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HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Membership Meeting. January 30, 2019. Wheeler Room.

Roll Call. Board Members Present: Nathan Sponseller, Tracy Ihnot, Sue Whittlesey, Robbie Winne, Bill Long and Mitch Swanda.

Call to Order. President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:07 am.

Approval of Minutes.

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the December meeting minutes draft to Board members and corrections were sent via email. Whittlesey made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Winne seconded. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report.

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report, including year-to-date expenditures and 2018 final income and expenditures, prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. Whittlesey gave an overview of all outstanding balances. As of report date, there is \$4,331.87 in the operating account and \$15,154.23 in the Special Projects account. Ihnot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

Communication Secretary's Report.

Winne gave a report on her progress taking over some of the Communication Secretary duties. After receiving some feedback on the membership e-newsletter, Winne will try to condense the content and include external links. Winne plans to learn how to change out the photos on the e-newsletter in the coming weeks. Board members discussed the possibility of moving to a weekly e-newsletter and highlighting members.

Presentations/Introductions:

No presentations/introductions

Old Business.

Membership update- 71 renewals. Sponseller gave an update on the 2019 membership drive. The second solicitation was sent on 1/28/19. Sponseller is sending thank you letters and providing 2019 tags. Ihnot and Winne need access to the new and renewing membership list for the website directory and the membership e-newsletter. Sponseller is working on providing access through a cloud-based service. See 'Records Project' under 'New Business' for more information.

Ride the Rockies Update. Sponseller reported that Carrie Yantzer represented HCCC at the RTR route announcement party in Denver on January 18, 2019. Sponseller has set up an email account, northforkvalleyhomestay@gmail.com, to give riders the opportunity to request homestays for the night of June

14. Anyone who sends an email will receive an auto-reply that they are on the list and that someone will be in touch soon. The cost will be \$40 a night and the host will collect at time of stay. Long is coordinating the music for the event. HCCC will manage the info tent and beer garden. Board Members discussed the possibility of providing a pasta dinner as a fundraiser for HCCC.

Rural Philanthropy Days Update. Sponseller and Ihnot reported on the recent joint chambers meeting and the presentation by Elaine Brett and Michelle Livingston on the Western Slope Rural Philanthropy Days (RPD) event scheduled for June 12-14. Brett is the Co-Chair of the Western Slope RPD Steering Committee and Livingston is the Events Coordinator. The goal of the event is to bring area non-profits and potential donors together and generally results in a large amount of funding coming into the area. HCCC can support members by sharing the "Save the Date" for the event and notifying business members of the event. Area businesses can provide items for welcome bags that will be given to approximately 350 attendees during the event. Board Members will consider the RPD sponsorship request letter and revisit it at the February membership meeting.

E-Waste Event- Saturday, April 27, 9am-1pm. Sponseller reported that the date is confirmed with the fairgrounds and all necessary parties have been contacted.

New Business.

Records Project. Sponseller gave an update on his efforts to combine the previous Communications Secretary's files with his files. It is moving along nicely. Sponseller researched options for cloud-based document sharing. Go Daddy is the most affordable option and Sponseller has begun the process to add the cloud service feature to HCCC's existing account.

Committee Reports.

Outreach Committee. Ihnot gave an update on New Neighbor Welcome Bags and suggested that Board Members share the responsibility of contacting new and renewing members for 2019 to promote the bags as a HCCC benefit and acquire new items for the bags.

Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.

Business After Hours will take place at Bank of Colorado on Friday, March 1 at 6pm.

Next Membership Meeting. Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 27 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:46 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary