

Park County Historical Society Meeting Minutes.

November 17, 2009

Attendees: Eve, Leona, Art, Pat, John, Roger and Doug

The meeting began at 6:50 with Art leading the pledge of allegiance.

John reported the sad news of Judge Kitty's demise in Fairplay.

Approval of October 20, 2009 Minutes:

Corrections to same included Pat not in attendance at October meeting and Cowboy Christmas is November 22 from 11 AM to 4 PM.

Motion to approve Leona. Second Pat.

Motion carries.

Treasurer's Report presented by John.

John asked if the board found the year to year comparison helpful. The board did find this helpful.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Eve. Second by Leona.

Motion carries.

Membership Report presented by Roger.

Leona moves to remind members of renewal by email and post card. Eve seconds.

Discussion items included trying emailing first, the cost of the card vs. full sheet mailers, and Roger to follow up with Yvonne to see what she has done with cards. Roger stated he has postage available for this.

Motion carries.

Art discussed fund raising.

The Cowboy Christmas is November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Destination Bailey is hosting. They will have booths and a chili cook-off with chili available for three dollars a bowl. There will be a hay ride and Santa will make an appearance. Spiced teas will be available.

Doug will bring five gallons of cider, wood for the caboose stove, a pot and ladle. Art will pick up cups. PCHS will not charge for the cider but have donation jars in all the open buildings. Art suggested new labeling for the donation jars with needs and pleas. Art further asked the PCHS members present to interact with guests with an eye on recruitment of new members.

There was a wine tasting and auction to raise money for the GOCO match.

Approximately \$1,700 was raised. Food raised \$700-\$800 and there was \$507 collected from a yard sale and book sale.

Art reported from the Destination Bailey meeting that the location for the kiosk was discussed. The layout for the boards was shown at the October meeting and those wishing to see same can contact Art. Park County tourism also has photos of the board layout. Art stressed the need to dig the post holes by the end of 2009.

The December 4<sup>th</sup> potluck was discussed.

Eve is working on the drama club program. Drama club members attendance at the potluck would be voluntary.

There will be a history show-and-tell at the potluck. Pat offered to bring items from the Pete Smyth sale. Art can share tales of his building the Shawnee community center as a teen.

The calling tree will call members after Thanksgiving.

Eve will track McGraw park maintenance. There are files in the annex with maintenance records and procedures. John to assist Eve in locating and reviewing same.

It was suggested that workers with community service hours to perform can assist with maintenance. Pat has a contact he has used in the past. He believes it to be Intervention Company. The county contracts with them for community service.

The Mountain Resource Center may also have volunteers to assist.

Eve indicated the Glen Isle wait station roof needs attention. Plastic sign covers missing as well. It was suggested to place the sign on a solid wall instead of a post.

The cabin needs fascia work. The wood should be replaced. Art suggested pre-painting the wood. That would make it easier to replace. Eve to bring this up again in the spring.

Eve also reworked the camping cabin picture book and placed that in the annex. Book is now ready for summer visitors. The board thanked Eve for her work on this.

Leona indicated she may have two Amway door alarms for buildings in McGraw Park. She will look and confirm she has them. Pat asked what procedure we should initiate if the alarms went off vis-à-vis the neighbor businesses etc.

Old Business:

Art indicated the survey proceeding slowly. There is difficulty identifying marker pins. Denver Water will email Art descriptions of pin locations.

Rezoning park to be done before Park County increases fees for this work. A Flume article indicates after the first of the year there will be no waivers for these fees.

Lot consolidation fees will rise as well as rezoning fees.

Como Depot report by Pat. Andy Anderson donated period china for the depot.

There are mouse pads for sale with period pictures and current pictures in a now-and-then configuration.

Engine 9 movie to be reviewed by audio engineer to clean up audio. Roger has audio track on CD.

Cattle Drive Movie in the works. Tom David Williams was on the cattle drive and would like to do a narrative for the PCHS. His family had a freight business to the Buckskin mine in Alma. He is also indirectly related to the Fitzsimons and Martha Hickle.

The historic preservation chair position needs filling. Please advertise opening in next newsletter.

The next newsletter will be the first week of January 2010. Art will have a president's letter.

Discussion ensued on the Fairplay court house and moving of archives. Historical Society to stay on top of developments.

Roger introduced EBay auctions as a fund raising opportunity through their Mission Fish program. This, however, would require direct access to our bank account. Board asked if we should do this and if it was safe. (A thought just now as I am typing this occurred. Could we setup a separate savings account for this?) Roger will research the safety and procedures for this to present at the next meeting.

Next meeting slated for January 8 at the Shawnee community center.

Motion to ask members for firewood donations for annex stove and if more wood needed to purchase same from the Lions Club. Doug moved Roger second.  
Discussion regarding safe storage of wood. Small amounts can be in annex. Would have to explore storage options for larger quantities, perhaps in shed.  
Motion carries.

Leona moves at 8:42 PM to adjourn I second.

Motion carries.

**Post Meeting Addendum**  
**Important Events to be Noted:**

Email From Linda Balough indicating monies available for Glen Isle dead tree removal. Several emails between PCHS board and Linda educating Secretary on policy and procedure vis-à-vis PCHS' holding said monies for Park County Office of Historic Preservation.

Electronic motion from Secretary to receive monies.

I move we accept the custody of the \$1000.00 from the county for the express purpose of removing the dead pine tree at Glen Isle.

Doug Stephens – Secretary PCHS

There was no electronic second.

Pat, John, Art, Cheryl and I agreed via email with holding the money.

Does this need revalidation at the next meeting?

Yvonne suggested having the fire department remove tree. Linda countered that the company that removes tree must be well insured. Linda also indicated IREA knew of the tree but because it didn't affect power lines they couldn't remove it. IREA was Cheryl's suggestion. Thanks Yvonne and Cheryl for these suggestions.

Here is Linda's fine email to us regarding the need for PCHS to hold the monies.

Hello all,

Perhaps some explanation is needed. We have known the tree was a problem for a long time. After the roof was completed, it became apparent to Mrs. Tripp that it (and several others that are also too close to the building, but we won't go into that right now) is jeopardizing the new roof and indeed, the lodge itself. I was able to get Mrs. Tripp's endorsement of removing the tree, but realizing that she had a lot of emotional attachment to it suggested that perhaps it could be cut with a tall stump to allow a chain saw carver to carve something in the tree to honor her grandfather or something like that.

I looked at the tree, and have asked a professional service to take a look at it to give me an estimate on the cost. Because of the location so close to the house and its long-dead condition, I have decided that in order to be sure that all bases are covered, I must have a professional service with lots of insurance to do the work.

It occurred to me that perhaps the Park County Historical Society would like to partner in the project by requesting a grant from my office to cover the cost of professional removal, and perhaps Art or another knowledgeable person could oversee the work when it is able to be done, probably later in the year. The Historical Society doesn't need to put any money into the project of removal; your oversight can serve to match the grant request. I'll let Art know the estimate and suggest that the society request the full amount in a grant request from this office.

In order to use current grant monies, I need the grant request before Friday, so the Park County Historic Preservation Advisory Commission can review it and make a recommendation for releasing that amount as a grant from this office. I can then give PCHS the grant from this year's matching grant fund to cover the cost of the removal, and PCHS can pay the professional service when the work is done.

If for some reason, this does not meet with PCHS approval, please let me know and I'll find a different partnering agency, but we've always had a great working relationship on preservation activities in the past, and I just assumed it would be a no-brainer, in which everyone wins.

Thank you all for your input, and I hope to hear from Art that the PCHS approves acting as a partner in this project.

*Linda Balough*

*Director, Park County Office of Historic Preservation*

*Executive Director, South Park National Heritage Area*

Here is John Rankin's email advising me of the procedure...

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Date: Fri, 11 Dec 2009 20:05:23 -0800  
From: num1rankin@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: Glen\_Isle tree

Doug,

The Historical Society has held monies for various organizations and people. When someone gets money from a grant, it is usually the case that they must prove that the work be done, and that their own contributions were used toward the intended outcome, as specified in the grant agreement.. The grantee only gets the money when the job is done.

The Historical Society holds money when the grantor must distribute it at a certain time, but the grantee is not prepared to receive it. We can hold money because we are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. We have held money in our savings account before, and kept the interest. Once we were asked how much interest we got from it, and I made some calculations and reported the amount to the grantor.

In this particular case the grantor is Park County's Historic Preservation Committee. The funds must be distributed before the first of the year or they will get thrown into the county's general fund. Glen-Isle is not ready to take down the tree, and so can't accept the funds yet, so Linda Balough is looking for a place to put them for the time being.

Linda Balough, please make any corrections to what I wrote above. Thanks.

John

Thanks so much Linda and John for your kind assistance.