

# HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

promoting business & quality of life

## **Membership Meeting September 27, 2017. Wheeler Room.**

**Roll Call.** Board Members: Nathan Sponseller, Katherine Colwell, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey, Robbie Winne.  
Absent: Bill Long, Lynda Cannon. Community Members: Diane Perry, Tom Wills, Mitch Swanda

**Call to Order.** President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:00 am.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

August meeting minutes draft was emailed to Board members on September 1 by stand-in Recording Secretary Nathan Sponseller, and Board members sent corrections. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Winne seconded. All were in favor.

### **Treasurer's Report.**

Whittlesey presented the Treasurer's Report including account balances and income/expenses. Checking: \$1,109.09. Special Projects \$8092.95. Colwell motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

### **Communication Secretary's Report.**

Colwell presented the Communication Secretary's Report. Colwell had an inquiry that she was not able to answer, brought it to the group for discussion. Tuesday Info and Links email will take a two-week vacation while Colwell is out of town on October 17 and 24. Colwell requested to meet with Ihnot to discuss Facebook sometime in the next week.

### **Presentations/Introductions:**

**Diane Perry-North Fork Ambulance.** There were 135 business members last year, which is an increase from the previous year. Clarification was made on the HCCC membership discount. All of HCCC's business members can receive a \$10 discount on their business membership when completing the application. Perry suggested that people fill out separate applications for their business and personal memberships to avoid confusion. HCCC will communicate with its membership that there is a place on the application to indicate their membership with the chamber in order to receive the \$10 discount. Colwell made a suggestion that home page of the NFA website has a more obvious way to click into the membership application.

### **Old Business.**

**Sign Board Update.** Sponseller reported that the sign on the Paonia side has not been replaced yet. It will be completed and ready for pick up in a few days. Ihnot will email Pat at the DCI to suggest a photo opportunity for the paper when the sign goes up. Sponseller reported that the sign on the Crawford side of town is falling apart and will need to be replaced also. Ihnot suggested a change to the tag line on the sign. Wills commented that the other signs also have the same tag line. Colwell suggested that a committee is formed to work on the project to replace the sign in order to assess the construction, aesthetic, and financial aspects. Ihnot suggested a fundraiser to pay for the project. Sponseller suggested

that we put an announcement in the TL&I to look for parties interested in serving on the committee, then form the committee at the October membership meeting. All agreed.

**Downtown walking map.** Sponseller reported that, due to communications with members of the Creative Coalition since the last meeting, we are back on track to complete the map project as part of the Creative Coalitions CTO Grant. The deadline has been adjusted to give us more time. A draft is due by October 13 with completion by the end of November. Andrea Lecos will do the design work for this project.

**Dining and lodging guide update.** Sponseller updated the list and will provide copies to all five chambers, Kelli Hepler at the tourism cabinet, and other entities that might take advantage of it.

**Facilities Resource List Project.** The list is in draft form and will be sent out to various parties for feedback.

**Annual Meeting.** Thursday, November 9 from 5.30 to 7:00 at Doc Maloney House. Whittlesey contacted Mark Roeber and he will present at the meeting. Membership will be notified of the proposed by-law policy additions at least 21 days prior to the meeting. Members with viable email addresses will receive notification by email by October 17. All other members will be notified by mail by October 16. Sponseller will come up with wording for the letter. Colwell will send a general notice on October 3 with more details following. It was suggested that we have Pack Shack do the design for the post card invitation. Sponseller will contact Pack Shack to see if they can create the postcard. Ihnot will talk to Julie about Taco Hut doing the food for the meeting. HCCC can provide 2018 membership for them in exchange for part or all of the food. Four terms are expiring, Ihnot, Sponseller, Whittlesey and Long. All are willing to continue.

**Privacy Policy.** Sponseller created the draft policy after obtaining feedback. Colwell had one suggested change. Whittlesey made a motion to adopt the policy with changes and Winne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**Special Projects Policy draft.** Sponseller created the draft policy. Colwell had a clarifying question and made suggested changes to the draft. Whittlesey made a motion to adopt the policy with suggested changes and Ihnot seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **New Business.**

**Lodging phone system discussion.** Sponseller will contact Long about reprogramming the phone in the kiosk.

#### **Committee Reports.**

**Outreach Committee.** Ihnot reported that there is still a need for a donation of bags for the welcome bags. Ihnot will contact Swanda at Bank of Colorado to see if they can provide some bags. He expressed interest at the last HCCC Board Meeting.

#### **Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.**

**CDOT Signs.** There was a discussion about CDOTs treatment of signs and speed limit in the town of Hotchkiss. It was suggested that HCCC write a letter to our state representatives and the Colorado Tourism Office to express our concerns. Wills will share the letter that Mayor Koontz wrote with Sponseller. Sponseller will write the letter on behalf of the HCCC.

**Joint Chamber Meeting.** Meeting will be held in Hotchkiss at the Doc Maloney House on November 1 at 11am.

**Next Membership Meeting.** Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:50 am

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary