

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2015

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

Attending:

Directors: Dee Brown, Jim Sapp, Karen Christenson, Craig Christenson, Jim Glenn, Bill Kulenburg, Keriba Blattel, and Larry Blattel

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: Tim Gregg, Andrea Ridgway, Linda Watson. and John Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill distributed the financial report ending February 28, 2015 to the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. The report was discussed with some questions but there were no amendments except for changes to the PCHS membership.

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

Budget - Bill reviewed the income and expenses for FY 2014. Following a lengthy and diverse discussion, clarification of information, and suggestions for new fund raising activities, no plans to develop a formal detailed budget were made.

SECRETARY REPORT – Jim Sapp

The January 16, 2015 minutes were approved by the Board of Directors via e-mail on January 22, 2015.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 169 members including 18 members of the Shawnee Branch.

MARCH DINNER PRESENTATION RECAP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that 79 people attended the Christie Wright presentation in March. Gross receipts from the event was \$613 with a net profit of approximately \$550.

BAILEY DAY - Dee Brown

Dee reported that plans for Bailey Day are progressing and the PCHS is planning to have a booth. Keriba Blattel has volunteered to help host the booth on Main Street. Several plans for activities were discussed but no final plans were made.

Motion: Jim Sapp moved to spend up to \$45 for a booth at Bailey Day, subject to the decision of the Bailey Day Planning Committee decision to charge non-profits for vendor space. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Tim Gregg reported that there is a conscious effort to make sure the McGraw Park is integrated into the Bailey Days activities.

Shootout at the Park Tim Gregg mentioned that another fast draw "Shootout at the Park" on April 18-19. All agreed the event is well worth attending and very entertaining.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Vince Tolpo (absent)

Dee, on Vince's behalf, mentioned the Shawnee Day plans are underway for May 8-9. No other details were available.

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 May. The field trip will likely coincide with the scheduled geology presentation scheduled for April.

John Rankin mentioned the Garo Store as a possible tour opportunity. There are plans to renovate the store for commercial purposes. In addition, John mentioned a possible visit to the original undeveloped town of Garo.

Craig Christenson mentioned the possibility of the PCHS hosting an event at the Hartsel Community Center. No plans were made, but all agree that the suggestion was a good idea.

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

Rawhide (*formerly Freestone Group*)

Dee reported that she has received no additional information from Clint Packo regarding his proposals to contribute to projects within the Park.

Discussion continued related to plans to get ready for opening the Park for the season.

Linda Watson indicated that she has an antique straw mattress she would like to donate if we had a place for it at the Park.

CHALLENGES FOR NON-PROFIT LEADERS - Jim Glenn

Jim discussed a seminar he attended related to the challenges of managing a non-profit, including the need to "brand the organization."

Many good suggestions were discussed at seminar, but two suggestions were of significant importance. They are:

- Include on the Board of Directors representatives from the business community to help bring new "investors" to the organization and those who can sell an audience.
- Develop a training program for "new historians" to serve as interpreters at the Park.

These two topics were discussed at length and Jim plans to pursue them.

NOMINATION TO THE PCHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dee Brown introduced Linda Watson to the Board. After discussion of her invaluable support to the organization, Dee nominated Linda to the Board of Directors.

Motion: Receiving no other nominations, Jim Sapp moved to approve Linda Watson's appointment to the PCHS Board of Directors by acclamation. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Jim reminded the Board that the membership to the Board of Directors is at capacity. Any additional candidates for the Board of Directors will require a modification of the PCHS By-laws.

BAILEY TRAILS

Tim Gregg, Bailey Trails Committee, reported that the fire department had forgotten about the agreement to burn the slash pile along the water walk trail. However, the Chief promised that the slash would be burned the next time it snowed.

SIGNS - Craig Christenson

Craig reported that he is working on the sign for the Way Station acknowledging 1derful Roofing for their generous donation. He is waiting for information on the memorial tree and caboos from John Rankin and Pat Mauro.

OPEN DISCUSSION

BOOKS AND "STORIES" - Craig Christenson

Craig inquired about the books published by the Park County Local History Archives. Jim Sapp indicated that he would ask the Archives Board of Directors for permission to purchase the books at cost plus shipping. In addition, Craig indicated a plan to extract portions of the text to use on his "Stories from Park County" website. Jim indicated that the text and photos are available on the Archives website.

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS - John Rankin

John reported that *The Flume* will announce that the McGraw Memorial Park is the winner of the "Best Place to Picnic" Peoples Choice Award.

DOCENT TRAINING PROGRAM - Jim Glenn

Jim asked permission to develop a plan to develop a training program for interpreters. All agreed that such a program could be beneficial in the coming years.

Jim also inquired about the possibility of setting up a tee-pee during Bailey Days. After a lengthy discussion, the logistics seemed to be insurmountable. Dee, however, will investigate further.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:47 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is April 17, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS