

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the PCHS Board of Directors was called to order at approximately 6:40 PM with the President, Dee Brown, presiding.

Attending:

Directors: Dee Brown, Jim Sapp, Karen Christenson, Craig Christenson, Jim Glenn, and Vince Tolpo

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: Tim Gregg, Andrea Ridgway, and Kent Smith

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg (absent)

Bill distributed the financial report ending December 31, 2014 to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting.

A review of the report indicated that the total balance in the Wells Fargo account was in error. The correct balance, based on the report, should be \$13,100.96.

Karen Christenson noted that there appears to be other errors in the expense report. In Bill's absence, the report was not approved.

Jim Sapp reported that he received a preliminary year end report from Bill in preparation of the 2015 operating budget. In Bill's absence, the budget discussion was postponed until the next meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim requested approval of the November 21, 2014 meeting minutes with minor corrections noted.

Motion: Karen Christenson moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 170 members including 23 members of the Shawnee Branch. Karen is still waiting on additional renewals to come in. Karen indicated that members

will be dropped from the roll after 60 days in arrears. *(Secretary note; Per the PCHS Bylaws, "Members are automatically dropped from the membership directory if not renewed within thirty days of the renewal month.")*

The PCHS BOD remains concerned about the delinquent membership of several members of the Shawnee Board of Directors.

Karen reported that the net profit from the November dinner was \$340 including meals, memberships, and DVD sales.

DVD PRODUCTION – Craig Christenson

Nothing to report.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)

In Pat's absence, Dee reported that the presentation on the geology of the Bailey area is still planned for early spring. The presentation will likely coincide with a field trip to geological sites in the Bailey area. It remains unclear, however, who will participate in either the presentation or field trips.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS - A RECAP - Dee Brown

Dee reported that she plans to meet with Lynn Griffin to receive a check for approximately \$300 for our participation and support of this year's Cowboy Christmas.

Dee reported that the weather was a major contributor to the success of this year's event. Adverse weather would have had a negative impact on the attendance. In addition, Dee expressed concerns related to hosting next year's event inside the structures at the Park due to limited space.

Dee will participate in the planning of next year's event to ensure that the best interests of the Park are protected while continuing to support the event.

Dee expressed appreciation to the "Myer's Marauders" for participating in this year's festivities by appearing in period cowboy attire.

Tim Gregg, "Bailey Trails" representative, indicated that he enjoyed this year's event better than years past. He also suggested that a better location of the Christmas Tree would be within the Park and that the Bailey Trails would consider supporting the planting of a live tree in the Park for that purpose.

Karen reported that the PCHS sold approximately \$139.00 of PCHS merchandise during the Cowboy Christmas festivities.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Vince Tolpo

Vince proceeded his report with a renewal of his membership.

Vince, a long time member of the PCHS, reported that he has been involved for over thirty years. In that regard, Vince encouraged the Board to actively recruit younger members into the Society.

Vince reported that the holiday festivities at Shawnee was a success. During the festivities, photographs of all those attending (23) were taken and placed in the archives for historical purposes. Many historians agree that it is just as important to document today as it is to record the past - "today is tomorrow's history." Vince is committed to recording current as well as historic events for future generations.

Vince reported that work continues on the Shawnee Scrapbook and progress is being made to document current and historic events.

As is the case of many historical societies, space to store historical documents and artifacts is at a premium. In that regard, he indicated that he has documents related to the Shawnee Water District and historical photographs from Shawnee residents that he would like to transfer to the Park County Local History Archives for preservation. In addition, Vince indicated that it has been reported that space is available in the Annex for the storage and display of Shawnee records and artifacts.

Vince reported that maintaining the cemetery at Shawnee is still a priority endeavor for the Branch. In that regard, attention will be given to correcting some erosion problems and perhaps the replacement for the fence.

Vince indicated that Shawnee Branch still desires to remain a part of the PCHS as a branch for the foreseeable future.

Craig Christenson reported that his "adventure" to the B-17 crash site revealed a plaque placed at the site by the PCHS. He lamented that no one knows who actually placed the plaque at the site. Vince reported that he, along with a few others, installed the plaque at the site. In addition, Vince reported that an Air Force Colonel gave a presentation on the circumstance surrounding the crash and proposed donating a plaque with the condition that the Society provide the labor. He further indicated that he has a photo album documenting the task.

Discussion continued related to the preservation of known historic structures in the area including Bailey and the area surrounding Deer Creek. Jim Sapp recommended that the Park County Office of Historic Preservation be contacted and made aware of known structures that are perceived to be in need of preservation.

During the discussion, it was noted that Laura Van Dusen no longer writes for *The Flume* to the disappointment of many of her readers. Vince suggested that a trained historian and writer be recruited to fill the void and perhaps paid a stipend to record historical events on regular basis. An interesting proposal in need of financial support. Craig indicated an interest in pursuing the idea.

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

FREESTONE GROUP

Dee reported that she has been in contact with Clint Packo, Freestone Group, regarding potential support for projects in McGraw Park. It remains unclear if matching funds or if in-kind volunteer hours will suffice for a matching portion of the grant. In regards to community support, Dee expressed concerns that the business community was unable to provide financial

support at this time. However, the new roof on the Way Station was donated by a Denver-based roofing company and should serve as a good example of community support of the Park.

Following discussions with Clint, Dee reported that Clint would like to meet with her on January 20 to discuss potential projects in the Park that the Freestone Group might support. Dee will report the outcome of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

BAILEY TRAILS

Tim Gregg, Bailey Trails, (www.baileytrails.org) introduced Angela Ridgway as the new liaison between the PCHS and the Bailey Trails Board of Directors. Angela will work closely with the PCHS to ensure we are kept informed of activities associated with projects on PCHS property.

Tim reported that a pile of old slash still remains in the area of trails. He has discussed the slash pile with the Platte Canyon Fire District and they have indicated a willingness to burn the slash pile with consent from the PCHS and appropriate weather conditions. The PCHS BOD agreed with the proposal and asked Tim to coordinate with the Fire District to get the slash burned.

Tim, following prior discussions with Dee, suggested that a "Community Tree" be planted in the center of McGraw Park. The tree would serve as a focal point for holiday festivities.

Discussions followed related to ways and means to gain community support to accomplish the planting of a mature tree in the Park. There were no decisions made, but all agreed it was an excellent idea.

Tim discussed a master plan for Bailey Trails. The plan identifies Bailey as the hub of the trail network. Trails would extend into the Pine Grove/ Buffalo Creek area, toward the Staunton State Park, and toward Shawnee, Grant, and Kenosha Pass. He emphasized that the trail network is designed as a non-motorized, multi-purpose trail.

Tim reported that the River Walk trail connection with River Drive is still being negotiated with the property owners. The trail, proposed to go from McGraw Park to the Coney Island Hot Dog, is still being negotiated with the appropriate agencies as well as residents of Bailey.

In addition, Tim reported that the property owned by Bailey Towing has been sold and cleaned up much to the pleasure of all.

BARNETT CABIN

Dee Brown provided an update on plans to move the Barnett Cabin. Nothing has been resolved and there was no reply received from the Bailey Water Board of Directors in regard to our letter requesting permission to move the Barnett Cabin onto their property.

It remains unclear who actually owns the property. It was suggested that Denver Water actually owns the property. It was also reported that we have permission to the section of property "in any way we choose." Dee will research the report to determine if such an agreement is documented.

SIGNS

Craig Christenson presented a draft of the Way Station sign acknowledging the donation of Iderful Roofing. The sign will be installed in a prominent, but inconspicuous location. Craig is waiting for information on additional signs, including the memorial tree and the ice cutting device.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Vince Tolpo expressed concerns that Shawnee members are not receiving notification of the meetings or meeting minutes. Several explained that the meeting announcements are only sent to the PCHS Board members, meeting minutes are posted on the website, newsletters are sent to all members, and the PCHS Membership/ Board meetings are permanently scheduled on the third Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Shepherd of the Rockies Lutheran Church on Rosalie Road. All are welcome to attend.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:55 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is February 20, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS

Approved by electronic majority vote of the Board of Directors on January 22, 2015