

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

February 23, 2018

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

ATTENDING

Directors: Linda Watson, Jim Glenn, John Rankin, Rebecca Gray, Pat Mauro, Jim Sapp and Sue Glenn.

Members and guests: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim requested approval of the meeting minutes for January 19, 2018, prepared by acting secretary, John Rankin.

Jim Glenn noted a couple additions and/or corrections to the minutes. John will make the changes and forward an updated copy to Jim Sapp to file the record.

Discussion continued related to Pat Mauro's interest in the bridge railroad ties in exchange for small railroad ties. It remains unclear if there is still interest in the exchange of the bridge ties.

MOTION: Linda Watson moved the January 19, 2018, meeting minutes be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Jim reported that he has prepared a formal nomination memorandum for Jane Gilsinger's approval for Honorary Membership of the PCHS as required by the by-laws.

Jim reported that the generous donation received by Ms. Kimberlee Day was in addition to an equally generous donation received in 2014 on the occasion of her marriage at the McGraw Memorial Park.

The most recent donation was distributed to the following purposes: fifty percent toward Platinum Sponsorship, twenty-five percent toward PCHS Lifetime Membership, and twenty-five percent toward General Fund. Jim has sent a letter to Ms. Day in appreciation of her generous donation.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim presented the Treasurer's Activity Report for the period ending January 31, 2018.

MOTION: Jim Glenn moved that the Treasurer's Activity Report ending January 31, 2018, be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Jim presented an updated 2018 budget for review.

Discussion continued related to the allocated amount to paint the Shawnee School. It was recommended that \$400 be budgeted for the paint and volunteer services.

Jim Sapp expressed concern about using volunteers to paint the school. Jim Glenn agreed to manage the project and he will solicit volunteer support during the Volunteer Appreciation Day scheduled for May 5. The goal is to have the school painted prior to Bailey Day, scheduled for June 23.

Following a lengthy discussion, most agreed that the use of volunteers was a viable option. Jim Sapp will inform the painter that we have tentatively decided not to accept his bid to paint the school.

Sue Glenn suggested that we advertise the painting project prior to Volunteer Day to identify a cadre of volunteers.

MEMBERSHIP – Susan Borgardt (absent)

Linda Watson reported on Susan's behalf:

- 191 members in e-mail database
- 22 member without e-mail addresses
- Susan sent letters to 22 members — four were returned with an invalid address.
- 213 members - 35 paid members

Susan continues to work on populating the membership database.

Several expressed concerns about improving communication with our membership with regular e-mails and newsletters.

Jim Sapp expressed concerns related to our current process to manage the membership program. Linda will discuss the concerns with Susan and report back to the Board at the next meeting. Depending on Linda's findings, we will either continue with the current process or identify another Board member to manage the membership program.

CURATOR REPORT – John Rankin

John shared photos of the newly renovated utility room in the Annex. All were appreciative of John's and Rebecca's skilled efforts.

John discussed plans to install a sink in the utility room. It was agreed to procure a deep utility sink from Ace Hardware. John will order and install it.

John proposed using a new railing on the bridge of composite material instead of wood. Most agreed the composite railing would reduce the maintenance required. John will research the amount of railings needed, method of installation, and the total cost prior to the next meeting.

John reported that he is working in the Annex 2 to 4 times a week prior to going to work. He is working on organizing the collections and documents.

John suggested that two additional windows be installed in the Annex to improve the working conditions during the cold months. John will research the cost and report his findings at the next meeting.

John discussed the proliferation of "stuff" in the Annex and the need to reorganize the Annex into a working/meeting environment instead of a "museum." He presented his preliminary plans, developed in 1999, for consideration. Following discussion, no decisions were made. However,

most agreed with the concept in principle. John will continue to develop the plans for the renovation with the first order of business to improve the heating.

VOLUNTEER AND EDUCATION – Jim Glenn

Jim circulated a prepared report of all the activities he is managing. The report is attached at the end of the minutes for the record. Several questions were addressed and explanations of details within each topic were covered in detail. No motions were offered and no decisions were made.

A few topics of concern were discussed with no apparent resolution:

- Jim was informed that a permit was needed to sell hot dogs during Bailey Day. Considering that no permit was required at prior events, some challenged the requirement.
- Concerns were raised as to where to place a dumpster when the Barnett cabin is cleaned out.
- Concerns were raised related to the cost to combine two service meters into one.

Jim will research the areas of concern and report his findings at the next meeting.

(Secretary note: Detailed written reports are always appreciated and provide a means to ensure that all information presented is properly recorded.)

EVENTS – Christie Wright (absent)

On Christie's behalf, Jim Sapp presented a preliminary summary of planned speakers for the Dinner and History events. (See attached)

Christie will continued to refine the schedule and confirm the scheduled speakers.

Field Trips – Pat Mauro

Pat discussed several opportunities for tours this season, including:

- Deer Creek Ranch (Bea and John Everest ranch)
- Gold panning trip
- Glen Isle Tour
- Salt Works Ranch

Several proposed dates were discussed but, no firm decisions were made. Pat will continue to refine the schedule. However, May 12 was proposed as the first tour of the season.

NEW BUSINESS

First Settlers - Linda Watkins discussed information she received related to a family that settled in Puma City (Tarryall). The documentation included a detailed family history and photographs. Linda will provide a copy to the Park County Local History Archives for preservation.

Historic Preservation Director - Pat Mauro discussed the possibility of establishing a Historic Preservation Director to represent the PCHS at the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission (PCHPAC). It was mentioned that Jerry Davis and Bob Schoppe are already members and could serve as our representative in the event topics were discussed related to our mission. Pat will research and report back at the next meeting.

Prioritization of Projects for Grant Applications - Jim Sapp, on behalf of Christie Wright, opened the discussion with Christie's request to prioritize our projects so that she will know what projects to focus on for grant applications.

Jim Glenn suggested the preservation of the Barnett Cabin should be high on the priority list. Jim also indicated that there were other grant opportunities available in addition to the Colorado Lottery Fund.

Sue Glenn suggested the repair of the Caboose should also be high on the priority list citing safety concerns getting on and off the platforms. Pat Mauro indicated that he still expects the Railroad Group to repair the Caboose bumpers in September. Many expressed concerns related to the proposed schedule. Pat explained that the Railroad Group is already booked for the summer season.

A lengthy discussion continued related to a variety of projects. While many concerns were raised related to the urgency of critical maintenance projects, the prioritization of projects or specific grant submissions was not agreed upon.

Rebecca Gray and Pat Mauro suggested a professional survey to identify the scope and estimated cost of several critical maintenance projects. Pat Mauro will provide Linda Watson contact information for Mike Perchbaker (Older Than Dirt Construction).

OLD BUSINESS

None

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted.



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS

Next Meeting - April 20, 2018

Next Dinner and History Presentation - April 21, 2018

Attachments:

Education and Volunteer Coordinator Report - Jim Glenn
Speaker Schedule for Dinner and History Presentations - Christie Wright

Education and Volunteer Coordinator Report

2-23-2018

- 1) Survey Monkey for volunteers report. 6 practice surveys returned.
- 2) Marilee Buckley: Official date March 24th – install on warm day prior
- 3) Volunteer article in My Mountain Town by Heather Galaska
Published online around 2-13-2018. Not sure how easy it is to find
- 4) Volunteer Picnic – May 5th?
- 5) Testing out inexpensive motion spotlights in Entriken (2 donated, see how they work)
- 6) Get early start on Bailey Day invites? John Redmond? Rex Rideout?
Jim Sapp suggested a post on Pinecam would get lots of responses.
- 7) Jane Gilsinger honor presentation. About 25 people attended, two presenters, I handed her copy of one of her research papers with photos and thank you.
- 8) Next Bailey Day Committee is March 1st, 6pm at Aspen Creek Winery. Matt Dambrowski and Jim Myers are co-chairs. Matt would like to include activities at McGraw Park for kids.
 - Scavenger hunt getting clues for history
 - Turkey shoot? Boy Scouts run this with bb guns
 - Miniature horses or ponys again?
 - If willing, the Foothills Prospecting
 - If Official Bailey Day Committee includes our hot dog stand when submitting paperwork to Park County, we will need permit. **Permits by March 24th**
 - Join Park County Historical Society, get 2 hotdogs, 2 waters, 2 chips???
 - Committee discussing Friday night volunteer food (Methodist Church has 2-3 volunteers?)
 - Sell apple pie?
 - **Boy & Girls Club**, April Dawn Knudsen wants to help on Bailey Day, at Mar 1st meeting
 - Julie Dicken??

Barnett Cabin clean-out

- At the bottom of page 1, Video recording: **Budget for 6 at \$150.each**
- Page 2, Barnett Cabin: need place holders for money for a dumpster to put cleaned out stuff in
(Mountain View: 10 yard (14'x3') = \$325, 20 yard (21'x4') = \$400, 30 yard (21'x6')= \$450)
Deliver Friday, pickup on Monday, no discount for non-profits
- Page 2, Barnett Cabin: Add \$100 for food for workers
- School will need paint, budget \$200. Volunteer labor

Combining Electric meters at 39 CR 68

Spoke with Carrie Wedel from IREA engineering in Sedalia, 720-733-5502. Here's what is required:

- 1) We find Electrician that can pull permit with county (general contractor?)
- 2) Electrician to pull power to the meter that we want to keep
- 3) Carrie will research wire size to be sure it is sufficient to combine boxes. Does wire size need larger?
- 4) **I need to check if both electric boxes are 200 amp**, probably single phase,
- 5) Is 200 amp enough for future needs?
- 6) 2 accounts: 1750 5400 0 KWH in Jan-Feb (meter at back of school?)
1742 3600 some use in Jan (meter on Annex? 2S = 200 amp?)

SPEAKER LINE-UP for PCHS DINNERS

by Christie 02.23.18

April 21

Speaker: Larry Bell

Subject: Christ Statue construction and plane crash at Camp Santa Maria

Confirmed? : Yes via email

May 19

Speaker: someone from Staunton State Park

Subject: history of the park, general info

Confirmed? : Yes, via phone call from Park Manager Zach Taylor. He will arrange for a speaker but didn't have a specific name as yet.

June – no dinner

July 7 (Hartsel)

Speaker/Activity: Field trip to Rocky Mountain Land Library in Garo (9 mi. west of Hartsel)

Contact Person: Jeff Lee, President of the RMLL. He is unable to speak in Hartsel but offered a tour of the Library and Ranch instead, then the group could go back to Hartsel for dinner.

Confirmed? : Yes, for field trip. Do we need PCHS Board approval? I need to let him know soon.

August 25 (Hartsel)

Speaker: Harv Hisgen, President of Pike Nat'l Trail Association

Subject: Zeb Pikes' historic trail route that went a few miles north of Hartsel

Confirmed? : Yes via phone call on 1/16/18

September 15

No contacts made yet. Possibilities are Andy Spencer, President of SP Nat'l heritage Area. Last year he was going to present a program on "Save This Cabin!"

October 13

No contacts made yet. Possibilities are one of our neighboring Historical Societies: such as Jeffco or Conifer.