Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Sheila Skaggs at 5:45pm

Roll Call –

Board Members present –Roz Aceto, Jara Johnson, Sheila Skaggs, Ginni Greer, Jan McCabe, Julie Danielson

Board Members absent – Jennie Gannon, Bill Hawes

Others present – Cara Doyle, Gail Smith, Bob Narozanick, Tim Balough, Linda Balough, Mindy McVay, Ben ?, Kathy Butler, Pam Hunt, Kevin Hosman, Roland (from MALT), Lorie McKee, David McKee, Liam Goettleman, Kathryn Goettleman, Colleen Goettleman, Erica Henderson, Kat Herrera, Dusty Gannon, Claire Tortorelli, Nancy Comer, Jane Goetze

Introductions were made around the table.

Approve agenda – Photo contest results was added to the agenda. Ginni motioned to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Jan.

Approve minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting and the March 2016 meeting – No changes to the 2015 Annual Meeting minutes or the March minutes were requested; motion was made by Jara and seconded by Roz to approve both sets of minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Jara provided three reports – Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through April 2015, and Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through April 2015. A summary of the reports: MRHI has $3,074 in bank account. We had $80,000 in grants this year. We rely on indirect income and membership. We had $7,000-$8,000 in fundraising. The books and payroll are done by Jill Fishinger. The first annual Film Festival brought in $252 in donations. Sales of the 2016 calendar brought in approximately $1,000. We had $66,000 in grants last year, including Staples, South Park National Heritage Area, ???. Membership was $470. We brought in $95,000 and spent the same.

Accomplishments of 2015/2016 and Goals for 2016/2017 – Sheila gave a power point presentation highlighting our accomplishments for last year and our goals for this year.

Volunteer of the Year Award—MRHI wouldn’t exist without our Volunteers and we are extremely grateful to all of them. We are late in recognizing some of our most active volunteers. Tim Balough was recognized for his work with our on-line presence, he is also a former board member. We also recognized Kathy and Dean Butler for their help with so many

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of our events. They are there to help with setup, during the event, cleanup after the event, mapping for the poker ride.

A copy of the Accomplishments and Goals are attached at the end of these minutes.

Volunteer Opportunities and Employment Opportunities (2 Summer Associates) – MRHI will be sponsoring 2 summer associates again this year. They will be working with us on the Rare Alpine Plant Project, the children’s environmental education program, trail maintenance and a few other projects. Volunteer Opportunities: MRHI has numerous volunteer opportunities this summer—Selkirk Habitat Restoration project, Rare Alpine Plant Project, trail maintenance. Details will be available soon.

Election of Board Members –

Bill Hawes has resigned from the Board.

Current Board Members nominated to remain on the Board include: Jara Johnson, Sheila Skaggs, Ginni Greer, Jan McCabe, Jennie Gannon, Roz Aceto

Julie Danielson was nominated (and accepted) at the March 2016 meeting

New nominations: Ginni nominated Leah Lentz (unable to attend today but accepted via email); Roz nominated Kathryn Goettleman (accepted) Kathryn was MRHI’S first youth member; Pam Hunt nominated Kathy and Dean Butler (discussion ensued regarding both being on the Board; decided Dean should be nominated; Dean unable to attend, accepted by Kathy); Jara nominated Kat Herrera (accepted); Tim Balough nominated Dave McKee (declined); Julie Danielson nominated Bob Narozanik (declined)

Sheila called for a vote on all the nominations. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment –

* Kathy Butler volunteered to take on Membership. Cara is currently working on it, cleaning up the lists and is not ready to pass it on.
* Roz and Julie Danielson will take on contract ????
* Film Festival – Roz noted that the film festival was a great success. A number of people she has talked to since were unable to attend and have asked for another showing of the kindergarten film. Roz will organize it.
* Tim Balough said it is amazing to see what MRHI has accomplished after splitting from the Alma Foundation with just a few people.
* Photo Contest – We are not ready to announce the winners yet, but the semifinal photos are on a slide show on the computer (moved to the big screen). Calendar is being sent to the graphic artist and winners will be announced after it is ready.

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Sheila invited everyone to stay for a picnic style dinner.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at ?:??pm.

**Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative – 2015-2016 Accomplishments**

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| **PROJECT** | **ACCOMPLISHMENT** | **TIMELINE** | **PARTNERS** | **PERSONNEL** |
| Farnum Peak Roadless Area | Worked with Wild Connections, Great Old Broads for the Wilderness, and SPRD closing an illegal road in the Farnum Peak Roadless Area | Completed | Wild Connections, Great Old Broads for the Wilderness, SPRD, MRHI | Ginni |
| Environmental Steward | Supported two SWCC Environmental Stewards for 10 weeks by providing an opportunity for hands-on environmental stewardship work for college experience:  Shannon Hessler and Alden Scholl | 2015 | Southwest Conservation Corp | Cara  Ginni |
| Family Outdoor Series | Conducted hands-on environmental education workshops for families with children this summer to build outdoor knowledge & interest. Events held with participation of 200+ children. | 2015 | Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center  Town of Alma | Cara |
| Trail Work - Trails | Maintained our Forest Service Adopt-a-Trail, Tie Tack | Complete | USFS | Ginni |
| Mining Parcels | Assisted Lesley and Greg Flaks with the transfer of donated land for conservation and recreation. | 2015 | MRHI, CUSP, SPRD | Cara |
| Community engagement through social events | Built participation & engagement through social events including Poker Ride, Poker Glide, Moon Walk, Adventure Series, Festival in the Clouds, Wendy’s Wildflowers, Burro Days | Complete | Chamber of Commerce  Alma Foundation  Alma Cemetery | All Personnel |
| Photo Contest & Fundraising Calendar | Produced a 2016 calendar | Complete | MRHI | Sheila, Jill, Ginni |

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| Youth Activities & Engagement | Increased youth understanding & engagement through Growing Up Wild, Adventure Series, Poker Glide, Poker Ride, weed pulls, etc. | Ongoing | South Park Schools;  Boys & Girls Club;  South Park Preschool | Cara,  Ginni |
| Rare Alpine Plant Project | Continued the botanical survey of rare plant communities threatened by recreational roads & trails, then address the threat through conservation trail work to reduce and/or eliminate the recreation impacts supported by an educational campaign. Monitored existing Eutrema penlandii plots. | Ongoing | USFS;  South Park Ranger District;  South Park National Heritage Area; | Cara  Ginni |
| Noxious Weeds | Co sponsored - eliminate noxious weeds with Wendys Wildflowers | Ongoing | Alma Foundation | Ginni |
| Beaver Ridge Restoration Project | Hosted Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to close the illegal road leading to a rare alpine plant location. Removed evidence of ATV usage by blocking the entrance and revegetation of the affected area. July 11-12 | Completed | Wildlands Restoration Volunteers, MRHI, USFS | Sheila, Ginni |
| Trails Master Plan | Develop a legal trail network within our study area of the Mosquito Range& create educational materials including map & brochure | In process | Park County Mapping | Cara  Ginni |
| Community Education | Expand understanding of area residents & visitors regarding resource issues & outdoor education through outreach efforts including the newsletter & adventure series. | In process | South Park Natl Heritage Area | Cara, Jill |
| Scholarships | $1000 Yearly scholarship awarded – JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship . MRHI is making a yearly contribution to sustain the scholarship Danny | Completed | Kim Dufty | Kim Dufty |

**Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative – 2016/17 - GOALS**

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| **PROJECT** | **GOALS** | **TIMELINE** | **PARTNERS** | **PERSONNEL** |
| Summer Associates | Support two MRHI Summer Associates for 10 weeks this summer by providing an opportunity for hands-on environmental stewardship work for college experience. | Summer of 2016 | MRHI | Cara  Ginni |
| Children’s Interpretive Trails | Complete & install signage designed to educate & engage children in the outdoors on two trails – Limber Grove Trail and Alma River Walk | 2016 | USFS  Bristlecone Montessori | Cara |
| Family Outdoor Series | Conduct hands-on environmental education workshops for families with children this summer to build outdoor knowledge & interest. | 2016 | Beaver Ponds Environmental Education Center  Town of Alma | Cara |
| Historical & trail signage installation | Install signage to identify key historic & cultural sites and trails to educate users and reduce vandalism and/or conflicts. | On-going | South Park National Heritage Area  USFS | Cara  Ginni |
| Trail Work | Maintain our Forest Service Adopt-a-Trail  Collaborate with Great Old Broads for the Wilderness and Wild Connections at Selkirk  Collaorate with Alma Foundation on Buckskin Gateway Park | On-going | USFS, Great Old Broads, Wild Connections and Alma Foundation | Ginni |
| Community engagement through social events | Build participation & engagement through social events including Poker Ride, Poker Glide, Moonwalk, Adventure Series, Festival in the Clouds, Wendy’s Wildflowers, Burro Days | On-going | Chamber of Commerce  Alma Foundation  Town of Alma | All Personnel |

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| Photo Contest & Fundraising Calendar | Produce a 2017 calendar | On-going | MRHI | Ginni |
| Youth Activities & Engagement | Increase youth understanding & engagement through Growing Up Wild, Adventure Series, Poker Glide, Poker Ride, weed pulls, High School Phenology Project and Project Bud Burst. | On-going | South Park Schools;  Boys & Girls Club;  South Park Preschool  Edith Teter | Cara,  Ginni |
| Rare Alpine Plant Project | Continue the botanical survey of rare plant communities threatened by recreational roads & trails, and then address the threat through conservation trail work to reduce and/or eliminate the recreation impacts supported by an educational campaign. Work to eliminate noxious weeds. Participate in the GLORIA Project, an international research project. | 2016 | USFS;  South Park Ranger District;  South Park National Heritage Area; | Cara  Ginni |
| Trails Master Plan | Develop a legal trail network within our study area of the Mosquito Range& create educational materials including map & brochure | On-going | Park County Mapping | Cara  Ginni |
| Community Education | Expand understanding of area residents & visitors regarding resource issues & outdoor education through outreach efforts incl. the newsletter & adventure series. | On-going | South Park National Heritage Area | Cara, Erica Henderson |
| Strategic Plan | Amend the original MRHI strategic plan for the next 10 years. | In process | MRHI | Cara |
| Scholarship | Choose a recipient of the JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship 2016 and make a contribution to sustain the scholarship. MRHI will make ongoing contributions to sustain the scholarship. | In process | Kim Dufty, MRHI | Kim Dufty |