

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

February 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, Jim Glenn, Sue Glenn, Christie Wright, Linda Watson, and Pat Mauro

Members and guests: John Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg (absent)

Bill provided a Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting for review by the Board of Directors. There were no questions related to the Treasurer's Report.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved that the Treasurer's Report ending January 31, 2016 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim distributed the minutes prior to the meeting for review and requested approval of the January 22, 2016 meeting minutes. Christie Wright requested that "Jim" referenced in the first paragraph of page 3 be changed to "Jim Glenn" for clarification. The change will be made in the file copy.

Motion: Linda Watson moved that the minutes be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 183 members including 16 members of the Shawnee Branch.

Karen recommended that Margaret Jaeger be granted a one year membership to the PCHS for locating a spinning wheel for the Entriken cabin.

Motion: Linda Watson moved the Margaret Jaeger be granted a one year complimentary membership to the PCHS. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

EVENTS – Karen Christenson

Christie Wright will do a presentation on Buckskin Joe on March 12, 2016.

Pete Modreski will do a geology presentation on April 16 and Bob Schoppe will do a presentation on railroads on May 14.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BRANCH – Vince Tolpo (absent)

CURATOR REPORT – Christie Wright and Jim Glenn

Draft Collections Policy – Christie Wright

Christie reported that she has made the suggested changes to the Collection Policy and distributed copies to the Board.

Following a detailed review and discussion on the previously recommended and proposed new changes, Christie will make the revisions to the final version of the Collection Policy.

Motion: Linda Watson moved that the Collection Policy be approved as revised. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Unrelated Notes: During the policy discussion, Christie reported that there are two paintings on loan to the Bailey Library. John Rankin reported that the paintings are properly labeled on the back as being on loan from the PCHS.

Linda Watson suggested that the PCHS Board tour the Park County Local History Archives office in the old Fairplay Courthouse. Christie suggested that a tour could be arranged in the Spring when the weather improves.

Saving Places Recap – Jim Glenn

Jim presented a comprehensive summary of his attendance at the Saving Places Conference. The conference was sponsored by Colorado Preservation, Inc. on February 3-6. The fee to attend the conference was granted to Jim by the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (PCHPAC).

A detailed summary of the conference was distributed to each member of the Board for their reference and Jim plans to e-mail a copy of the summary to each Board member. A copy of the conference materials will be donated to the Society following Jim's review of the materials.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro

Pat discussed the plans to tour the EM/Santa Maria Ranch on June 18, 2016. Christie Wright reminded Pat that the Archives has a significant inventory of historical photos of the ranch and other materials he could use for the tour. Linda Watson suggested that she could meet with Pat to video tape the ranch prior to the tour.

Other tours discussed included a tour of the William A. Baehr lodge, the Baerden, in the Pine Valley Ranch Park in Jefferson County. Jim Sapp mentioned that the lodge was open to the public and perhaps a special guided tour for the Society could be arranged. John Rankin suggested that a tour of Green's Mercantile could also be included in the tour.

Pat indicated that he is still researching a tour of Dear Valley Park Association and Lake George, however, no definite plans have been made.

Barnett Cabin – Craig Christenson

Craig reported that the Barnett cabin property is not owned by the Trela family as previously reported. Instead, the Barnett cabin is owned by the Kingery family as a separate parcel. Craig is communicating with the Kingery family to determine ways and means the Society could assume possession of the cabin and property in an effort to protect and preserve this historic property.

Priorities - The key to success – Craig Christenson

Craig discussed a practice used in industry to prioritize projects. The "key to success" is a simple process of identifying the top 5 or 6 projects that need to be completed first. Once the projects are identified, the focus and energy is directed to completing those projects before any other projects are addressed. With that fundamental principle in mind, Craig presented his proposal for the top priority projects. The list included:

- Entriken Cabin - bat proof and clean
- Annex - clean and organize, get rid of surplus furniture, obtain permit to begin renovation.
- Storage Shed - clean up and organize to make room for landscaping equipment.
- Caboose - paint and replace bumpers
- Boat Shed - relocate wagon and boat, organize into an "artifact/exhibit" shed
- Irrigation System

The Barnett Cabin was also a consideration if the Society were to take possession of the property.

In principle, most agreed that the concept of prioritizing our projects had significant merit. The suggested priority list was discussed, but no decisions were made.

Jim Glenn suggested that the "dream sheet" be included in the prioritization of projects.

Mike Caton Landscaping Update – "The Boulder Field" – Craig Christenson

Craig reported that he has received concerns about the appearance of the Park related to the staging of boulders at the entrance. With those concerns in mind, Craig presented a new proposal for the landscaping design.

The proposal included a plan to extend the area on the Rustic Square side of the "boat shed" to allow room for an additional outdoor display area. The wagon, protected with clear acrylic, would be placed outside but under a roof attached to the current shed. The proposal would allow for ample parking space on the Park property.

Craig also presented a new preliminary design for the entrance to the Park. The design would replace the current rock pillar design with a log gate-like structure. The gate opening would be wide and tall enough to allow emergency and maintenance vehicles access to the Park.

Following extensive discussion on the details and merits of the proposal, no decisions were made.

"Mail Chimp" Subscriber List – Jim Sapp

Jim discussed the current process that uses the Mail Chimp email service to send out the PCHS newsletters and announcements. The service is free up to 2000 subscribers and 12,000 emails per month.

Currently, the PCHS and the Park County Local History Archives use separate email subscriber lists. Jim proposed to combine the current PCHS members list with the Archives mailing list. The combination of the two lists will result in approximately 350 subscribers. The combined list will be used by the PCHS and the Archives to distribute each organizations newsletters and announcements.

Following discussion on the benefits of the Mail Chimp system and the expanded subscribers list, Jim agreed to present the plan to merge the two mail lists to the Archives Board of Directors for their approval.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Annex Renovation Plan – Craig Christenson

Craig discussed plans to move forward with the previously presented plans to renovate the Annex. He has calculated the load bearing of the attic and has determined it to be adequate for the intended use. However, he proposed additional structural supports as a safety measure. Craig agreed to present a plan at the next Board meeting prior to presenting the plans to the Park County Building Department for any required permits.

John Rankin presented a list of office equipment to Craig so the office space could be sized accordingly. Discussion continued related to the location of the office and replacement of the wood stove with electric heaters.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Linda Watson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded but not voted upon. The meeting continued with discussions not on the agenda including:

- Pat Mauro discussed his research into the offer to donate a cabin located on the original Failing's property. He plans to continue researching the property. No decisions were made.
- Jim Glenn discussed his plans to move forward with the McGraw Park Interpreter Program. The first draft of the plan was presented last year with a goal of beginning the program this season. Jim reviewed the plan and requested concurrence that the Board still wanted to support the program.

Christy Wright expressed concerns that the Board was already stretched too thin to take on the program at this time.

Jim Sapp expressed concerns that instructors could be easier to recruit than interpreters. He further suggested that the interpreters be identified first and the training program be tailored to fit the needs of the volunteers. Jim Glenn agreed to prepare an announcement calling for interpreter volunteers for the Board's review.

- Jim Glenn discussed the merits of Community Service personnel to help with projects at the Park. Following discussion of prior experiences with Community Service personnel, both pro and con, no decisions were made to participate in the program or not.

Christie Wright suggested that the topic be tabled until another time. Most agreed to table the discussion to a date uncertain.

ADJOURN

MOTION: Linda Watson moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:35 PM.

Next Meeting - March 18, 2016 (*rescheduled to March 25 due to adverse weather conditions*)

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jim".

Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS