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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Board Meeting Minutes March 25, 2015

Attendance: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, VP; Katherine Colwell, Communication Secretary; Rhonda Duclo, Recording Secretary; Sue Whittlesey, Treasurer; Mary Hockenbery and Carrie Yantzer Board Members; Tracy Innot; Tom Wills; Niki Richardson.

The meeting was called to order by President Sponseller. Long moved to accept the corrected minutes. Colwell seconded the motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report:	Beginning Balance	\$ 8715.58
	Deposits for March	1820.00
	Expenses for March	1258.92
	Ending Balance	\$ 9276.66

Downtown Merchants	292.80
Special Projects	6153.21
Total in all Accounts	\$ 15772.67

We now have 82 paid members.

Duclo made and Long seconded the motion to accept the treasurers report. Motion carried.

Communications Secretary: Some of the other chambers are receiving two copies of our emails others are getting none. Colwell is working with them to get it straightened out. There have been some calls about Ride the Rockies lodging and Colorado Bike Tours lodging. We need to get our website updated.

Presentations: Hockenberry reported on Destination Marketing. She received a \$1500 scholarship to attend the conference. Thirteen people from the Valley attended. They are having biweekly meetings for follow-up. There will be a phone follow-up on June 10 with the leader.

Old Business:

- Newcomer bags – Innot will be the contact person. Thirty bags will be prepared. Items are being collected at the Town Hall. Official name is “New Neighbor Welcome Bag.”
- Bike Racks – Wills reported that the racks are fully funded. \$300 each has been pledged by First State Bank, Julie Littlefield, Town of Hotchkiss and the Chamber. Ricky Sparks will design and build the them.
- Downtown improvement group is holding monthly meetings. The Hotchkiss K-8 has made 48 wooden flowers for the planters. We were reminded that zinnias are the official Town flower. Wills and Mary Simmons are block captains. Hockenberry is encouraging the youth to do murals on side streets and alleys. There is money from Heart and Soul and the Hotchkiss Fine Arts for this.

- Ride the Rockies – The school will serve lunch and breakfast at the school. Dinner will be in the park with other vendors. There will be spaghetti, baked potatoes, bake sale among other food choices. Suggested LeRoux Creek and Big B's wines and ciders in addition to the beer. So far there are only a few requests for rooms or to host riders. It was suggested that we invite some crafters to be part of the park activities.

New Business:

- Mary Hockenberry resigned from the Chamber board.
- Niki Richardson suggested the three North Fork Chambers work together on a video for their websites. Todd Sheets and David Jacobson have resources for the joint project that could cost \$3000-\$5000.
- Mountain Harvest Festival has requested the use of our sign for the event. Whittlesey moved they could. Yantzer seconded the motion. Carried.

Announcements:

- Yantzer told about the Spring Fling at Hotchkiss K-8. It is a school-community activity. Everyone is invited on Friday April 17 from 5-8. Each grade will have baskets to raffle off and a booth. Food will also be available. Money is for the Bulldog Community Park.
- There will be a ribbon cutting/grand opening for the Commander Windshield Repair and Replacement on Saturday April 11 at 10 a.m. Yantzer will make a certificate.
- The Dog Trials needs a treasurer and person to update the website.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by secretary, Rhonda Duclo.