



# HCCC

HOTCHKISS COMMUNITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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## **Membership Meeting. September 25, 2019. Wheeler Room.**

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

Absent: Sue Whittlesey. Community Members Present: Tom Wills of The Merchant Herald and Wills Used Book Store, Kim Shay of Ace Gambles, and Mary Hockenbery, Hotchkiss Town Trustee.

**Call to Order.** President Sponseller called the meeting of the membership and Board to order at 8:02 am.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

Recording Secretary Ihnot emailed the draft of the August minutes to Board members. Corrections were sent via email. Winne made the motion to accept the minutes as amended and Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

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

Whittlesey emailed the Treasurer's report prior to the meeting for Board Members to review. As of report date, there is \$5,574.91 in the operating account and \$15,163.25 in the Special Projects account. Ihnot made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Long seconded. All were in favor.

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

Nothing new to report.

### **Presentations/Introductions:**

Mary Hockenbery and Kim Shay requested a regular spot on the HCCC Membership Meeting agenda to give updates on the Hotchkiss Prosperity Plan. Hockenbery provided HCCC board members with a document titled "Hotchkiss Prosperity Work Plan by stakeholder", which included focus areas for implementing the plan and an outline of how HCCC can contribute to the process. Hockenbery and Shay asked HCCC board members to review the work plan and be a primary stakeholder in the process. The HCCC e-newsletter will include regular announcements about Hotchkiss Prosperity Work Plan meetings and Hotchkiss merchant meetings.

Hockenbery gave HCCC Board Members an update on the Colorado Main Street program and outlined the prerequisites for moving from the initial Affiliate tier to the Candidate tier. The Candidate tier is expected to last four years. According to Hockenbery, Michelle Haines of Region 10 indicated that Hotchkiss is ready to move to the next tier soon. There was brief discussion about HCCC's capacity to be more involved in the process moving forward.

### **Old Business.**

**Welcome to Hotchkiss message board-Delta direction.** Sponseller reported that the message board at the Delta entrance to town is in very poor shape and the cost to replace it is \$540. The Crawford direction sign is also in poor shape. Board members discussed possibilities for improving all signage and the need to collaborate

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and have a detailed plan in place before moving forward. In the meantime, board members agreed that the Delta direction message board should be replaced now. Long made a motion to allocate \$540 to replace the Delta direction message board. Swanda seconded. All were in favor.

**New Business.**

**Distribution of phone and email duties.** Sponseller will continue with checking the voicemail through the end of September and Swanda will take over for the month of October. Whittlesey will continue responding to HCCC emails.

**Planning for Annual Meeting.** Board members set a tentative date of Tuesday, November 12 for the annual meeting. Ihnot will take care of confirming a location, menu, and live music. Board members will start getting the word out about nominations for the Business of the Year, Citizen of the Year, and Non-Profit of the Year awards.

**Next year's board.** Whittlesey, Sponseller, Ihnot, and Long have terms expiring in 2019. Board members discussed who is willing to run again and how to fill the spot that remained open in 2019.

**Committee Reports.**

No committee reports.

**Announcements/Non-Agenda Items.**

No announcements/non-agenda items.

**Next Membership Meeting.** Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30 at 8am in the Wheeler Room.

**Adjournment.** Meeting was adjourned by Sponseller at 9:05am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Tracy Ihnot, Recording Secretary