

# Park County Historical Society

*A Colorado Non-profit Corporation*

## Meeting Minutes

August 19, 2016

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, Craig Christenson, Jim Sapp, Vince Tolpo, Christie Wright, Bill Kulenburg, and Pat Mauro. Jim and Sue Glenn arrived near the close of the meeting.

**Members and guests:** John Rankin, Art Hall, Marilee Buckley, and Mel Schulman

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Bill provided copies of the Treasurer's Reports for the periods ending June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016 to the Board of Directors for review and approval.

**MOTION:** Jim Sapp moved that the Treasurer's Reports for June 30, 2016 and July 31, 2016 be approved. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

#### **SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp**

Jim provided a copy of the June 17, 2016 minutes to the Board of Directors for review prior to the meeting.

**MOTION:** Bill Kulenburg moved the minutes for June 17, 2016 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 209 members including 10 members of the Shawnee Branch.

#### **CURATOR REPORT – Christie Wright**

Christie reported that Christie had been working in the Annex organizing the records and files and is making steady progress.

#### **SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BRANCH – Vince Tolpo**

Vince reported that the Shawnee Branch has decided to form their own entity. The new entity shall be called Shawnee History.

Prior to the meeting, Vince provided a letter to the Board of Directors citing the results of a community survey, the members of their new Board of Directors, the formation of a non-profit organization, the creation of by-laws, and the establishment of a banking account. With these

provisions in place, Vince requested the funds, currently held by the PCHS on behalf of the Shawnee Branch, be transferred to the new organization. *(See attached letter)*

There was some discussion related to the current members of the Shawnee Branch and their relationship to the PCHS. Following discussion, the current members of the Shawnee Branch automatically transfer to the new organization - Shawnee History. The membership funds of the former members of the Shawnee Branch are included in the Shawnee Branch account.

Following discussion related to the formality of the separation of the Shawnee Branch from the Park County Historical Society, the following motions were offered for consideration:

**MOTION:** Jim Sapp moved to accept the request of the Shawnee Branch to separate from the Park County Historical Society. The motion was seconded by Bill Kulenburg and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

**MOTION:** Jim Sapp moved to authorize the disbursement of the balance of the Shawnee Branch funds to the newly formed Shawnee History organization. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Bill Kulenburg presented Vince a check for the amount of \$3,097.57.

At Vince's request, the current Shawnee Branch website will remain in place until a new website is established.

Jim Sapp recommended that the PCHS by-laws be amended to remove the current language in the by-laws related to the formation of branches. Jim will present the proposed changes to the by-laws at a future meeting.

Vince submitted his resignation from the Park County Historical Society Board of Directors.

#### **EVENTS – Karen Christenson**

Karen reported that the Dinner and History presentation at Hartsel cleared \$356 including new memberships. There will be another Dinner and History presentation at the Hartsel Community Center on September 17. The presentation will be on the town of Hartsel by Linda Bjorklund. The final presentation of the year will be on October 15. The presentation will be on the geology of South Park by Pete Modreski.

Karen reported that Bailey Day grossed \$495 before expenses.

#### **FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro**

Pat reported that the visit to EM/Santa Maria Ranch was very successful. The geology tour to Lake George was also successful, but some planned site visits to geologic sites were eliminated due to time constraints. Most of those who attended the tour also stayed for the Dinner and History presentation in Hartsel, contributing to the success of both events.

Pat proposed the next tour be arranged for the Bailey area. Several proposed tours were discussed but no specific plans have been made.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Karen reminded everyone that the deadline for the PCHS Newsletter is August 31.

Jim Glenn reported that he and Sue Glenn plan to host a PCHS booth at the Wilderness on Wheels open house in the near future.

Pat Mauro reported that the windows in the historic Bailey Country Store have been replaced with new windows. Concern was raised related to the status of the old historic windows. Apparently, the windows are in the custody of the Park County Department of Historic Preservation.

Jim Sapp inquired about the historic designation of the Country Store. Apparently, a nomination was in the process of being prepared but it was never submitted. Most agreed that the structure has historic significance and should be designated as such. Pat Mauro indicated that he would look into it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Craig reported that there are no bats, rodents, or insects in any of the buildings.

Craig reported that he plans to install three irrigation zones in the Park. He has tested the coverage and it appears to be sufficient to cover all the grassy areas.

Jim Glenn reminded the Board that they agreed to consider reimbursing the Eagle Scout leader, Leroy Anderson, for his unanticipated expenses related to installing the flagstone pathways in the Park.

Following discussion, the following motion was offered for consideration:

**MOTION:** Jim Glenn moved that Leroy Anderson be reimbursed \$100 for his expenses. The motion was approved by a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

## **ADJOURN**

**MOTION:** Craig Christenson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM.

**Next Meeting** - September 16, 2016

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp  
Secretary, PCHS

Attachments:

Letter: Shawnee Historical Society Branch Report and Request for Funds - August 16, 2016

*August 16, 2016*

*To: Park County Historical Society*

*From: Shawnee History formerly known as Shawnee Historical Society, PCHS Branch.*

*A report and request.*

*At the urging of individual PCHS board members, a familiar topic to SHS members was proposed. A formation committee of 58 local persons took up the issue to form a new organization for local history separate from PCHS called Shawnee History. This had been discussed before by SHS members and to some it was a welcome idea. The formation committee voted, between July 7 and July 25, by email, 23 for formation, 0 negative votes, and 35 abstentions. By-laws were thus approved and Shawnee History was formed with the following board of directors: Vincent Tolpo president, Barbara Behl vice-president, Lyn Hayden secretary, Ken Dunn treasurer.*

*A FEIN number was obtained and a non-profit corporation was formed by July 27. \$85 was collected and a bank account was secured at Community Bank in Conifer on August 10th. The IRS form 1023 to obtain tax-exempt status has been started and will be submitted within the next year.*

*Shawnee History would like to request the funds that are in the account of the Shawnee Historical Society branch of the Park County Historical Society. Shawnee History will use these funds to support the non-profit history activities permitted by our by-laws. Please release to us a check for the estimated \$3,000 in that account. Our first check will be for this summer's mowing of the Shawnee Cemetery. Next we will assist the County's repair of soil erosion at the Cemetery.*

*Shawnee History will never forget the cooperation and generous spirit of the Park County Historical Society. SH will continue to share and work together with PCHS in future activities.*

*Sincerely,*

*Vincent Tolpo, Shawnee History President*