



Park County Historical Society

A non-profit Colorado Corporation

Regular Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Park County Historical Society Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:35pm with President, Dee Brown, presiding.

Attending:

Directors: Dee Brown, Linda Wood, Jim Sapp, Karen Christenson, Craig Christenson, and Bill Kulenburg.

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: Art Hall

Approval of the August 9, 2013 Special Meeting minutes:

Motion: Art Hall moved to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2013 Special Meeting minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on By-laws – Jim

Jim was prepared to update the membership on the status of the by-laws, however, due to the poor attendance, no update was provided. Those who were in attendance were already familiar with the status of the by-law revisions.

The next version of the by-laws revisions will be distributed to the Board of Directors prior to the next Special Meeting on August 23, 2013 at 6:30 PM at the home of the President, Dee Brown. (*Contact Dee for directions.*)

Art inquired about the process to approve the revisions to the by-laws. Jim indicated that the process to approve the revised by-laws is defined in the current PCHS by-laws and must be followed. The membership of the PCHS will have an opportunity to review and approve the revised by-laws once the proposed revisions are complete.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marketing and Promotions – Craig Christenson

Craig reported that he has been negotiating with CDOT to have a directional sign installed on US 285 promoting the McGraw Memorial Park and the activities available at the Park. Considering that McGraw Park is both cultural and recreational in nature, CDOT representatives appeared to agree that it may qualify for a directional sign. Discussion followed related to the approximate number of daily visitors to the Park and the number of parking spaces available. Craig will report the assessment back to CDOT.

Craig presented a draft of the proposed sign. The sign, approximately 24" x 48", will be located on both the north and south bound lanes of the highway and will include icons indicating services available (restrooms, picnicking, fishing, hiking, and kayaking).¹

Concerns were raised that the sign could encourage even more visitors to take advantage of the Park's resources. Most agreed, however, that any additional attendance could be effectively

¹ A draft of the proposed sign is located at: www.fairy-lamp.com/PCHS/CDOT_Sign.jpg

managed once a robust docent program is established to keep the buildings open and more volunteers are recruited to help maintain the Park.

Bill suggested that once the sign is installed, we sponsor a "Grand Opening" to highlight the Park. Most were in agreement that the Park is developing as a community asset for tourists, residents, and our local business community.

Membership and Events – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that the PCHS has 119 members and the Shawnee Branch has 44 with a total of 163 members. In addition, several delinquent members have indicated their plans to renew their memberships. Society membership continues to grow at a steady pace.

Linda Bjorklund will be the presenter at the PCHS Dinner and Speaker program on September 14th at the Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church, 106 Rosalie Road, Bailey. Linda's presentation will be on "Pioneer Women." Linda also indicated her interest in increasing her presence "on this side of the pass" with support of the Society.

Karen reported that Jack Flint, former President of the Park County Historical Society in the 1980s, indicated that he would like to volunteer to be a docent. Jack has invaluable historical information about the Park, including many historical photographs.

Discussion continued related to other potential presenters with no confirmation of plans.

Treasurer's Report – Bill Kulenburg

The PCHS Treasurer, Bill Kulenburg, provided the following financial summary from the Treasurer's report:

ACCOUNTS:

PCHS Checking	\$2,438.52
PCHS Savings	\$8,557.34
Sub-Total	\$10,995.86
PCHS Cash on hand.....	\$127.00
PCHS Total	\$11,122.86
Shawnee Historical Savings.....	\$2,387.71
Mosquito Book Sales Account.....	\$45.07
Courthouse Renovation Account	\$.12
Total	\$13,555.76

FUNDS:

Caboose Renovation Fund	\$1,223.00
Security Camera Fund.....	\$641.78
Restroom Donations.....	\$25.69

At the request of the Board, Bill reported the restroom donations separately in his accounting. The donation box continues to be a viable source of funding to support the restroom maintenance. It was speculated that the kayaker's are the source of most of the donations.

Bill sold one copy of the Engine No 9 DVD from the School House store. The same individual who purchased the DVD also inquired about additional historical books. After some discussion,

Craig Christenson reported that Nancy Warren, co-author of "Bits and Pieces Along the 285 Corridor" gave permission for the Society to reprint the book.

Bill reported one unsolicited comment related to the trail on Morrow Mountain. Apparently, there is need for a directional sign at the end of the bridge and some steep areas of the trail that may need steps to accommodate elderly visitors. Discussion followed related to classification of the trail with no resolution.

Motion: Jim moved the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Shawnee Branch – Art Hall

Art, representing the Shawnee Branch, reported that Shawnee Branch meets the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 20th at the Shawnee Tea Room. Prior to the next meeting, there will be a tour of one of the Shawnee homes.

Jim inquired about the "Shawnee Walking Tour Guide". Art indicated that the guide was nearly complete. When the Tour Guide is complete, Jim offered to put it on-line.

Craig raised the issue of distributing the minutes to the members. All were in agreement that the members should receive a copy of the minutes from all future meetings in addition to putting them on-line. Jim offered to assist in the e-mail distribution.

Curator – Dee Brown

Dee reported that Mr. Paul Wilkes, Crush Pest Control, surveyed the buildings in McGraw Park for pests. Paul reported that the Enriken and Wren Cabins are infested with mice and that there were no signs of bats in the structures. In addition, the affected buildings should be closed due to health concerns until the problem is resolved. The cost of the survey (\$125) was waived citing our non-profit status and historical preservation affiliation.

Paul proposed that bait stations be placed around all the structures in Park to eliminate the problem. He offered to provide us the materials if we wished to maintain them ourselves or he would install and maintain the bait traps as a pest control service. The cost of each bait station is approximately \$25 with the total cost of \$300 to provide coverage to the three principal structures within the Park. In addition, Paul proposed to clean the buildings of mouse droppings for an additional \$75 and a monthly service fee of \$65 to clean and re-bait all the traps.

After discussion and agreement that our volunteers should not be exposed to an additional health hazard, the Board agreed to contract for pest control services at McGraw Park

Motion: Bill moved that we contract with Crush Pest Control for a period of three months not to exceed \$500. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Maintenance – Linda Wood

Linda reported that she is continuing to empty the Park trash cans on regular basis and is monitoring and cleaning the restrooms as needed. In addition, Linda indicated that smoking in the Park is an ongoing problem. Linda routinely picks up cigarette butts in and around the Wait Station. It was speculated that the violators are adolescents and not visitors to the Park.

Linda also reported that the recycling bins are very effective. Visitors to the Park seem to appreciate the opportunity to recycle their waste.

Trips – No report available.

NEW BUSINESS:

285 Coupon Book

Dee reported that the Society has an opportunity to place an advertisement in a "285 Coupon Book" that will be offered for sale in support of "285 Back Pack Project" to assist needy children in the Bailey area. The non-profit cost of the advertisement (500 words - 5.6" x 6.5") is \$125.00. The deadline for the advertisement is August 31st.

After considerable discussion related to the merits of the proposal, it was generally agreed that an advertisement in the "285 Coupon Book" was not in the Society's best interest at this time. There was, however, agreement in supporting the "285 Back Pack Project" with a donation.

Motion: Art moved that the Society make a \$50 donation to the "285 Back Pack Project." The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Action: Jim will write a cover letter and send the donation to the Conifer Rotary, sponsor of the "285 Back Pack Project."²

History Colorado

Bill received an invitation to renew our membership to the History Colorado³ organization. After discussion of the merits of renewing our membership, it was agreed not to renew our membership at this time.

Meeting adjourned:

Motion: Art moved that the Society be adjourned at approximately 7:40pm. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Respectively submitted, August 17, 2013



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS

² www.285backpackproject.org

³ www.historycolorado.org