

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

March 21, 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, Roger Christenson, Bill Kulenburg, and Linda Wood

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: Arthur Hall, John Rankin, and Eldred Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill provided a financial report to the Board of Directors in advance of the meeting. The report was reviewed in detail with no corrections or concerns. Jim Sapp moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

Approval of the February 21, 2014 minutes.

Art Hall moved to approve the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Letter of Support for the Como Roundhouse Grant Request

Jim prepared the letter of support on behalf of the owners of the Como Roundhouse grant request to the State Historical Fund. The letter, submitted by Pat Mauro, was forwarded to Dr. Charles Brantigan, 2253 Downing Street, Denver, CO 80205 on March 16, 2014 under the signature of Dee Brown, President, PCHS.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that there are 196 members in the PCHS including the Shawnee Branch members. Karen has established a new membership goal of 250 members by the end of 2014.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson and Dee Brown

Karen reported that Bernie Nagy will be our guest speaker at the next "Dinner & Speaker" fundraiser on April 19th. Karen has already asked for food donations and is planning to publish the announcement in several different venues. Bill Kulenburg suggested that the announcements be published in the Mountain Connection, High Timber Times, etc. Karen will research the suggestion to determine if it is free. Bernie will be available after the presentation for book signing.

Craig Christenson suggested that Bernie include some historical information about his photographs during his presentation. Dee will remind Bernie to mention the historical significance of the photographs during his presentation. Bernie's presentation will be limited to one hour.

Dee Brown reported that she received an invitation from Staunton State Park to participate in their 1st year anniversary celebration. The invitation was to have a booth promoting the mission of the Historical Society. Following a discussion, no decisions or plans were made pending additional information.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Barbara Jerome Behl (absent)

Art Hall, on behalf of the Shawnee Branch, reminded everyone that the next planned event will be the Shawnee History Day on May 10th from 11:00am until 5:00pm at the Platte Canyon Community Center in Shawnee. Art will need the use of the PCHS/PCACC projector for the event.

Art provided a summary of tentative planned events including food, skits, bands, presentations, etc. More details will be provided as plans are finalized.

GRANTS – Dee Brown

Dee reported that she has prepared two grant requests for consideration. The requests were submitted to the Park County Historical Preservation Advisory Commission (PCHPAC) for renovation of the Glen Isle Wait Station and the Entriken cabin. Amy Unger has received the requests and is in the process of preparing them for consideration at the next PCHPAC meeting in April.¹ Dee and Jim Sapp are planning to attend the meeting.

Dee mentioned that she has forwarded the list of projects to Clint Paco, The Freestone Group, for consideration. Clint will review the list and get back to Dee with a proposal.

PROMOTIONS – Craig Christenson

Craig is continuing to work on defining the "recreation and cultural interest" requirements in preparation for the CDOT signage for McGraw Park. Craig reported that he has sent photographs of McGraw Park with a description of the amenities including parking and restroom facilities to the CDOT representative. CDOT will review the application and get back to Craig with a decision.

¹ PCHPAC meetings are typically held the fourth Saturday of every month at various locations within the County.

There was a question about the ownership of the Park. It was reaffirmed that the Park County Historical Society is the sole owner of all the Park property.

Dee mentioned an advertisement in *The Flume's* periodical *Summer in the Park*. There were no changes, except for minor updates, and it will be included in this year's edition.

Dee mentioned that the Farmer's Market will not be sponsored by Lynn Griffin. It was suggested that the PCHS assume sponsorship of the event and host it at McGraw Park. After discussion, it was agreed that more information is needed before any commitment can be made.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro (absent)

On Pat's behalf, Dee reported that Pat's tour plans have not been finalized, however, several are being considered including:

- A visit to portions of the Zebulon Pike route through Park County – tentatively schedule for May.
- A visit to Dyersville – Dyersville is located on the other side of Boreas Pass and is the site of Father Dyer's mine – tentatively schedule for June.
- A field trip to Deer Valley Park Association hosted by John Woodward's mother. No plans have been finalized at this time.
- A return visit to Salt Works Ranch is still being considered but no arrangements have been made.

After discussion, with many unknowns, there was no decision or action items assigned.

FLAG POLE - Dee Brown

Dee reported that the old flag pole in McGraw Park has been removed. The flag pole has been donated to Gary Johnson who plans to open an ice cream shop in Bailey.

There was discussion related to where to install the new flag pole that was donated by Leona Nelson. It was agreed that the new flag pole will be installed in the same location as before.

It was noted that the Helen McGraw stone plaque was installed backwards. It would be better that the lettering face the direction where most visitors enter the Park, even though the formal entrance to the Park is near the Annex. No decisions were made to reposition the plaque.

PARK BENCHES - Dee Brown

Dee reported that she has been in contact with the company who provided the park benches and picnic tables at the Park. The company representative indicated that the benches and picnic tables are still under warrantee. Dee and Craig took photos of the benches and sent them to the company for review. No determination as to the extent of the warrantee has been made.

Linda Wood raised concerns about the color of the benches and tables. In her opinion, the red color did not seem to be an appropriate color for the historic nature of the Park. After discussion, no resolution to consider changing the color was made.

OLD BUSINESS

Caboose – Karen Christenson (tabled)

OPEN DISCUSSION

Art Hall recommended that the Annex be covered by casualty insurance. Dee indicated that she will look into the cost of such insurance.

Dee indicated that Carrie Marsh is considering putting her teepee up at the Park for Bailey Days. Most agreed that it would be a big draw for the Park. In addition, there are plans for additional displays and demonstrations to be included for Bailey Day.

Bill Kulenburg suggested that Dee contact Jim Myers, President of the Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce, to make sure that the Park is included in the Bailey Day special event permit. In addition, Bill cautioned that plans for a Farmer's Market may also require a permit.

Linda Wood inquired about the missing signs at the Park. Art Hall reported that the boat dock and fishing signs have been stolen. They are not covered by insurance. After discussion, no decision was made to replace the signs at this time.

Jim Sapp acknowledged the excellent video produced by Roger Christenson of the Father Dyer presentation. All were appreciative of his hard work to prepare the video and the value it had in promoting the PCHS and Park County's pioneering heritage.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:20 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is April 18, 2014

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS