

# HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## Board Meeting April 29, 2015

Attendance: Nathan Sponseller, President; Bill Long, Vice President; Katherine Colwell, Communications Secretary; Sue Whittlesey, Treasurer; Rhonda Duclo, Recording Secretary; Carrie Yantzer, board member; Mary Hockenbery, Tracy Ihnot, Tom Wills, Sarah Pope

Whittlesey moved that the minutes be accepted as corrected. Colwell seconded the motion and it carried.

### Treasurer's Report:

March Balance:	\$9276.66
April Deposits:	642.00
April Expenses:	309.36
April 29, 2015 Balance	\$9609.30
Downtown Merchants	292.80
Special Projects	\$6154.35

Total in all funds \$16,056.45

Long moved to accept the treasurer's report. Duclo seconded the motion and it carried.

Communications Secretary Report: We now have 92 paid members. There are a number of things we need to do to update the Chamber website. Constant Contact is giving a free webinar. We have renewed our charitable status with the Secretary of State.

### Presentations:

Sarah Pope from the library talked about the promotion for the Tomato Festival in September. Local businesses need to get involved with displays, bands, salsa tasting and other promotions. Slow foods will also be involved. She also talked about the Seed Library and programs that are "Outside of the Lines." Nikole James came at the end of the meeting and discussed her proposal for upgrading the NorthForkValley.net site.

### Old Business:

- Welcome Bags - Ihnot showed us an example of the Welcome New Neighbors bags.
- Downtown Improvement - Wills updated us on the official addendum to the Town Masterplan. Colwell moved to endorse the general plan since it is a work in progress constantly being updated. Whittlesey seconded the motion and it carried.  
Hockenbery thanked Yantzer and the school for the wooden flowers that have been decorating the flower boxes.
- Sign Project – The sign will be done in three sections. The back board is ready.
- Ride the Rockies - Niki is working on a one page ad that will be in their booklet. Sponseller will arrange for mobile processing for credit cards for the beer garden. There is a \$20 application fee and \$4.95/month when the card is active. Wacky Apple and Big B's want to participate. Do we want to open up the possibility of other types of vendors. Long moved to allow this. Whittlesey seconded the motion and it carried.

- Bicycle Tour Colorado – Tuesday, June 23. They want to use the Hotchkiss K-8 facility, but have not asked the Chamber for help.
- Niki is working on the Hotchkiss Brochure design.

New Business:

- Colorado Grand will be returning on Friday, September 18. They will donate \$7,500 to the Chamber and the same amount for a scholarship.
- Debbie Pennington has asked for a ribbon cutting at her new location in the hotel building for North Fork Lifestyle on Friday, May 8 @2:00 p.m.
- We confirmed the date for the Art, Craft and Business Fair for Nov. 21. Booth cost will remain at \$25/space.
- Thank you's were read from Kyle at Commandar Windshields and Memorial Hall.

The Meeting was adjourned.

Executive Session:

We reviewed Article III of the Bylaws on memberships for members owning more than one business. We will continue as they are written.

Respectfully submitted

Rhonda Duclo, Recording Secretary