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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Board Meeting Minutes February 25, 2015

Attending: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, VP; Katherine Colwell, Communications Secretary; Rhonda Duclo, Recording Secretary; Sue Whittlesey, Treasurer; Mary Hockenbery, Board Member; Jerry Hillman; Todd Sheets, Delta County Tourism Cabinet; Tracy Ihnot; Tom Wills; Gloria Crank.

The meeting was called to order by President, Sponseller. Long moved to accepted the January Board minutes as corrected. Whittlesey seconded the motion and it carried.

Whittlesey reported that we are being charged 41 cents per month for each debit card. It was decided the monthly fee for Colwell's use for communications expenses is not a problem; Whittlesey turned in her card. Duclo moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Colwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Whittlesey moved and Long seconded the motion to approve the amended Communications Policy. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- **Downtown Improvement:** Wills had a picture of a possible bike rack. He is asking the Town, Chamber and Creative Coalition for donations to pay for the racks (\$300 from Chamber and Town, \$50 from Creative Coalition). One rack will be in front of the First State bank and the other in front of Gambles. We are hoping for bids from local artists/welders for the racks. Gambles would donate tubing.
Long moved and Hockenbery seconded the motion to donate \$300 toward the bike rack project. The bench in front of the Post Office will be replaced and the old one moved to a less busy location. Hockenbery reported that merchants will adopt the planters in front of their business. Mary Simmons will be organizing the flower planting this year.
- **Information sign coming from Paonia:** The artist will contact the sign company concerning the base paint requirements.
- **Ride the Rockies:** Thirteen people representing the Town of Hotchkiss, Hotchkiss K-8, emergency agencies, and the Chamber met to tour and discuss the tour needs. Crank suggested the possibility of a rest stop on Redlands Mesa. She will discuss it with the R the R officials.
- **Ihnot gave a report on the New Comers Welcome project.** She has contacted the Delta Chamber for ideas of items to put in the packet – coupons, samples, pens, maps, etc. We can also put a check-box on the school enrollment forms to indicate the person would like to be visited.

New Business:

- **Membership Drive:** Board members will be contacting businesses that have not yet renewed their membership.
- **Sheets reported on updates from the Delta County Tourism Cabinet.** They are putting together lodging information, punch cards, GPS mapping, bike routes, etc. The web site will be interactive. Some of this information could be put in the Visitor Center.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be March 25, 8 a.m. at the Hotchkiss Library basement.

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Duclo, Secretary