

# Saguache Chamber of Commerce Meeting

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*Tuesday October 12, 2010 6:30pm Location - 4<sup>th</sup> Street Diner*

## Board Members Present:

Barry Van Sant

Darryl Reinsel

Chris Gydesen (via proxy)

## Members Present:

Carita Ginn

Rebie Hazard

Annie Neilsen

Caroline Irwin

Kim Smoyer

Greg Terrell

Byron Williams (via proxy)

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- a. Call to Order (Barry Van Sant) 6:35pm
- b. Determination of Quorum (10% of membership) **Yes**
- c. Additions / Deletions of the Agenda (Darryl Reinsel, Secretary)
  - i. Kim Smoyer- Rural Philanthropy Days
    1. September 2011- Seeking Chamber involvement.
    2. Kim will continue to research out if we are able to have enough rooms.
      - a. Barry motioned that we endorse this effort.
      - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Annie Neilsen.
- d. Reading and Approval of unapproved minutes of previous meeting.
  - a. Darryl motioned for approval
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kim.
  - c. Review and approval of any unapproved monthly financial statements
  - d. There were no financial statements to review
  - e. Reports from the Officers and Committees
    - i. Barry Van Sant, as acting chair, reported on the recent Board of Directors meeting and reviewed the issues and outcomes of that meeting. The Board Minutes are available online for review. Darryl Reinsel, Secretary/Treasurer reported on the financial condition of the Chamber and provided an update on the membership dues and members in good standing. Balance in the Checking Account is \$1384.25
    - ii. We have 12 members in Good Standing at this time.
- f. Participation by Members or Public

- g. There was no additional participation at this time.
- h. Unfinished Business. Barry Van Sant, Vice President,
- i. **Library District endorsement request.**
  - i. Several Chamber members were very reluctant to endorse a tax increase without a strong tie to economic development. There was some debate and disagreement on this point.
  - ii. The “Purpose” of the Chamber was read from the bylaws. Again several members could not find a strong tie to this endorsement and the Chamber’s purpose. The feeling was it was best that the Chamber endorse only those items that fall squarely within the purpose. Again there was some debate and disagreement on this point.
  - iii. Annie made a motion that a vote, not in favor of the endorsement be taken.
  - iv. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by
  - v. Vote was 5 Opposed, 4 in Favor and 1 Abstained. The endorsement did not pass.
- j. **New Business**
- k. **Amendment to the By Laws**
  - i. Barry re-wrote some of the bylaws to make them a little clearer.
  - ii. Darryl Motioned to Accept the bylaws as amended.
  - iii. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- l. **Map Contest**
  - i. Barry related Chris’ idea to have a map contest to see if there was someone in the community to do this for us.
  - ii. There was considerable discussion concerning this. Essentially it was decided to take no action on this and to continue to use the current map format and update it in the near future.
- m. **Town POW WOW Endorsement Request**
  - i. Caroline shared with us an opportunity to endorse the POW WOW coming to Saguache in September 2011 – 1 Week after Fall Festival
  - ii. Annie motioned to vote on this.
  - iii. Greg 2<sup>nd</sup>
    - 1. Vote was unanimous for the endorsement.
- n. **Review Budget Worksheet**
  - i. Barry Review the Budget with us.
  - ii. Pointed out that the main portion of the Chamber Budget relies upon Tax Grant monies and while that has been helpful in getting the Chamber going it is unlikely that the Chamber will always be able to rely on public funds to sustain itself.
  - iii. Membership dues do not currently cover the minimal budget as drafted. The Chamber will probably require fund raisers, donations, or other methods to acquire needed monies to operate or member dues will need to be raised.
  - iv. Barry discussed the to grow the membership and suggested the forming of a Membership Committee.

- v. Greg agreed to help create a membership drive by pulling together Chamber documents and other forms to give to customers as they come into the diner. He would make documents explaining the benefits of the Chamber available to business patrons and try to convince them to join up.
- o. **Setting next Chamber Meeting**
- p. Next Chamber Meeting will be at the USFS Office in the Conference Room.
  - i. December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm
- q. **Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm**