

# Park County Historical Society

*A Colorado Non-profit Corporation*

## Meeting Minutes

September 19, 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, Bill Kulenburg, and Jim Glenn

**Committee Chairpersons, members and guests:** Art Hall, Larry Blattel, and Keriba Blattel

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT – Bill Kulenburg**

Bill presented the Treasurer's report as of September 2, 2014. He reported balances of approximately \$2700. in checking, \$7300. in savings, and a Shawnee balance of approximately \$3100.

Bill reported significant increase in donations in the Boat Shed donation box and the sales are very good at the School House store. It was speculated that the increase in visitors at the Park is the root cause in the increased donations and sales.

Jim Sapp inquired about the reasons why the water bill was so high. Art Hall reported that Denver Water has reduced the amount of water available and increased the cost of water to the consumer. It was recommended that Dee call Bailey water to make sure we are being billed correctly.

Jim Sapp inquired about the \$500 disbursement to the Shawnee Branch. Bill reported the bulk of the expenditure was for custom T-shirts for Shawnee Day and other miscellaneous supplies.

**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 requested approval of the August 15, 2014 meeting minutes.

Corrections were noted and made to the minutes prior to the meeting.

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

**MEMBERSHIP** – Karen Christenson

Karen reported that we currently have 201 members including 43 members of the Shawnee Branch.

**FIELD TRIPS** - Pat Mauro (absent)

Pat provided the following report by e-mail prior to the meeting. It is included as part of the record.

- The lights in the caboose now work. I have the main breaker turned off, so both the breaker and the light switch need to be turned on to turn the lights on. Larry has the solar panel to charge the battery. I'm looking for the connector to plug into the plug on the outside of the caboose, to the solar panel. With that, the lights will be charged at all times. The battery as it is now, should have last a while as is. I was glad that we were able to utilize the original wiring, and have the lights function as designed, and is still historically correct. *(Larry Blattel is donating the solar panel to charge the battery. The location is undetermined at this time.)*
- The trip to the Rankin ranch went well. We had about 22 people attend, and everyone enjoyed learning the history of Perry Fitzsimmons, and his father Charles and their history in the Burland area.
- I thought I had nominated Roger in June as a board member. I'm not sure if he's able to do it now though. *(There was no second to the motion.)*
- The current DVD's of the cattle drive Craig made, are not the finalized version. The copies Roger gave out, were a sample only. Roger has the finalized version, but since we don't want to have an inventory on hand to sell the DVD, and most board members don't want to have it produced by the source I sent, none of the finalized version have been made. At the last meeting, it was discussed to look at producing the copies ourselves, by various options to be discussed. Roger and I, as the producers of the DVD, still believe that the copies should be purchased from TW Media in Denver are definitely competitive, and we will be able to have a professional looking product with a barcode, with out all the hassle of making covers, making copies of the DVD, getting a barcode and not having stock ready to sell, if we have to print and produce the DVD's ourselves. Roger stated more reasons in his motion which was voted down, I believe in June. We have a marketing plan together, with markets to sell the DVD, but we need stock available to do that. *(There was no additional discussion on this matter.)*
- I will help at the Halloween event on November 1st. I covered some details on the email string for that.
- I've contacted my friend from the Rocky Mountain RR Club, to assist on the rebuild of the end piece (bumper) of the caboose. He is excited to assist us with it. (he and our team rebuilt the same piece on Caboose 0578 at the RR museum). He is contacting other

members that helped with Caboose 0578, to see if they want to join in . He is also going to the RR museum, to get the needed tools for the project, which the RR club has there. He is also using our sister caboose 10606 at the museum, as a guideline to what we will need to do to complete the rebuild. I will check with him this week to see what he came up with at the museum, and then we can set a date to actually do it, hopefully in October.

- \$500 Gift Card: Home depot-Paint and supplies-\$120.79 - Moore Lumber-Bolts for caboose bumper-\$110.11 - Home Depot-12v bulbs-\$7.94 - Goodman Auto Parts-Battery for Caboose-\$117.16 - Home Depot-More paint and caboose roof tar — \$112.78 - Moore Lumber-Electrical parts for caboose — \$3.59 and 21.15. \$6.48 was left on the card.

#### **FUNDRAISING EVENTS – Karen Christenson**

Karen reported that she is considering showing the Robert's Tunnel DVD at the next Dinner & Presentation event. She is currently working out the details. In addition, Karen is exploring an opportunity to get founding members of the Society together to talk about the early development of McGraw Memorial Park.

Craig Christenson discussed other formats of presentations that would enable elderly presenters the opportunity to share their memories without actually giving a presentation, i.e., similar to the Robert's Tunnel video.

#### **HALLOWEEN PARTY - Keriba Blattel**

Keriba discussed the plans for a Halloween Party at McGraw Memorial Part on the afternoon of September 1st. Many ideas for activities were discussed and final plans are being developed.

Bill Kulenburg discussed a 285 Tourism "Ap" for smart phones that we could use to promote the event. Keriba plans to coordinate with 285 Tourism.

Jim Glenn offered to organize and singing group to sing at the party. Most agreed it was an excellent idea and there seems to broad interest in participating.

#### **COWBOY CHRISTMAS - Dee Brown**

Dee reported that Cowboy Christmas will be on December 7th from 11-5pm at McGraw Memorial Park. Dee expressed some hesitation in using the buildings for vendors. Aside from the limited space available within the buildings, Dee prefers the emphasis to be on Children's activities. Dee continues to work with the Cowboy Christmas Committee to finalize the plans. Keriba Blattel offered to work with the Committee on the plans.

Dee reported that the proceeds from Cowboy Christmas are typically shared with the non-profits who help with the event.

#### **SHAWNEE HISTORICAL SOCIETY – Art Hall**

Art reported that the Shawnee Branch will be holding a meeting at the Platte Canyon Community Center on October 3. The meeting will focus on future plans for the Branch. Art will send out an invitation and agenda to all the members.

There were concerns raised about the lack of leadership in the form of a Board of Directors for the Shawnee Branch. Art understands and appreciates the concerns and assures the PCHS that they are working the issue. Art will keep the PCHS BOD informed as to the progress.

#### **CURATOR REPORT - Dee Brown**

Dee reported that she has been unable to get a cost estimate to move the Barnett Cabin. Art Hall indicated that he had researched the move in the past and offered potential options and locations. Discussion continued with no resolution pending the receipt of a cost estimate.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **CRUSH PEST CONTROL:**

Dee reported that the rodents in the Entriken Cabin are gone, however, there is evidence that bats are roosting in the cabin. After discussion, Dee recommended that the service provided by Crush Pest Control be terminated.

**Motion:** Jim Sapp moved to discontinue the service from Crush Pest Control. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

Dee will attempt to contact Crush Pest Control to cancel the service. Bill will also make a notation on the last statement canceling the service.

##### **WAY STATION:**

Dee Brown reported that the community service worker, Mitchell Erickson, worked 2 hours at the park. Dee inquired if he was capable of putting new shingles on the Way Station. He indicated he could but did not seem too receptive to the idea.

Larry Blatell indicated that he has contacted a roofing company and they are willing to replace the shingles on the way station at no cost. It is not clear, however, if a permit is required. The contractor is looking into the requirements and will secure a permit if require. The company is 1-Derful Roofing and Restoration, Lakewood.

##### **DVD PRODUCTION:**

Craig Christenson discussed options to produce copies of the Robert's Tunnel DVD. He proposed to purchase a new DVD printer to print the labels. Larry Blattel volunteered to reproduce multiply copies of the DVD as required.

**Motion:** Jim Sapp and Jim Glenn moved to purchase a DVD printer for \$150. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

##### **CABOOSE:**

Craig Christenson reported that he is continuing to work on the caboose, but he is running out of paint.

**Motion:** Jim Sapp moved that Craig purchase an additional three gallons of paint (approximately \$150) to complete the caboose. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board of Directors.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

TRAILS: Dee, referencing an article in *The Flume*, wanted clarification on who actually designed and built the trail system on Morrow Mountain. After much discussion, it was agreed that the *The Flume* was in error and should be corrected.

TRASH: Dee reported that Linda Wood is not able to remove the trash from the Park. Aeriba Blattel volunteer to remove the trash each week from the Park receptacles.

LIVING HISTORY DAY: Dee proposed a "Living History Day" at McGraw Park during the 2015 summer season. It is only a conceptual suggestion, but all agreed it is a great idea and should be pursued.

## **NOMINATION OF DIRECTORS:**

Dee Brown reported that there are two vacancies on the Board of Directors and recommended that Keriba and Larry Blattel be considered for nomination to the PCHS Board of Directors. After a brief discussion the following nomination was made:

**Nomination:** Jim Glenn nominated Keriba Blatell and Larry Blatell to the PCHS Board of Directors. Keriba and Larry both accepted the nomination. The favorable vote by all members present was unanimous.

The term of office will begin on this date, September 19, 2014. They will serve a three year term of office.

## **ADJOURN**

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

The next Regular Meeting is October 17, 2014

Respectfully submitted,



Jim Sapp  
Secretary, PCHS