

Coudersport Area Chamber of Commerce
Membership Meeting Minutes
February 17th , 2026

Welcome and Introductions:

Attendees: Caroline Powers, President; Gus Kulawiecz; Vice President; Lisa Brennan; Community Liaison, Sonya Rittberg, Howard Hanna Professionals; Kelly Werner, Dark Skies Search Dogs; Doug & Linette Tushar, Austin Campground; Traci Ceslik, Northwest Bank; Chuck Jewell, community member; Donell Ayers, Frosty Hollow; Bev Morris, Arboretum; Kathi Jackson, Volunteers That Care; Andy Dubots, Community Member; Jennifer Reese, Pennie

Member/Community Updates & Comments:

Lisa Brennan handed out a calendar to get any updates for events in the area for the month of February.

Doug Tushae from Austin Campground spoke about the store at the campground. How they want to publish a directory as to where to go at the campground and to help generation business. Doug asked members if they would like their names in the directory. \$50 to put your name in the directory. Ad runs April thru December. Jennifer Reese spoke about how she is in health insurance and helps small businesses to enroll in health insurance. Penny Health Insurance.

Upcoming events for Community Calendar:

Andy Dubots spoke about crockpot cook off event. \$2 for map. \$10 to join. Fall?? Last food fun Friday?? Wasnt sure on a date, just a suggestion.

Gus spoke about the Artisan Festival meeting that is on Thursday February 19th, 2026 at 6pm. The Event is Aug 21st, 22nd and 23rd 2026.

New Business:

Minutes & Treasurer Report

Caroline asked for a motion to accept the approval for minutes and treasurer report. Donell Ayers made the motion, Traci Ceslik seconded the motion. All accepted.

Caroline made an improvement to the minutes from last month and asked for a motion. Doug Tushar made the motion, and Kathi Jackson seconded the motion. All accepted.

Treasurer Nomination/Vote

Ballots were given out to each member present, Lisa Brennan collected ballots and counted votes along with 1 member Kelly Warner. Votes were by business/member represented, not individual person.

The votes were unanimous to vote Traci Ceslik as Treasurer.

Caroline made motion to accept Traci Ceslik as Treasurer. Doug Tushar made the motion, Kathi Jackson, seconded motion, All accepted.

Budget Committee

Caroline asked about volunteers for the Committee.

Budget Committee will be Traci Ceslik, Caroline Powers, Donell Ayers, Greg Brink and Doug Tushar

Split Sponsorship & Membership Requirements

Caroline spoke about new brochures. March 15, 2026 is the deadline for the maple fest and if anyone would like to sponsor it.

Letters going out in the mail will be about maple fest and if members want to be gold or platinum, which will be to put your name on the banner. Members had questions about how sponsorships go.

Phone Line

Gus spoke about the phone line and how we have not had a phone call at all. Gus let everyone know we are just going to use the email and the chamber fb page and

that we are going to have Gus and Carolines phone number on the social media pages as well.

No members rejected getting rid of the “land line” for the Chamber office.

Route 6 Alliance

Caroline spoke about the event, and she has a meeting with Danielle from Alliance. Caroline stated the meeting is Friday February 20th at 1:30. Mentioned to attendees that we were nominated for the Heritage.

Old Business:

Audit Report

Caroline spoke that the audit committee sent a report, and we have not received an answer yet from Susan about questions. Donell asked after review with Susan on the report, that at the next public meeting with members to ask if there are any questions about the revised report.

Maple Festival

Caroline spoke about the maple fest meeting that was held on February 11th, 2026. Everything is covered, entertainment, advertisements, etc.. The event is May 1st and 2nd .

Easter Egg Hunt with Sweden Valley Manor

Lisa Brennan handed out flyers for the event. Caroline went over the event, and a bike that someone could win. Kids will be able to sign the banner and there will be donations for the residents. Caroline asked if anyone wanted to help towards donations towards getting the bike. Doug Tushar asked if we could break up the age groups.

Megan Kellert is going to take pictures. The event is going to be at the Arboretum or the legion pavilion. 20 kids have rsvp already.

Asking donations for candy. Manor is taking care of the eggs for the hunt and baskets.

250th Celebration

Gus spoke about how he has reached out to Paul Heimel. He also got a link about the celebration. Kick off is January 28th. Can find the info on the county site. Gus is going to get a list of the events. Concert July 3rd 2026.

Food Fun Friday

Caroline spoke that Kim will be posting an updated flyer.

Changes to the event: include dates for themes changing. Elvis is going to be now playing for community glow up July 17th 2026.

Sept 11th 2026 will now be the military appreciation night – Red Horse will be there for food.

Members brought up a few questions,

Formal ceremony?? Sponsor eagle scouts??

Caroline made motion to adjourn public meeting. Doug Tushae accepted motion, Traci Ceslik seconded motion. All accepted.