

**Park County Historical Society**  
**Meeting Minutes December 7, 2012 - With corrections made January 4, 2013**

The meeting took place in the Platte Canyon Community Center in Shawnee, beginning at 6:30 pm. Art Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attending:** Carl W. Jensen, John Rankin, Linda Wood, Dee Brown, Jim Sapp, Art Hall, Todd Alcock, Craig Christenson, Karen Christenson, Pat Mauro, Marilyn Boccuzy, Jane Gilsinger.

Art Hall announced that the proposed changes to the bylaws are still in process. The first draft will be sent to Pat Mauro, Leona Nelson, Roger Christenson and others. The result of that review will go to the board for further review before the proposed changes are brought before the membership.

**Review of November 2012 meeting minutes:**

These corrections to the November 2012 General Meeting minutes were made:

- Cowboy Christmas is not in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, but with Rustic Square.
- Minutes say \$21,623.22 is available, that's not true, that's the total in all funds; there is \$11,917.11 in General Fund
- The fundraising committee was not renamed, it stayed "Community Education and Outreach" not changed to "Community Education Outreach - Fundraising Team"
- Minutes say John Rankin suggested Plexiglas shields versus wire to keep people away from items. But he suggested Plexiglas cases be built to protect small things inside the shed; and that the building be made more secure, as the wire in the openings isn't especially strong.
- Minutes say Art Hall suggested a grant for security items; but Art suggested we find a lot of things that we need done, and then apply for one big grant to fix them all.
- Minutes say Art Hall says he picked up a motion detector to go by the Entriken cabin; but it goes in the Entriken Cabin stairwell
- Minutes say "changing the name 'Constitution'" but Art Hall says there is a "push" to fold the Constitution into the Bylaws.
- Leona read an email sent by Art Hall concerning History Colorado's changes to their constitution and bylaws considered at their annual meeting in November. (Email text attached to revised November minutes.)
- Minutes in New business, first paragraph says Linda Wood moved to "approve the topic;" but Linda Wood moved that we see a copy of the cookbook before proceeding.
- Minutes say Freda Mason operated the Bailey Country Store; but Freda and her husband Howard ran the Mason Mercantile, in that same building.
- Judy Jeute, not Pat Mauro, talked about the Glen-Isle trip.

Dee Brown moved to accept minutes as corrected, Todd Alcock second, minutes accepted with corrections.

Jim Sapp suggested that meetings be recorded. Art Hall said the meetings were recorded, but Kate Andrews has troubles with her recorder.

**Treasurer's Report**

Todd Alcock reported that there is still an open account at Bank of the West.

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Todd said that he had received two notices from the IRS that we should file a 990 form. Previous treasurer John Rankin was asked why a 990 was not filed in the spring; John replied he was not aware that it was necessary. Todd will file the 990 for for last year (2011).

John noted that the treasurer's report does not include the total in the general fund, and said that is probably the most important number to report. Todd reported the number as \$\*\*\*\*\*.

*Secretary's note: It was decided in the January 2013 general meeting not to include financial data, so the number has been removed.*

**Field Trips**

Pat Mauro mentioned that the Glen-Isle trip was extra special since Barb Tripp has since passed away. Suggestions made for trips next summer: Salt Works Ranch; Todd Alcock suggested "the ranch where Jesse James (or someone like that) signature is in the rafters," but no one knows where that might be. Pat said there is a magazine article about the Palmer Lake Santa Fe Railroad depot that was moved to somewhere in South Park in 1968; that might make a good field trip, if we can find the building.

Going back to discussion under Treasurer's report, Jim Sapp asked about the IRS 990 form. Todd said that the 990 is not required if the organization's profits are less than \$25,000, and PCHS's profits were well below that limit.

Pat Mauro mentioned that Linda Bjorklund had done a financial audit of PCHS books a number of years ago, maybe 10 or 12 years.

Todd called the South Park Chamber of Commerce to see if PCHS could get a better deal on membership. He will suggest mutual memberships (both organizations join each other). They said they would discuss it at their next meeting.

Without a motion or second, Art Hall asked for a vote to accept the treasurer's report. Vote passed.

Jim moved that the 990 be filed every year, Karen Christenson second, motion passed.

**Community Education and Outreach Committee**

Karen Christenson: Tomorrow (December 8): Brian Heber program on King Coal Mine.

Dee Brown said she has not been able to contact Earl Clay Maddox about giving a program. Pat Mauro said he would try to help find him.

According to Dee Brown: The cost of using the Platte Canyon Community Center kitchen is \$50.00 per event. And we would have to get down on hands and knees to light the gas stove behind the stove. The Platte Canyon Community Center without the usage of the kitchen is zero dollars. The cost of the Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church is zero dollars. The usage of their kitchen is zero dollars. Their kitchen is clean, well equipped and all appliances are on all the time. The pastor of the church did say if we could afford a donation per event that would be nice...not required.

The Platte Canyon Community Center is not available to us any Saturday before the VFW breakfast on

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the next day...Sunday. The dinner, historical presentations fund raisers have to be held on Saturdays and have to be scheduled per the guest speaker's availability. Guest speakers do not wish to come on Fridays or Sundays. It so happened this year, the Saturdays the speakers chose, were the Saturdays just before the Sunday VFW breakfast. And there were two months the Scouts had booked the Community Center the same two Saturdays we needed. We had to find another place to hold our fund raising events.

### **Marketing Committee**

Craig Christenson said he had been coming up with ideas on how to market and promote history

- McGraw Park could be a “stop light” in Bailey
- Put a sign on both ends of town, \$500 each, sign color like the sign on CR 68, advertise rest rooms, picnicking, fishing, kayaking.
- Talk to businesses: how to get them involved? Can we get them to donate to the park?
- How to keep the park open every weekend? need volunteers
- Talked about talking with people at Cowboy Christmas
- Selling antiques that are donated
- Get more products to sell - DVDs
- Maybe put some about McGraw Park on the Engine#9 DVD; Pat Mauro said there's already something on there about the park
- Todd Alcock suggested more trailers on the Engine #9 DVD, a montage of what we did.
- Make a “Best of” DVD for new members and promotion

Pat Mauro said we are running out of Engine #9 DVDs, should we make a short run now?

Todd Alcock said he can make a short run of 20.

Pat will talk to Roger Christenson about the details.

Eve Kuenn brought note cards donated by Sandy Roark, with drawings of things in South Park, to sell. Jim Sapp asked who owns the copyright? No one knows. *In January meeting, Dee Brown said that Sandy Roark is deceased, so “we do,” Dee said.*

### **Other Business**

Art Hall suggested PCHS buy a laser pointer for use by presenters, about \$80. He showed one that had wireless connection to a computer that would also control PowerPoint presentations.

Dee moved we buy the pointer, Karen second, motion passed.

### **Curator's Report**

Linda Wood donated a sewing machine, 80 years old, it was a wedding gift to her Aunt and Uncle in 1921. It is in the Entriken Cabin. Dee will get fabric for the display.

### Flumes

There are two sets of Flumes, neither complete. Dee says a complete set should be in the Archives, whatever is left can be in the Annex at McGraw Park.

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Jane Gilsinger said that several years ago, Steph Millard, then editor of The Flume, called her and asked if the Historical Society would like to have some old newspapers. Jane said yes, and they were all taken to the Annex. Jane sorted them. Some were in bound volumes. Jane put loose papers in boxes and labeled them.

When the Archives started a couple of years later, the Fairplay Library donated their old newspapers to the Archives. The Archives' Flumes were moved as the Archives moved, stored for a while in the McNamera Building, then to the attic of the Annex, and finally to South Park City, where they are now.

The Archives board of directors asks that the papers belonging to the Historical Society (Jane assumes that they are in the Annex) be donated to the Archives. The sets of papers would be merged into one. Jane reminds us that there is an old newspapers website which has digitized copies of The Flume from 1879 to about 1924 (after 1924 there is a copyright issue preventing digitization). The Bailey Library has Flumes on microfiche from 1879 to 1970, so the past Flumes are accessible.

John Rankin pointed out that the Historical Society owns bound volumes of Flumes going back to the 1880s, and that the list that Jane passed out does not cover all of them. Jane said that the list was of the Flumes that were given by Steph Millard. John said that there are lists of the Flumes, both bound and in boxes, in the files in the annex. Art said that Leona Nelson had recently donated a box of probably newer Flumes, and that they are in the Annex attic.

Dee said that to preserve the Flumes, they should be given to the Archives. Pat Mauro said that he would like to see duplicates back at McGraw Park.

John Rankin pointed out that having all the Flumes in storage made them inaccessible to anyone, and asked, how can we make all the newer Flumes available to the public? Jane said it is a copyright issue that needs to be brought up with the publisher. Todd Alcock said that there is a fair use law, that says there would be a problem only if we tried to sell the Flumes; if they are on display there should not be a copyright issue.

Dee moved that all the Flumes go to the ownership of Park County Local History Archives. Pat Mauro asked to amend the motion that the Archives return duplicate copies to the Park County Historical Society. Amended motion passed.

**Other Business**

Art suggested that PCHS should buy a laptop computer and software, a copier and a printer, for use at the Annex, and asked that there be a dollar amount cap set, and a vote on the purchase.

Carl Jensen asked what the range of prices is; Todd said from \$400 up for a laptop. Some discussion on options available ensued.

Jim Sapp suggested that someone do some research, make a proposal with costs and equipment descriptions, and present the proposal properly. The Historical Society will need to know what is being bought, what it's going to cost, what it's going to be used for, who is going to use it, where it's going to

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be housed. A proposal should be presented to the Society. The board should know what they are buying before they vote on it, he said.

Art objected, and then relented, and said he will follow Jim's suggestions, and that the matter will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Bylaws**

Art said that the bylaws are being reworked, and will be modeled after those for a business; at present, the bylaws are more for a social club than a business. Jim said that if you want to authorize a cap for miscellaneous expenses, that's one thing; but if we're going to buy capital equipment, we need to know what we're buying and what it's going to cost.

**Maintenance Committee**

Art will email a work list.

**Shawnee Branch**

No representative of the Shawnee branch is in attendance. Todd noted that the Shawnee Historical Society will be holding an open house at the Shawnee Tea Room on December 18, 3-7 pm, with a silent auction. Todd handed out flyers from Barb Behl for people to put up around the community.

Art said he would like to pay the memberships for the Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce, South Park Chamber of Commerce, and History Colorado. He said there is concern about the amount that the South Park Chamber is charging. He said that there is a benefit to joining these organizations, and suggested that we pay the membership fees as they become due.

Art asked if there are any more such organizations to join; Pat Mauro suggested the Como Civic Association, or associations for other towns in the county. Art said he would talk to Como Civic Association about the possibility of us joining.

John Rankin mentioned that in years past we could join as "Family/Group," but this last year, the "/Group" was dropped, and we joined as "Family," and they expect us to be a family. We should look into what we should join History Colorado as.

Art said we should set aside money to join these organizations. No action was taken.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Newsletter**

Art said his article is not done yet, but Yvonne will get it by the end of this week.

**Cookbook**

Art said he wants us to do the cookbook, and named a similar one for sale at Knotty Pine.

Todd showed a book about the size that the cookbook would be, 75 to 100 pages, with some history. We would be responsible for the printing, the author, Ursula Moore, would provide the content, we

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would split revenue 50-50. We would do the promotion, provide history and photographs. Our cost would depend on the end product.

Carl mentioned a chamber of commerce cookbook project a few years ago that flopped.

Jim said the problems with books are the up-front costs and unsold inventory. He showed some books he has as on-line, printed one at a time, with no up-front cost and no inventory. He has made them as a hobby, not to make money. His concerns about the cookbook are it is not from Park County; there are up-front costs; and if we don't sell all the books, there goes the profits. Jim told of the pitfalls of publishing. The topic was dropped.

**Sprinkler System**

Art and Carl Jensen have done some measuring of the area to be watered by the sprinkler system. Carl is working on a design.

Art said we have \$1500 left from the Mineral Impact grant to use on the sprinkler system, and we will lose the money if we don't use it. He said we should go ahead and buy the components. We need to get a report to the Mineral Impact funders by their deadline of December 30. We need to make a report to the County Commissioners by that date.

Craig moved we buy sprinkler components, Todd second, motion passed.

**Wish List**

Art said we should make a wish list of things that the Historical Society should have, and bring the list to the next meeting.

**Barbara Tripp Remembrance**

Pat suggested we make some gesture to remember Barb Tripp by. He suggested a Brunswick label for the Brunswick pool table at Glen-Isle; Barb had mentioned that to Pat at one time.

Jim said the Archives has Barb's oral history, and are going to create a book of her oral history, and would like to include historic and contemporary some photographs. That book can be given to the family.

Pat moved we buy the label and book, Dee second. Jim said he will do the book and give it to the Historical Society, but the ownership will belong to the Archives. The motion was amended to include the badge (label) only. Motion passed.

**Emergency Funding**

Art said he researched minutes back to 2010. He said that he heard that we have a dollar amount set for purchases, \$100, recalls a discussion on it, but could find no written evidence of it.

John said that during the GOCO grant we could do an emergency purchase of \$500 so long as it is related to the GOCO grant.

John suggested that each committee have a budget of \$100 available to use so we don't have to wait for the next meeting to discuss those purchases. Karen said we weren't having discussions on purchases for

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fundraisers already.

John asked, what would constitute an emergency? Art said he was not sure.

Art moved that a \$100 be available for emergencies and that anything over that there must be a discussion before an expenditure can be made; Pat said that the Society be made aware what the expenditure is for before it is made, and Art said yes. It was noted that Art cannot make the motion, so John made the motion as amended by Pat, Carl second, motion passed.

Next meeting January 4.

No motion to adjourn was made.