

Park County Historical Society

A Colorado Non-profit Corporation

Meeting Minutes

October 17, 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, Jim Sapp, Karen Christenson, Craig Christenson, Pat Mauro, Bill Kulenburg, Larry Blattel, Jim Glenn, and Keriba Blattel

and

Committee Chairpersons, members and guests: John Rankin

NEW BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg

Bill presented the Treasurer's report as of October 2, 2014. He reported balances of approximately \$2016 in checking, \$7341 in savings, and a Shawnee balance of approximately \$3097.

Bill reported that expenses were higher this month due to the payment to the Colorado Department of Local Affairs and the purchase of an ad in the 285 Tourism Map.

Bill reported a significant increase in donations in the Boat Shed and restroom donation boxes for the month of September.

In addition, Bill reported that IREA electric charges are running almost \$100 a month. In that regard, Craig suggested that the parking lot street light adjacent to the Annex could be turned off for the winter or we could reduce the "on time" in order to cut the utility costs. John Rankin suggested that one of the bulbs could be removed to conserve energy. In addition, it was suggested that the two IREA meters could be combined into one to save costs. After discussion of the merits of the suggestions, there was no resolution or actions assigned.

Motion: 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

Jim reported that minor spelling corrections were noted and made to the minutes prior to the meeting.

Jim requested approval of the September 19, 2014 meeting minutes as corrected.

Motion: Dee Brown moved to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Jim reminded the Board that the recording of the minutes becomes an easier task if we keep to the agenda, stay on topic, and avoid talking over one another.

Jim recommended that we begin budget planning for FY 2015. The budget document is designed to help the project planning process for the coming year, document both income and expenses, and most importantly, provide a means to calculate a profit/loss statement for the year. Jim will send Bill a form to use to begin summarizing the sources of income and expenses for FY 2014. When complete, this document will become the basis for the FY 2015 budget. The process to develop a budget for FY 2015 will begin at the January 2015 meeting.

MEMBERSHIP – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 188 members including 38 members of the Shawnee Branch.

FIELD TRIPS – Pat Mauro

Pat Mauro discussed the plans for the next PCHS tour. The tour will include several cemeteries in the area including, Webster, Horn, and Shawnee.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that the PCHS dinner and Roberts Tunnel DVD presentation was well attended. After expenses, the net profit was approximately \$525. The net profit includes membership renewals and sales of the Robert's Tunnel DCD (19 copies).

Karen proposed to limit the participants who contribute food donations to the Board of Directors in order to maximize the net profit of the dinners. In addition, Karen announced that the admission to the dinner and history presentation will increase from \$7.00 to \$8.00 next year.

Several members of the Board acknowledged the work Craig Christenson had done on the Roberts Tunnel DVD. All agreed it was well done and added significantly to the preservation of the history of the tunnel as well as additional income of the Society.

Craig suggested a "Movie Night" as a means to raise additional funds through the sale of DVDs. In addition, Craig discussed additional ways to keep in touch with our members through periodic e-mails announcing upcoming events or links to prior events on the website.

Dee reminded every one of the Rex Rideout history presentation on November 8. Rex's presentation will be on the Civil War in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the last year of the war. In addition, there will be a display of Civil War artifacts. Karen reminded everyone that 81 people attended the last Rex Rideout presentation. It was not clear, however, if the upcoming presentation would be as well attended, but we should be prepared for a good turnout.

Halloween Party – Keriba Blattel

Keriba discussed the plans for the Halloween Party at McGraw Park on November 1. A Community Corner announcement and perhaps an article on the event will be published in *The Flume* prior to the event.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS - Dee Brown

Dee reported that Cowboy Christmas is scheduled for December 7 at McGraw Park. The number of vendors may not be as many as planned due to the Christmas Bazaar being held two weeks prior at the Platte Canyon High School. The net profit from the event will be shared with the Society with an additional amount to cover the Park's utility expenses.

SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Vince Tolpo (absent)

On behalf of Vince Tolpo, Dee reported that the Shawnee Branch has elected new members of the Board of Directors and appointed several new Officers. They are:

Vince Tolpo	Executive Director
Lyn Hayden	Secretary
Ken Dunn	Treasurer
Leona Nelson	Director
Rhonda Dusatko	Director
Barbarbra Jerome Behl (?)	Director

CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown

BARNETT CABIN

Dee reported that she received a cost estimate of \$15,000 to move the Barnett Cabin to McGraw Park and does not include site preparation or restoration. All agreed the estimate was beyond our means, however, we will continue to explore our options.

The options included alternative ways to move the cabin and potential locations. Options discussed included: 1) establishing a fund for donations, 2) researching grant opportunities, 3) dismantling and moving the structure ourselves, 4) restoring the structure where it stands, and 5) locating the structure on Bailey Water and Sanitation property. In regards to the Bailey Water suggestion, Jim Sapp offered to prepare a proposal letter to the Bailey Water and Sanitation Board of Directors. The letter will be presented to the Board for approval prior to sending.

PARK COUNTY SEARCH AND RESCUE

Dee reported that the Park County Search and Rescue plans to use the trails on Morrow Mountain for a training exercise.

OLD BUSINESS

CRUSH PEST CONTROL:

Dee reported that she has been unable to contact Crush Pest Control to cancel the service. Bill reported that he has not received any additional invoices.

WAY STATION:

Larry Blattel reported that 1Derful Roofing will begin work on the Way Station Saturday, October 18. They will use the cedar shingles already purchased for the project. 1Derful Roofing is donating their services to replace the shingles and SVC Technologies, (Larry and Keriba Blattel) made the arrangements and coordinated the work.

LOG TABLES:

Jim Glenn has positioned the logs from the recently removed Cottonwood tree next to the park benches. All were appreciative of his efforts and dedication to enhancing the Park. Jim plans to sand and finish the top surface of the logs.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKERS:

Dee reported that she has received information on two Community Service workers. Dee expressed concerns that projects suitable for them are not readily available now that the summer season is coming to an end.

SONIC BAT DETERRENT:

Larry Blattel inquired about the plans to procure a sonic device to deter bats from roosting in the buildings. After discussion, it was agreed that we should procure one sonic device to determine its effectiveness before procuring additional units.

OPEN DISCUSSION

John Rankin articulated the content of a letter he provided the Board of Directors prior to the meeting. The letter included several suggestions:

- a suggestion to close the shutters on the buildings or covering the windows with screens to protect the windows from vandalism.
 - *Most agreed that the shutters should remain open during the summer season but should be closed during the winter season. Acts of vandalism will be addressed as they arise.*
- a cautionary suggestion related to putting the ore wagon on outdoor display. The concern is that the wagon, already in disrepair, will continue to deteriorate in the weather.
 - *While plans have been discussed to put the ore wagon on outdoor display, most agreed it should remain in the boat shed to protect it from the weather. There are currently no plans to move the wagon out of the boat shed.*
- a suggestion to construct an additional Way Station to provide shade for a picnic table.
 - *Most agreed that additional shade is needed at the Park and an additional Way Station could be a solution worthy of consideration in the future.*

Discussion continued among project managers, Larry Blattel, Pat Mauro and Craig Christenson, related to installation of the solar panel and repair of the bumpers on the caboose.

Jim Glenn plans to cut a section of wood from a tree donated by Bill Kullenburg to make a display showing historic moments in the growth of the tree.

Bill commented on the e-Tour of McGraw Park developed by Jim Sapp and suggested that it be included on the Platte Canyon Chamber's website. Jim will look into the suggestion.

Craig Christenson suggested a video on the history of McGraw Park. The video would include narratives for the founding members and historic photos of the Park's development.

Jim Sapp circulated a 1912 photo of Elizabeth Entriken showing her giving a spinning wheel demonstration at the A. T. Lewis department store in Denver. The photo was a donation from the South Park Historical Foundation to the Park County Local History Archives. Jim will scan the photo prior to delivering it to the Archives so that it may be used as a display in the Entriken Cabin.

Pat Mauro discussed plans to put a sign next to the Harold and Lenore Warren memorial tree located behind the Caboose. In addition, Dee mentioned that signage was also needed for the Mattox ice machine in the boat shed. John Rankin mentioned that he had a previously prepared speech that could be used as a display in the Annex. Craig Christenson will research getting a sign made similar to the signage next to the Keystone bridge.

Jim Glenn proposed a separate domain name specifically for McGraw Park. While feasible at minimal cost, there seemed to be little consciences as to the value. There were no actions assigned.

Jim Sapp reminded every one of the Court House Open House in Fairplay. The first floor has been renovated and is open to the public.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is November 21, 2014

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp
Secretary, PCHS