

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

May 16, 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, Roger Christenson, and Linda Wood

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: John Rankin, Pat Mauro, and Tim Gregg

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill provided a written financial report to the Board of Directors for the period ending April 30, 2014. The report was reviewed with discussion related to unlisted expenses. Bill explained that he was aware of the expenses and they occurred after the cutoff date (April 30) of the report. They will be included in the May report.

Jim Sapp inquired about the \$500 donation reported by Pat Mauro at the April meeting. The grant/donation was in the form of a gift card to be used for materials to restore the caboos. Pat indicated that the gift card expires in August 2014. Bill explained that the grant would be recorded as a restricted donation. The expenses will be documented and reported by Pat to Bill for recording and tracking. Pat will determine what is needed and make the purchases necessary to repair/restore the caboos. All purchases will be documented and recorded by the Treasurer.

Bill commented on a donation he received. The donation was thought to be for the PCHS but was later determined to be for the Shawnee Branch. The donor sent a second check for the same amount. It was not clear if the second check was to replace the first or if the first check was to be cancelled. Or, if both checks are to be credited to the Shawnee Branch. Or, one check credited to the PCHS and one check credited to Shawnee. Bill, Jim, Karen will try to sort out the confusion.

Dee raised the issue of the donations collected for the security camera which is no longer needed. After discussion, Karen will contact the membership to determine if there are any concerns related to reallocating the donations to the PCHS general fund. If anyone desires to have their

security camera donation returned, a donation refund will be made. A decision to move the remaining restricted funds to the general fund will be made at the June meeting.

John Rankin reminded the Board that there are still two IREA accounts (meters) for McGraw Park. A long standing unresolved issue that was created during the construction of the Annex, Jim Sapp 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 April 18, 2014 minutes.

Bill Kulenburg moved to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that there are 191 members in the PCHS including members of the Shawnee Branch.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson and Dee Brown

Karen reported that Chad Watkins will be the guest speaker at the May 17th "Dinner & Speaker" fundraiser. Chad is featured in the Animal Planet television series "Ice Cold Gold."

Dee reported that Linda Wood has volunteered to help her with the PCHS booth at Staunton State Park on May 18th. They will pass out PCHS brochures and represent the society in hopes of gaining new members

Dee has been in contact with Bill Myers, President, Platte Canyon Area Chamber of Commerce, to determine what, if any, support the Chamber would be willing to provide related to maintenance at the Park. No commitment was made pending additional information.

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

Dee reported that the buildings at the Park will be cleaned and curtains and bedding will be taken down and cleaned in preparation for opening this summer. Linda Wood and several volunteers are planning to work on the landscaping, including mowing the grass. The Bailey Garden Center will provide plantings at a substantial discount.

John Rankin reported that Gary Johnson, recipient of old PCHS flag pole, will install the new flag pole at the Park. Date and time of the installation is unknown. The 38 star flag will be repaired before being raised.

Dee reported that a wedding will take place at the Park on May 25th. The wedding will be a small ceremony at the bridge and no large crowds are anticipated. Bill Kulenburg discussed the need to develop a policy to establish a fee and potential restrictions for "special use" of the Park. Jim proposed adapting policies from other organizations for our use and will research the policies that may be adapted for our use.

Dee reported that there are several exhibits and demonstrations planned for Bailey Day. In addition, "Bigfoot Day" is being considered for late summer. However, plans are still being developed and no decisions have been made

Dee is planning on a meeting to train interpreters to staff the Park during the weekends. Plans are to have the Park open on the weekends during the summer season.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro

Pat reported that he is finalizing plans to visit South Park City on Sunday, June 8th. In addition, he is planning a tour of the Deer Valley Park Association in late June and Dyersville later in the summer. Events and dates will be announced once decisions are finalized.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Barbara Jerome Behl (absent)

No report.

GRANTS – Dee Brown

Dee reported that PCHPAC (Park County Historical Preservation Advisory Commission) had additional questions related to our grant request to rehabilitate the Entriken cabin. Craig will obtain the information needed and report back to Dee. In addition, Craig reported that he has made temporary repairs to the floor in the Wait Station and that there are enough shingles in storage to replace the shingles on the roof of the Wait Station. No decisions were made to contract for repair services.

Dee reported that Freestone Aquatics will fund several projects at McGraw Park provided that they will perform the work. They will get back to Dee with the projects they wish to complete. The PCHS will have no obligations for matching funds or volunteer support.

OLD BUSINESS

Bailey Trails – Tim Gregg

Tim discussed plans to remove the slash and construction debris from the trail construction efforts. He expects the work to remove the slash to begin within the next couple weeks. It will take considerable effort and resources to remove all the slash, but he will accomplish the task as quickly as possible. Jim Sapp raised safety concerns related to the stumps remaining after the willows are cut down. Tim proposed to cut the stumps down to mitigate the safety hazard.

Tim proposed plans to remove larger sections of willows and extend the trail north to reach the Denver Water ponds located just beyond the water treatment plant. Concerns were raised related to the private property adjacent to the PCHS property and the existence of wetlands along the trail. No decisions were made.

Tim discussed the possibility of existing water rights associated with the PCHS property. There was no information available and there were no plans for the PCHS to research the records. Tim will do what he can to research the water records.

Tim requested the use of the PCHS trail building equipment. All agreed that he could use our equipment (picks, hoes, shovels, etc.) for use on the PCHS portion of Bailey Trails.

DVD Production – Roger Christenson

Roger discussed the status of the video "The Last Cattle Drive." The video is nearly ready for production except for the back cover and potential corrections to dates in the narration. He requested volunteers to review the video for errors. Several copies were provided to volunteers for review.

Roger discussed plans for production and the approximate cost of producing large quantities of 300-500 copies. In addition, Craig Christenson proposed to produce smaller quantities of 20-30 copies. No decisions were made related to production of the video pending addition information.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Dee Brown reminded everyone that the deadline for the PCHS Newsletter is June 23rd.

Dee announced that the term of Director Roger Christenson will be up in July. John Rankin reminded the Board the terms of the Officers elected in June 2013 will also expired this June since they were elected under the provisions of the old PCHS by-laws. After discussion, Jim Sapp recommended the nominations and election for the Board of Directors take place at the next regular meeting.

Karen Christenson discussed a conversation she had related to the Glen Isle lodge. Apparently, there is a plaque in the lobby of the Glen Isle conveying the lodge to the PCHS. No definitive information was available.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:05 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is June 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS