

# Park County Historical Society

*A Colorado Non-profit Corporation*

## Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the PCHS Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:30 PM with President, Karen Christenson, presiding.

### **Attending:**

**Directors:** Karen Christenson, Linda Watson, Craig Christenson, Jim Sapp, Jim Glenn, Sue Glenn, and Bill Kulenburg.

**Committee Chairpersons, members and guests:** John Rankin, Art Hall, Christie Wright, and Michael Caton.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg**

Bill provided the Board of Directors copies of the June and July Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting for their review. Following discussion and explanation of minor details there were no changes or corrections to the reports.

**Motion:** Linda Watkins moved that the Treasurer's Report ending July 31, 2015 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Bill complimented Craig Christenson on his continued support in the production of DVDs. The sale of DVDs continues to be strong and his work is appreciated by everyone.

#### **SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp**

Jim distributed the minutes prior to the meeting for review and requested approval of the July 10, 2015 meeting minutes.

**Motion:** Karen Christenson moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson**

Karen reported that we currently have 189 members including 18 members of the Shawnee Branch. Karen also reported that she, along with Linda Watson, were able to register 16 new members at the Hartsel Days festivities. Memberships and sales brought in \$286 during the two day event. All agreed the participation in the Hartsel Days festivities was a success.

**EVENTS - Karen Christenson**

Karen reported the following event schedule:

- Snowstorm Dredge presentation .....September 12, 2015  
*by Gary Higgins and Jackie Powell*
- John Redmond .....October 17, 2015
- Rex Rideout .....November 14, 2015

**SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Vince Tolpo (absent)**

Art Hall, representing the Shawnee Historical Society, indicated that the Society is in the early planning stages of unspecified events in October.

**CURATOR REPORT - Jim Glenn**

Jim reported the he met with Christie Wright to discuss the role of the Curator. Jim indicated that the meeting was profitable and there was good agreement of a suggested division of responsibilities should she be interested in a position as Curator on the PCHS Board of Directors.

Following Jim's report, the meeting was opened to nominations to the PCHS Board of Directors and Officer position as Curator.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS NOMINATIONS**

**Nominations to the Board of Directors:**

*Nominations for vacant positions on the Board of Directors may be made by any member in good standing of the Park County Historical Society for consideration and approval by the membership of the Society present at the meeting.*

**Nomination:** Karen Christenson nominated Christie Wright to the PCHS Board of Directors. The nomination was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the members present.

Christie's appointment as Director is effective on this date and will expire on August 21, 2018.

**Nominations to an Officer position on the Board of Directors:**

*Members of the Board of Directors shall be nominated and elected to an Officer position (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Curator) by majority vote of the Board of Directors present at the meeting.*

Christie Wright expressed an interest in accepting a position as Curator citing her experience on the Board of Directors of the Park County Local History Archives.

**Nomination:** Karen Christenson nominated Christie Wright to the office of Curator. The nomination was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Christie's appointment as an Officer of the PCHS Board of Directors is effective on this date and will expire on August 21, 2017.

Christie took the opportunity to introduce a suggestion to develop a PCHS Collections Policy. She, along with other members of the Archives Board of Directors, developed such a policy and she recommended such a document be developed for the PCHS.

John Rankin, relying on his prior experiences as PCHS curator, offered to work with Christie to develop such a policy. Art Hall indicated that there is already such a policy on file in the Annex, but its exact location is unknown.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Bats in the Entriken Cabin**

Karen Christenson reported that a significant number of bats have been discovered on the second floor of the Entriken cabin. Karen has contacted two exterminators to provide an assessment and estimate on removal, clean-up, and prevention of future bat habitation in the cabin. At this time the cost is unknown, but Karen speculated it could be several thousand dollars.

The second floor of the Entriken cabin is closed to visitors until the situation is mitigated.

### **Trash Disposal**

Karen reported that she has a preliminary agreement to use the Rustic Station Restaurant trash dumpster for \$40 a month during the months of May through October. In consideration of the small amount of trash we have, the arrangement and fee is not a cost effective option. Instead, Karen and Craig Christenson have volunteered to take the trash to the dump as required. The cost per bag at the dump is \$3.00. Karen would like to add another \$2.00 per bag to cover their time and expense bringing the total to \$5.00 per bag. Karen estimated that there could be 1-6 bags of trash per month. After discussion, it was agreed to accept the generous offer with the understanding that the cost per bag (\$5.00) covers the dump fee and reasonable expenses to cover transportation costs.

**Motion:** Bill Kulenburg moved to approved the expenditure as presented. The motion was amended to include "any volunteer who preformed the trash removal service." The motion, as amended, was seconded and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Karen Christenson reminded everyone that Railroad Day is Saturday, August 22. There are many events planned including the opening of the newly renovated Como Depot.

### **FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)**

There was no report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **BOOK - *BITS AND PIECES OF HISTORY ALONG THE 285 CORRIDOR***

Karen Christenson reported that the Knotty Pine sells the book *Bits and Pieces along the 285 Corridor* by Harold Warren for \$13.95. Jim Sapp suggested that we sell the book at the same price so as not to undercut the Knotty Pine.

Karen will purchase the books previously authorized and make them available during Railroad Day and future dinner/presentation events.

#### **SIGNS - Craig Christenson**

Craig reported that the plaque designating the Harold Warren Memorial Tree and the flag pole will be installed next week.

#### **LANDSCAPING AT THE PARK - Michael Caton**

At the invitation of Jim Glenn, Michael presented his vision for landscaping improvements at the McGraw Memorial Park.

Michael introduced himself and expressed an interest in volunteering his services to construct several landscaping features at the Park. The features include enhancements to the "Canon Echos" sign, the entrance to the Park, walkways, and rock gardens. Michael is working toward certification and wishes to use the Park to demonstrate his skills and to fulfill his requirements for certification. Michael indicated that there would be no cost to the PCHS for either his time, materials or required equipment.

Michael circulated his preliminary concepts of his landscaping proposal for review. The concepts include extensive use of rocks, gardens, and pathways to improve the "curb appeal" of the Park. During the discussion it was suggested that the railroad ties, currently adjacent to the "Boat Shed", be moved into the parking area to allow space for the improvements. There was agreement that the ties should be moved away from the "Boat Shed" but not so far as to preclude visitor parking on PCHS property.

Following a lengthy and diverse discussion related to the design, methods, promotion, and requirements related to the proposal, it was agreed that we should accept the offer with reservations on the final approval of the design. Michael will develop more detailed plans for the Board's approval.

Jim Sapp recommended that we inform the adjoining property owners of our plans. Karen Christenson will take the action to inform the adjoining property owners.

**Motion:** Jim Glenn moved to approve moving forward on this proposal with the understanding that there will be the staging of materials, part time work efforts, and plans that will evolve over the next few months. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **BARNETT CABIN - Jim Sapp**

Jim presented his findings on the ownership of the Barnett cabin. The cabin, previously thought to be on the property of the Bailey Propane Company is, according to plats obtained from the Park County Clerk and the Park County Assessor data base, actually on the adjoining lot.

Jim proposed that he contact the owner to seek their approval to enter the property and take steps to stabilize the cabin in anticipation of future preservation and restoration efforts.

#### **OPEN FORUM - Announcements**

Karen Christenson reported that she received a ticket stamp used at the Glenisle Way Station. She will retain possession of the stamp until such time that it can be securely displayed in the Annex.

Craig Christenson circulated a collage that he is preparing in appreciation of a former Director. The collage will be printed and framed for presentation.

Jim Sapp suggested that the Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce be reminded that the Society maintains the McGraw Memorial Park at our time and expense. The Park offers several public amenities including picnicking facilities, fishing pier, kayak launch, and public restrooms. These amenities are provided as a service to the Bailey community and visitors who support local businesses. Financial support from the business community is requested and appreciated. Bill Kulenburg will present the request at the next meeting of the Chamber's Board of Directors.

Karen Christenson, along with Linda Watson, reported that the Hartsel Community Center would be available to host a future dinner/presentation meeting at no cost. All agreed that the location would be ideal for the promotion of the Society and the advancement of appreciation of Park County's heritage.

John Rankin presented a hand crafted Glenisle sign that is closer in size and design than the one currently installed on the Way Station. John proposed that he fabricate two finished signs and install them on both ends of the Way Station as they were originally installed.

**Motion:** Jim Sapp moved that John be reimbursed for unspecified expenses incurred in the production of the new signs. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Art Hall inquired about the red paint currently on the Glenisle Way Station. Art indicated that the original color of the trim was actually green instead of red. All agreed that the trim should be repainted to reflect the original color.

Sue Glenn expressed concern that there was not sufficient signage to explain the historic significance of the Way Station.

Christie Wright presented a copy of the book *The Images of America - Park County* published by the Park County Local History Archives. Jim Sapp suggested that the Archives attend the next dinner/presentation and offer autographed copies of the book for sale. Although Christie will not be available, another representative of the Archives will be identified to attend and autograph the book.

Jim Sapp presented the first copy of the newly published book *The Life and Times of Elizabeth Entriken and Joseph Barnett*". Jim suggested the Society purchased a few additional copies to have available at the next dinner/presentation on September 12. Craig Christenson inquired about an e-book version. Jim indicated that he could and would publish such a version for those who prefer to read on their electronic device. The retail price for the e-book is unknown but would be substantially less than the printed version. After discussion it was agreed that we should have copies available at the next dinner/presentation meeting.

**Motion:** Jim Sapp moved that 20 copies of the book be ordered at an unspecified amount. The motion was seconded and approved by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

Jim requested permission to pay for the book order using the PCHS Paypal account. There were no objections.

Karen mentioned that the book *Snowstorm Dredge and Placer Chronology - 1875-1985* compiled by Jane Gilsinger and published by the Park County Local History Archives will also be available at the dinner/presentation meeting for purchase.

Karen Christenson requested additional support for the next dinner/presentation event. She needs additional volunteers to provide food, collect admission, and the ever popular, cleanup detail.

Jim Glenn reported that he has been invited to set up a PCHS booth at the next Wilderness on Wheels event on August 29. Jim and Sue Glenn generously offered to manage the logistics and host the booth if the Society approved their participation. All agreed that presence at the event is in the best interest of the Society and accepted Jim and Sue's offer to represent the Society.

**ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp  
Secretary, PCHS