motion to accept the report. There are 49 paid members.

Colwell reported that Delta County is upgrading their website maps. There will be layers for close-up views of lodging, restaurants, orchards and businesses.

### Presentations:

Jim Ramey and John Vanderberg presented information on the Citizens for a Healthy Community and the risks of oil and gas development including water contamination, heavy truck traffic, unhealthy air quality and reduced property values. We are encouraged to attend the area meetings during the month of February.

Anna St. Peter and Tracy Ihnot would like to put together a welcome program for new residents. They are looking for a person to contact businesses to ask for support and items for the packets such as coupons. Yantzer volunteered Debbie Hotchkiss, Hotchkiss K-8 secretary, as a possible third team person. We would need volunteers to generate interest in the business community, assemble the packets and deliver them to new residents.

### Old Business:

- Wills explained how empty planters could be decorated with decorated plywood flowers during the winter instead of just having empty flower boxes. Yantzer suggested that the school wood shop could help make the flowers. We hope to have at least one new bench and repair/paint existing ones before the Sheep Dog Trials.
- The welcome sign panel needs to be ordered and finished by May 1.
- Organizations will earn \$25 per person for home stays for Ride the Rockies. Yantzer will attend the route announcement party in Denver on Feb. 7.

### New Business:

- There was a brief discussion on the need for website enhancement options.
- Long made and Duclo seconded the motion to accept the budget. Motion carried.
- Possibilities for business after hours were suggested: Pack Shack, Rogers Mesa Store.

The meeting was adjourned.

Rhonda Duclo  
Recording Secretary