

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

January 22, 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, Vince Tolpo, and Bill Kulenburg

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: John Rankin, Art Hall, and Andrea Ridgway

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill provided a Treasurer's Report prior to the meeting for review by the Board of Directors.

Motion: Linda Watson moved that the Treasurer's Report ending December 31, 2015 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.

Bill presented an expense/income summary report for the calendar year 2015. The report detailed the income from donations, sales, dinners, and memberships compared to expenses. In summary, the report revealed that income exceeded expenses in every category except for book sales. Categories not matched by income included electricity, water, office and media supplies, and routine maintenance items.

Jim Sapp requested that an electronic copy of the report be sent to each Board member and the 2016 expense/income summary be compared with the 2015 report.

Karen Christenson reported that a spinning wheel has been located and purchased by Margaret Jaeger on behalf of the Society. The actual cost of the spinning wheel is \$75. The spinning wheel will be placed on display in the Entriken Cabin.

Motion: Linda Watson moved that the Society reimburse Margaret \$75 for the purchase of the spinning wheel. 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 November 13, 2015 meeting minutes.

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

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 187 members including 16 members of the Shawnee Branch.

EVENTS – Karen Christenson

Karen reminded everyone that the Board of Directors and their guests will meet at the Riverbend Eatery in Bailey for a dinner social. Expenses will be borne by the attendees.

Karen reported that the dinner featuring Rex Rideout cleared \$187.87. Rex has agreed to do another presentation at a future date.

Christie Wright has agreed to do a presentation on Buckskin Joe on March 12, 2016. Pete Modreski will do a geology presentation on April 9 and Bob Schoppe will do a presentation on railroads on May 14.

Bailey Day is planned for June 25.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BRANCH – Vince Tolpo

Vince reported the Shawnee Branch has met with Park County to mediate the erosion that is occurring at the Shawnee Cemetery. The mediation will include a retaining wall along the cemetery boundary adjacent to the road. The work is planned for the summer season.

Four new children's graves have been discovered at the Shawnee cemetery. The graves appear to be related to the Tyler family.

Brett Tyler, currently living in California, contacted the Shawnee Branch in hopes of finding information on the family home – "The Tucked Away Cabin." Brett provided photos of the cabin but the location is still being researched to confirm its location.

Shawnee Day is planned for May and members of the Tyler and Price family are planning to attend. Vince requested that the PCHS coordinate with the Shawnee Branch in order to maximize attendance.

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.

Christie suggested that the draft document be distributed to the Board by e-mail for review and comment.

Christie reported that the Platte Canyon High School Library donated a box of history related books to the Society. Christie has inventoried the collection and Jim Glenn has photographed the collection. Jim Glenn will prepare a Deed of Donation form for the donor's signature.

Jim Sapp suggested that the collection be recorded in the Archives resource file for reference. In addition, Vince Tolpo reported that the Shawnee Branch also has a collection of reference materials.

Glenda Marshall Scrapbook – Jim Glenn

Jim reported that he has received a photo scrapbook from Glenda Marshall. The scrapbook included photos of Harold and Lenore Warren, work activities at McGraw Memorial Park, Bailey Days, and the installation of the caboose. Jim has scanned all the photos and returned the scrapbook to Glenda. A selection of photos were included in Jim's recent article "What is your favorite non-profit?" published in the *Mountain Connection* and the PCHS Newsletter.

Jim Sapp suggested that a Deed of Donation form be prepared to document the donation for the record.

Deer Creek History Day Presentation – Jim Glenn

Jim Glenn reported on presentations to four classes he and Sue Glenn presented to students of Deer Creek Elementary School. The presentation was specifically tailored to the young audience in a way to teach them the importance and relevance of Park County's heritage. The presentations were well received by students and faculty alike.

Jim indicated he is willing to give additional presentations in the future and encouraged others to participate in the program.

Jim plans to provide the Board members copies of the presentation for future reference.

Policy on care and protection of historic structures – John Rankin

John expressed concern related to the misuse of historic structures in the Park. He cited a recent example of stapling plastic to the Way Station during Cowboy Christmas.

John also advised the Board to close the shutters on the buildings during the winter months to protect the windows from vandals and the interior artifacts from deterioration from ultra-violet rays.

Following a wide ranging discussion, it was agreed that the Curators would develop a policy related to the care and protection of historic structures and artifacts in our possession.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)

In Pat's absence, Linda Watson reported that Pat was contacted by the owners of the EM/Santa Maria ranch offering their centennial ranch as a potential PCHS tour destination. The date is being negotiated.

Linda also indicated that Pat requested that the regular meeting of the PCHS be moved to another night so that he could attend more often. No change in the meeting day was made.

OLD BUSINESS

Mike Caton Landscaping Update

Jim Glenn reported that he met with Mike to discuss plans for the landscaping at the Park. Mike reaffirmed his original plans but indicated that the freezing weather has delayed his progress.

Karen Christenson indicated that there must be at least 12 feet of clear access to the Park to allow for emergency vehicles. Jim Glenn indicated that requirement would be a significant change to the original plans, but he will convey the new requirements to Mike. Jim will also ask Mike to submit new conceptual plans for the entrance to the Park.

Eagle Scout Volunteers

Jim Glenn reported that Eagle Scout, Robert Anderson, is still interested in a project at the Park. A proposal is being developed for approval by the Scout Association. Once the proposal is approved, a fund raising campaign will be initiated to buy additional flagstone.

OPEN FORUM - ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Service

Jim Glenn indicated that there were two persons who have expressed interest in working at the Park to fulfill their community service obligations. No decisions were made.

Saving Places Conference

Jim Glenn indicated a willingness to attend the Saving Places Conference in Denver, but the cost was prohibitive and he has not yet received a scholarship to attend. He suggested that someone attend on behalf of the Society.

Art Hall reported that he attended the conference for several years and the conference provided invaluable information related to the preservation of historic structures.

285 Tourism Committee – Bus Tours

John Rankin reported that the 285 Tourism Committee is proposing a bus tour along the 285 corridor from Conifer to Bailey. The tour would focus on historic sites, art/shopping/tasting locations, wildlife, and recreation. The 285 Tourism Committee will meet on February 8 to discuss the planned stops and recommended that someone from the PCHS attend.

Following discussion, several indicated a willingness to attend, but no commitments were made.

Website PCHS News

Jim Glenn expressed concern that the news links on the PCHS website do not provide access to members who do not subscribe to *The Flume*. Jim Sapp indicated that many articles have been reformatted into a PDF document and are accessible. However, if there are remaining documents yet to be reformatted, he will reformat them and put them online. Jim Glenn will provide Jim Sapp a list of articles.

PCHS Placemats

Bill Kulenburg suggested that the placemats prepared for the PCHS dinners be distributed to local eateries as a center piece for their tables. The place mats would serve as a "conversation piece" and help to promote the Society.

Following discussion related to the cost to laminate the placemats, Karen Christenson will meet with Lyn Kulenburg to get an estimate of cost.

Advertising at the Park

Craig Christenson reported that he has received interest from a local business to advertise at the Park. Conceptually, visitors at the Park may be new to the area and are looking for places to eat or shop. A bulletin board with a map and paid advertisements could be installed at the Park to inform visitors of Bailey amenities. The idea was discussed and most agreed that it may be a viable source of revenue. No decisions or plans were made.

Next Meeting - February 19, 2016

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS