

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the PCHS Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:35 PM with the President, Dee Brown, presiding.

Attending:

Directors: Dee Brown, Jim Sapp, Pat Mauro, Karen Christenson, Craig Christenson, and Jim Glenn

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: John Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg (Absent)

Bill provided via e-mail a financial report as of August 1, 2014, to the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting.

Dee, reporting on communications from Bill, indicated that Bill provided a check for \$500 to the Shawnee Branch at their request. The purpose is unknown at this time.

Craig inquired about the billing from IREA. The IREA billing seems high considering what little power is used at the Park. There was no resolution or explanation available.

Craig inquired about the charges to "operations." The charges were for 700 copies of the PCHS brochures.

Craig inquired about the "dinner/membership" expense. It appears that the "expense" should have been tabulated as "income."

In addition, there was broad concern about the charges from Bailey Water. Most agreed the charges are excessive considering the perceived minimal water usage of water at the Park.

Motion: In consideration of unanswered questions and billing concerns, there was no motion to approve the Treasurer's Report.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim requested approval of the July 18, 2014 meeting minutes.

Motion: Karen Christenson moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 204 members including members of the Shawnee Branch. Karen also reported that new members are receiving a complimentary copy of the Cattle Drive and Engine No. 9 DVDs.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Dee Brown and Karen Christenson

Dee commented that the Park County Republican Women are planning a picnic at McGraw Park on August 28. The buildings will be open for their visit.

Karen reported that she is trying to get someone to give a presentation at the September dinner. There are several leads, but so far, there is nothing definite planned for either the September to October events.

Dee reported that Rex Rideout will be the presenter for the November 8 dinner. His presentation will be in recognition of 150th anniversary of the end of the Civil War. There will also be displays of Civil War artifacts by Tom Cordas.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro

Pat reported that a field trip was planned to Eldred Rankin's 40 acres in the Burland Ranchettes area on August 24. Plans for future events were discussed but no decisions were made.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Barbara Jerome Behl (absent)

Nothing to report.

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

Dee reported that the assessment of the Barnett Cabin was made by Ernie Ryberg, Ryberg Construction Co. Inc.¹ Mr. Ryberg indicated that the cabin was salvable and could be moved, however, there was no cost estimate provided. In addition, there are unknown expenses associated with the move and required foundation. In addition, it is uncertain exactly where the cabin could be located within the Park. Dee will continue to research the project to finalize the potential locations and a cost estimate.

Dee reported that Keriba Blattel (SVC Technologies) has offered to clean the buildings in McGraw Park every week.

Karen Christenson reported that the almost all of slash on the Bailey River Walk Trail has all been chipped and spread along the trail.

Jim Sapp reported that a dog sled was going to be donated to the PCHS. Jim will pick up the sled when the owner makes arrangements to meet with him. The sled is currently located in Placer Valley near Alma.

Dee reported that Linda Henley has a number of history books she is considering donating to the PCHS.

¹ www.rybergconstruction.com

John Rankin reported that chinking is falling out of the Wren Cabin and needs attention. The family of the original owners of the Wren Cabin expressed interest in financially supporting any maintenance/repairs to the cabin.

OLD BUSINESS

CRUSH PEST CONTROL:

There was discussion related to exactly what vermin is living in the Entriken Cabin. It is not clear if they are mice or bats. Opinions differ with no resolution. Dee is concerned that the fee for pest control (\$65 per month) is not cost effective. Dee will discuss the issue with Crush Pest Control for another assessment of the problem and recommendations to remedy the situation.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS:

It was noted that a motion was made at the previous meeting to authorize \$50 expenditure for the book *Bits and Pieces of History Along the 285 Corridor* by Harold Warren but the motion was not seconded or voted on. Dee was unable to obtain additional information on the cost of the books or the number of copies available.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved to approve the purchase of an unknown quantity of books not to exceed \$50. The motion was seconded and approved by the Board of Directors.

CABOOSE:

Craig Christenson reported that significant progress has been made painting the caboose. There is still some preparation work to be done on the end of the caboose and part of the cupola. Once the preparation is complete, the caboose will be painted with two coats of paint. The paint, while expensive, is holding up very well. The same paint will be used on the picnic tables, school house door, and the newly installed wooden bridge. Once the painting is completed, work will begin on the restoration of the bumpers.

Pat Mauro reported that he has received all the bolts for the bumpers on the caboose.

Pat Mauro reported that plans to install a solar powered battery system for the caboose lighting are progressing nicely. The battery is being purchased by the PCHS and the solar system is being donated by Larry and Keriba Blattel.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS – Dee Brown

Dee reported that she spoke with the community service candidate, Mitchell Erickson. Mitchell indicated that he had contacted Bailey Trails but they had nothing for him to do. In the discussion, Dee mentioned that the Way Station needed to have the shingles replaced. It was not clear if Mitchell is capable or willing to undertake the project. Dee will contact the case worker for additional information.

TRAILS – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that the slash chipping has been completed on the trails with the exception of two small piles of slash. It was suggested that the two remaining piles be burned as a celebration of the completion of the project.

LAWN MOWERS AND EDGERS - Craig Christenson

Craig reported that the lawnmowers and edgers are working great. The two batteries have sufficient storage for approximately 25 minutes each. There is enough power to mow the center of the park and around the buildings using the two batteries. The battery powered edgers work equally as well.

DVD PRODUCTION - Craig Christenson

Craig has completed the production of the Robert's Tunnel DVD. Craig had previously asked for suggestions to delete portions of the video but no suggestions were received. Most agreed that there were no sections that could be eliminated because of their historical significance.

Jim Glenn recommended that those individuals who worked on the DVD be recognized in the credits at the end of the video.

There is significant discussion related to DVD reproduction with no decisions or plans made. The issue was tabled pending additional research.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Craig reported that the CDOT McGraw Memorial Park signs on 285 will be installed in a few weeks.

Craig and Karen reported that visitors to the Park are very pleased that the buildings are open more often and that the grounds are being cared for. Dee lamented that her plans to have a cadre of docents available is not working out as planned.

Jim Glenn circulated a list of PCHS accomplishments and a "dream list" of projects to be done. The goal is to promote our accomplishments and entice others to volunteer to help with the "dream list" of projects remaining to be done. After discussion and several suggestions, no decisions were made as to how to promote or distribute the list.

There was some discussion related to the correct terminology for the Glen Isle Wait/Way Station. There was a general agreement that, technically, the correct term is "Way Station."

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is September 19, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS