

# Saguache Chamber of Commerce

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## *General Membership Meeting*

**December 14, 2010**      **Location: USFS Conf Rm., 46525 Highway 114**

**Start Time: 6:30 pm**

Board Members Present

Barry Van Sant   Darryl Reinsel

Caroline Irwin

Members Present:

Carita Ginn

Rebie Hazard

Anne Nielsen

Kim Smoyer

Ellen Cox

John Darden (via Proxy)

## **Minutes**

- a. Call To Order ( Barry Van Sant)
- b. Determination of Quorum-- (10% of membership) **Yes**
- c. Additions/Deletions of the Agenda-- None
- d. Reading and approval of any unapproved minutes of the meeting
  - a. Approved as Modified
- e. Review and approval of any unapproved monthly financial statements (Darryl Reinsel)
  - a. The Chamber Bank account has \$1409.19
- f. Reports from Officers and Committees
  - a. Chris Gydesen – Solar (Colorado Public Radio & Commission meeting)
    - i. Chris was not present, but meeting did not happen.
  - b. Greg Terrell – Membership program
    - i. Greg told Darryl Membership drive is going slow. 1 new member.
    - ii. We currently have 17 members in good standing.
- g. Participation by Members or Public
  - i. Kim Smoyer updated us on - Rural Philanthropy Days
    1. Saguache was chosen to host this event in the Fall of 2011 immediately after the Pow Wow September 2011 – 1 Week after Fall Festival.
    2. We expect to see around 200 attending.
- h. Unfinished Business
  - a. Chamber Tax exemption process

- i. Barry Finished the Application process and sent in the form for the 501(c)6. Waiting on a “Determination Letter from the IRS.
    - b. Ribbon cutting program
      - i. Caroline Irwin will head up our Ribbon Cutting Program
        - 1. She will work on the details and report to us next meeting.
  - i. New Business
    - a. Industrial Solar – We discussed the idea of developing a Chamber position on the issue.
      - i. After much discussion the members decided that we would agree to our Mission Statement. “The Chamber of Commerce is an organization representing member of businesses, individuals, government agencies; which have come together to develop the economy of Saguache and surrounding areas while working to preserve those community and environmental features which make our home the unique, friendly and beautiful place to live in and visit. Chamber of Commerce members are committed to promoting a healthy and viable community for residents and visitors.”
    - b. Fund Raising Plan for 2011 – Create a Fund Raising Committee
      - i. Kim Smoyer agreed to Chair a Committee. She will check into Grants that are available for the Chamber.
        - 1. Carita and Caroline will assist her
    - c. Scholarship program – Create a Scholarship Committee
      - i. The Chamber Members all agreed the will need to encourage the young people of our community to be involved in entrepreneurship.
        - 1. Ellen will Chair a committee on Scholarships.
        - 2. Anne will assist her.
    - d. Update Chamber information on ScSeed site and Town of Saguache site.
      - i. Kim and Darryl will update each website.
    - e. 2011 Budget Review Draft budget & approved
      - i. Budget approved with modifications.
  - j. Setting of next meeting date, place, and time
    - a. The Next General Membership Meeting will be on February 8, 2011 @ The Orchard House in Saguache. 810 Denver Ave.
  - k. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Darryl Reinsel    Secretary/ Treasurer