

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

June 20, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the PCHS 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, Bill Kulenburg, and Barbara Jerome Behl

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: John Rankin, Art Hall, Larry Behl, Kate Andrews, and Jim Glenn

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill provided a written financial report to the Board of Directors as of June 1, 2014.

Bill inquired about the transfer of the funds allocated to the security camera at the Park to the general fund. In response to our inquiry, there were no requests to return any donations collected for the camera from any of the donors. After discussion of the need for a security camera, the general consensus was that a security camera was not needed at this time.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved that the funds previously allocated to the purchase of a security camera be transferred to the PCHS general fund. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Barbara Jerome Behl inquired about the balance of the Shawnee account. Her concerns were not fully addressed and she will work with Bill to resolve those concerns.

Motion: Karen Christenson moved to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Jim requested approval of the May 16, 2014 meeting minutes.

John Rankin identified two mistakes in the minutes. Jim will make the corrections prior to filing and putting the minutes on-line.

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

RECORD OF ELECTRONIC MEETING

As required by the PCHS by-laws, the Secretary shall record the results of any electronic meeting resulting in a decision of the PCHS Board of Directors.

Motion: On May 30, 2014 via e-mail, Roger Christenson moved to purchase 300 professionally replicated DVDs of *The Last Cattle Drive* using approximately \$900 from the PCHS general fund. The funds are to be recovered from the first 60 DVDs sold at \$15 each. The motion was seconded and submitted to the Board of Directors for decision.

At the time of the vote, there were seven members of the Board of Directors eligible to cast their vote. The results of the e-vote were 1 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstention, and 1 non-vote.

The motion failed to reach a majority of the members of the Board of Directors and was not approved.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that there are 197 members in the PCHS including 44 members of the Shawnee Branch.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson and Dee Brown

Nothing to report regarding upcoming events.

Dee commented that the Bailey Day was successful even though the attendance seemed to be somewhat less than previous years. Five new members joined the PCHS during the Bailey Day events.

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

Dee reported that the recent "work party" at McGraw Park was highly successful. There were many volunteers all working long and hard to clean up the Park. Many long overdue projects were completed. Lunch was provided by the PCHS to the volunteers.

Craig discussed his plans to get the bumpers repaired on the caboose. It was agreed that Craig will coordinate with Pat Mauro about his plans so that the "gift card" funds would be spent appropriately on the repairs.

Karen Christenson reported that the flag has been repaired and is ready to be installed. However, Craig reported that he has made several attempts to removed the old flag pole "stump" without success. He plans to dig up the old flag pole foundation and replace it.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)

No new information was reported.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Barbara Jerome Behl

Barbara displayed an example of a T-shirt they plan to produce as a fundraiser. She also reported that Shawnee History Day, held on May 10th at the Platte Canyon Community Center, was mildly successful with a small profit and additional donations from members.

The Shawnee Historical Society will be seeking new leadership in the coming months. Barbara indicated that she plans to step down after five years of service to the Society. She will continue her support but welcomes new volunteers to continue her work by accepting additional leadership responsibilities.

Barbara reported on an impressive list of achievements the Shawnee Branch has accomplished in the past months/ years and a brief summary of capitol equipment they have purchased or received in donations.

GRANTS – Dee Brown

Dee reported that she has revised the PCHPAC (Park County Historical Preservation Advisory Commission) grant submission due to concerns about the method recommended to replace the floor. Instead, she plans to only submit the repair of the roof of the Wait Station. In addition, she does not plan to submit the repair of the windows on the Entriken cabin. The windows will be repaired by volunteers.

NOMINATIONS TO THE PCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS - Members

NOTE: Pursuant to the PCHS By-laws - Article I, Paragraph 4

Nominations for vacant positions on the Board of Directors may be made by any member in good standing of the Park County Historical Society for consideration and approval by the membership of the Society. Elections of new Directors may be held at any duly noticed Regular, Special or Annual meeting. Election procedures may include secret ballot, show of hands, or by acclamation at the discretion of the majority of the members present.

Dee reported that one Director has resigned effective June 3, 2014. In addition, the terms of several other members of the Board are expiring. In consideration of several vacancies, Dee solicited nominations to the PCHS Board of Directors.

Nomination: Karen Christenson nominated Jim Glenn to the Board of Directors for a full three year term of office. Following Jim's acceptance to serve on Board of Directors the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present.

Nomination: Jim Sapp nominated Dee Brown, Karen Christenson, Bill Kulenburg, and himself to the Board of Directors for a full three year term of office. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present.

Nomination: John Rankin nominated Pat Mauro to the Board of Directors for a full three year term of office. Pat was not present at the meeting to accept the nomination. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the members present pending confirmation of Pat's acceptance of the nomination.¹

¹ Subsequent to the meeting, Pat Mauro accepted his nomination via e-mail.

NOTE: Pursuant to the PCHS By-laws - Article IV, Paragraph 1

The elected officers of the Corporation shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Curator. Any two of the officer positions may be held by the same person except those combining President and Secretary. All officers elected by a majority of the Board of Directors shall serve a two year term of office commencing on the date of their election. The election of officers shall occur at such time and place as the President of the Board may determine.

Jim Sapp reminded the newly elected Board of Directors that the terms of several Officers are to expire and that new Officers must be appointed by the Board. The positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are up for nominations.

Jim surveyed the current Officers to determine if they are willing to serve in their current capacities for another two year term of office. All indicated their willingness to serve and there were no other proposed candidates.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved that the current slate of Officers retain their positions as Officers of the PCHS Board of Directors for a two year term of office. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

The newly appointed Officers are: President, Dee Brown; Vice President, Karen Christenson; Treasurer, Bill Kulenburg; and Secretary, Jim Sapp.

OLD BUSINESS

Newsletter: Dee Brown reminded everyone that the deadline for the next PCHS Newsletter is Monday, June 23rd.

Trails: No additional information to report with the exception that volunteers are making some progress removing the slash.

Caboose: Craig Christenson reported that he has discussed the repair of the caboose bumpers with a local welder. He suggested that the old bolts could be removed, by cutting if necessary, and repaired. Art Hall mentioned the beams that were in storage were properly marked for specific placement on the caboose.

Jim Sapp commented that the project to repair the caboose has been discussed for years. He further recommended that Craig Christenson take control of the project and move forward toward completion. After discussion and agreement by the Board, Craig will manage the project and will coordinate with Pat Mauro to ensure that there is no miscommunication on what is to be done.

DVD Production – Craig Christenson

Craig reported that he has produced 24 copies of "The Last Cattle Drive" DVD. The video was shown continuously during Bailey Day. No copies of the video were sold at that time. Discussion followed relative to the selling price of the DVD with no resolution. Craig suggested that the DVD could be given to new members when they join the Society. In addition, Craig

suggested that all the DVDs could be offered at a reduced price to new members as an incentive to join.

Bill Kulenburg suggested that we use the "cattle drive" video to promote other videos for sale by including "trailers" on the DVD.

Craig provided copies of the video "The Roberts Tunnel" to several members for review and comment. He asked for suggestions on what sections to cut in order to reduce the play time to about one hour.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jim Sapp commended the Shawnee Branch for documenting their inventory and recommended the PCHS adopt a similar procedure. No decisions were made or actions assigned.

Craig Christenson raised the issue of purchasing a cordless lawnmower and weed whacker for maintenance at the Park. The equipment will be stored in the Annex and will be available for use by volunteers.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved to authorize Craig Christenson to purchase, on behalf of the PCHS, a new lawnmower and weed whacker not to exceed \$400 in total. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Karen Christenson reminded the Board of the proposal to grant lifetime memberships to a newly married couple who made a significant donation to the PCHS. Jim Sapp, pending receipt of pertinent information, will prepare a nomination for the next meeting.

Kate Andrews expressed appreciation for allowing the use of McGraw Park for her son's graduation. Dee, on behalf of the Board, thanked Kate for her donation.

Jim Glenn inquired about the log cabin located next to Bailey Propane. Apparently, the structure was donated to the Society some time ago provided we remove it from the property. The structure, known as the "Barnett Cabin"² has significant historical value³ but has fallen into very poor condition and there are no funds available to move it. There was discussion on ways to raise funds but no decisions were made or actions assigned.

Art Hall, referencing last month's meeting minutes regarding PCHS water rights, provided several plat drawings and a folder containing a licensing agreement with Denver Water. The materials will be filed in the Annex.

Bill Kulenburg suggested that we explore using "intervention people" to help with projects at the Park. This resource includes those who must provide court ordered hours of community service. All agreed it was a good resource but no decisions were made or actions assigned.

² "Aged Pioneer Travels From Missouri to Spend Birthday in the Colorado of His Youth. - Eighty-six Year-Old Joseph Barnett, Bailey's First School Teacher, Can't Stay Away, and is Welcomed by Entire Township" - Adapted from The Denver Post, August 1, 1920

³ An article on Joseph Barnett was published by the Park County Local History Archives Newsletter, Issue VIII, December 2012. It is on-line at www.parkcoarchives.org/Archives_Newsletter_Dec12.pdf

Bill also commented on the need for non-profits in the area to work together. A good example of the need to coordinate better was provided by Dee Brown. Apparently, a local church was planning to provide free dinners every Saturday evening which conflicts with our monthly "dinner and speaker" fund raising program. Dee contacted the Church and resolved the conflict. All were in agreement that there needs to be better community collaboration. In that regard, Bill further suggested that Jim Sapp provide Jim Myers, President, Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce, a copy of the approved PCHS minutes. There was no opposition to the suggestion.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is July 18, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS