Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Board Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015

Board Members present – Jan McCabe, Roz Aceto, Jara Johnson, Sheila Skaggs, Ginni Greer, Jennie Gannon, Beth Nielsen

Board Members absent – Kirsten Springer (tried to call in and attend via phone, but no phone signals)

Others present – Cara Doyle, Jill Abrell

Meeting was called to order at 6:11pm

Approve agenda – the following additions were made to the agenda: Jill. Motion was made by Jara and seconded by Roz to approve the agenda with the change.

Verify Quorum – Seven of eight board members present so we have a quorum

Approve minutes from November meeting – No changes to the November minutes were requested; motion was made by Jara and seconded by Jan to approve the November minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Jennie reported that there is currently $9,938 in the bank and presented the Statement of Financial Income and Expense for 2014. Everything is up-to-date including expense reports. Motion was made by Ginni and seconded by Roz to accept the treasurer’s report as presented.

Annual Budget – Cara presented the annual budget. The same numbers were used as last year’s budget. We are planning a project with WRV this year, and they have asked for $3,000 - $4,000 from us this year; we gave them $2,200 last year. Projects for the summer include environmental education which went really well last year. Cara noted that the budget will change depending on the grants that we actually get. We have applied for RAC and will apply for the Peyback Foundation, SPNHA again. Motion was made by Jara and seconded by Ginni to approve the budget as submitted.

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Staples Foundation Grant – Staples gives out grants to organizations recommended by employees. Carolyn Thoene entered MRHI’s name to be considered for a grant. The grant has a focus on youth and education. The grant Cara submitted included funds for an environmental steward, environmental education. We were granted $5,000. The Board voted to accept the grant via email.

Adventure Series – January 23 is an Anthology of Adventures in the Southwest. Jill is preparing a flyer. February will be MALT showing short movies or Stuss talking about his adventures. Date TBD. March is Bill and Beth Sagstetter talking about their book Mining Camp Speaks and about mining ghost towns. Date is possibly the 26th, but not positive.

Poker Glide 2015 – Jara has agreed to head up the event. March 14 on Aspen Alley. Parking – Cara will talk to the Walkers. The Kuenns are donating and cooking the lunch. Jill will send a list of who donated prized for the Poker Ride so that we don’t ask them again. Roz agreed to ask Pat Pocious, High Alpine Sports and Suzanne for a prize donation. Jennie and Jill will ask the SP Brewery. Jennie will check with the FS regarding our long term permit for the Ride and Glide.

2015/2016 Calendar Contest – Sheila will be the chairperson this year. She wants to ensure that each photographer only has one photo in the calendar. Talked about the quality of photos received, they aren’t always good enough to be blown up to go in the calendar. Dave works on a number of photos each year so that they can make it into the calendar. Ginni will send Sheila the email that was sent out last year.

NCCC Crew for 2015 – an application is being submitted again this year in conjunction with Beaver Ponds, the Town of Fairplay, MALT and ???. MRHI will get the crew for 2 weeks. We will need to provide supervision, projects, 2 lunches and 2 half day trainings. Motion was made by Roz and seconded by Jan for MRHI to participate with the NCCC crew again this year.

WRV project for 2015 – We are pretty sure that we have been approved to host a WRV project again this summer. The project will be restoring alpine tundra where vehicles have been driving off road on Beaver Ridge.

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Update MRHI By-Laws – We talked about updating the by-laws last year but it didn’t happen. Cara suggested tabling this until we hold strategic plan discussions. MRHI is coming up on 10 years since the strategic plan was written. It is being suggested that we have a meeting with just board members to discuss what we have done and talk about where we should go. And then have a community meeting to discuss the same.

Old Business Updates

* 2015 Calendars in stores—How many still out there, need to collect money – Ginni will go to the stores to collect the money and see what is still there.
* Colorado East Bank Signatories—minutes taken to the bank? This has not been done – send the July and November minutes to Jennie
* Forest Service 5 year permit for Poker Ride and Glide status – Jennie will check on the status
* Donation to Alma Cemetery -- $100 check to the Town of Alma for use of the cemetery for the moonwalk

Jill – Cara noted that in the past we have given our VISTAs a $100 gas or Visa card each month if we have the funds. We gave Jill one for Christmas but would like to make it a monthly thing starting in February and ending in August. A motion was made by Ginni and seconded by Roz to give Jill a $100 gas or Visa card each month until the end of her term. Unanimously approved.

Community Comments/Miscellaneous

* Jill will attend the Alma Foundation meeting to ask if MRHI can sponsor the Bingo on February 12.
* Beth noted that the calendar on our website needs to be updated.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm