

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2014

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

Attending:

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

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: Arthur Hall, John Rankin, and Eldred Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg - (absent)

Bill provided a preliminary financial report to the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting. The report was not read into the record or approved.

Dee reported that the PCHS liability insurance was due in April. There was discussion related to the prior payment of the Directors & Officers (D&O) coverage. Several versions of the chronology of events were presented without resolution.

Jim asked about the need for D&O liability insurance. Both Dee and Art presented viable scenarios where D&O could be of value. It was agreed to ask Bill to move forward with payment of liability and D&O insurance policy.¹

Dee expressed an interest in obtaining casualty insurance for the historical structures with the Park. Pros and cons were presented related to the need for coverage of historical buildings. No decision was made related to insurance coverage of the historic buildings in the Park.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Approval of the January 17, 2014 minutes.

Art Hall moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

¹ Subsequent to the meeting the decision to move forward with the current insurance policy was rescinded. Details to be presented at the next meeting.

Letter of Support for the Colorado Parks and Wildlife grant request for preservation of historic structures at Staunton State Park

Jim prepared the letter of support on behalf of the Park County Historical Society. The letter was reviewed and signed by Dee Brown, President.²

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that there are 195 members in the PCHS including the Shawnee Branch members. Karen also reported that she was expecting four additional Shawnee Branch renewals in the near future. Art Hall indicated that there are also two new members of the Shawnee Branch that have not been recorded. With the additional renewals and new members, the PCHS will reach our membership goal of 200 members.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson and Dee Brown

Karen reported that John Woodward will be our guest speaker at the new "Dinner & Speaker" fundraiser on March 15th. John's topic will be the Deer Valley Park Association - 1888-2004. He will have a book written by his Dad available for review. Copies of the book are available at the Park County libraries.

Karen reported that Bernie Nagy will be the guest speaker on April 19th. Bernie's topic is unknown at this time.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Barbara Jerome Behl (absent)

Art Hall, on behalf of the Shawnee Branch, reminded everyone that the next planned event will be the Shawnee History Day on May 10th. No plans have been finalized, however, a planning committee, chaired by Art, will be meeting on Saturday, March 1st at 2:00 PM at the Shawnee Tea Room to discuss the plans.

Art provided a list of tentative events for consideration by the planning committee. The expanded event may include reenactments, booths, pot luck, dancing and music. The event will be held in the Platte Canyon Community Center. More details will be provided as plans are finalized.

GRANTS – CRAIG CHRISTENSON

Dee Brown reported that she has discussed the opportunity for grants with Doug Stephens, Chairman, Park County Historical Preservation Advisory Commission (PCHPAC). Dee has reviewed the grant criteria and is working on a submission to PCHPAC for consideration.

Dee reported that she has met with Clint Paco, The Freestone Group, to discuss opportunities to support rehabilitation and/or enhancement of McGraw Park. Clint requested a list of candidate projects for his consideration. Clint also indicated his desire to work with the Board of Directors in the selection of projects and the specifics of the work to be done. Clint's first criteria for consideration will be public exposure and benefit to the Bailey community. Once the projects are identified, the financial support will be limited to matching funds derived from community

² The letter of support was mailed the following day to Staunton State Park

donations and/or PCHS funding and an agreement to maintain the project once it is completed. Jim suggested that matching funds may be obtained from another grant request. Dee will discuss the acceptability of another grant as matching funds with Clint.

Dee presented a preliminary list of projects for review and consideration. She also presented a proposal from Jeff Drake, Pine Ridge Enterprises, dated October 1, 2013, that included a cost estimate for several projects at the Park.

After discussion, it was agreed to prepare a list of projects for Clint's review and consideration. Suggestions are to be sent directly to Dee for inclusion in the list of projects recommended by the PCHS Board of Directors.

Jim suggested that the list of projects include a brief description of the projects and justification of their importance. Jim will prepare the list of projects with descriptions.³

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)

On Pat's behalf, Dee reminded everyone that May is "Preservation Month." The theme for this year is "Labor Disputes." Pat suggested that a presentation on the disputes at the King Coal Mine could be a good candidate for Brian Heber to present. After discussion, with many unknowns, there was no decision or action items assigned.

Dee reported that Pat's tour plans have not been finalized, however, several are being considered including:

- A visit to portions of the Zebulon Pike route through Park County – tentatively schedule for May.
- A visit to Dyersville – Dyersville is located on the other side of Boreas Pass and is the site of Father Dyer's mine – tentatively schedule for June.
- A return visit to Salt Works Ranch is still being considered but no arrangements have been made.

PROMOTIONS – Craig Christenson

Craig is continuing to work on defining the "recreation and cultural interest" requirements in preparation for the CDOT signage for McGraw Park.

NEWSLETTER – Dee Brown

Dee reminded everyone that all newsletter articles must be delivered to Yvonne by February 28th.

OLD BUSINESS

Caboose – Karen Christenson

³ Subsequent to the meeting, the list was prepared and delivered to Clint for consideration. The list was also forwarded to Amy Unger, Preservation Planner, Park County Office of Historic Preservation and Doug Stephens, Chairman, PCHPAC for their information.

Karen and Dee have decided to have Troy Phillips reupholster the cushions in the caboose.⁴ Troy is currently out of town but is expected to return by the end of the month. Karen will contact him when he returns and arrange to have him pick up the cushions for restoration. The cushions will be covered in green Naugahyde - similar to what is in place now

OPEN DISCUSSION

John Rankin reported that Roger Christensen is still trying to obtain a sound track for the cattle drive video.

Linda Wood inquired about the design for the Bailey HUNDO T-shirts. No information was available and none is expected before the T-shirts are printed.

Jim Sapp inquired about the status of the Bailey Trails project. There is growing concern about the slash piles that remain along the river walk trail. Dee will investigate the plans for the removal of the slash.

Linda inquired about the Snowshoeing event. Dee reported that the event was very successful and those who participated seemed to enjoy the snowshoeing opportunity so close to Denver.

There was discussion related to the PCHS Facebook page. Jim indicated that there were over 350 followers of the PCHS Facebook page. Jim also indicated that he will no longer provide time sensitive information on the PCHS website. The PCHS Facebook page will be the primary source for PCHS announcements.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is March 21, 2014

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS

⁴ Authorization to select a contractor and proceed with the project was approved by the Board of Directors at the January 17, 2014 Regular Meeting