Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Board Meeting

November 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Jara Johnson, Beth Nielsen, Roz Aceto, Ginni Greer, Jan McCabe, Kirsten Springer, Sheila Skaggs

Not Present: Jennie Gannon

Additional Present: Cara Doyle, Jill Abrell

Approve agenda – Ginni requested that an item be added to the agenda: Set 2015 event dates. Jara motioned to accept the agenda as amended; seconded by Jan.

Verify quorum – Sheila verified that we have a quorum with 7 of 8 members present.

Approve minutes from July and September meetings – There were no updates to the July and September minutes. Jara motioned to approve the minutes for July and September as submitted; seconded by Kirsten.

Treasurer’s Report – Jennie was absent therefore there was not a Treasurer’s Report.

Colorado East Bank Signatories – The following changes need to be made to the Colorado East Bank signatories: Remove previous presidents Jara Johnson and Ginni Greer from the check book and safe deposit box. The check book and safe deposit box should now have Jennie Gannon, Cara Doyle and Sheila Skaggs on it. Jara motioned to approve the changes to the Colorado East Bank signatories; seconded by Roz; unanimously passed.

Forest Service 5 year permit for the Poker Ride and Glide update – Jill recently called Kimberley to check on the status. She is waiting for an Environmental Impact Statement to be completed. Jennie had been working with Kimberley. There is nothing that we need to do now.

Poker Glide 2015 – Jara agreed to head up next year’s Glide and will be delegating tasks. We discussed having it at Aspen Alley in 2015. Date is March 14 and will be a St. Patrick’s Day theme. Kirsten will check with Regina to see if we can park on their property again this year. Do we need to submit a separate permit application until the 5 year one is approved?

Holiday Bazaar – Date is December 6. Sheila noted that we have 2 booths together this year. Merchandise: we are ok on most things. Embroidered logo shirts have been ordered. The price has gone up on embroidery. Jill proposed some new ideas: Christmas ornaments with rare plants on them. And possibly do an ‘adopt a rare plant’ and give an ornament with the ‘adoption’. She thought that you have to order 100 ornaments minimum. Do not put a year on the ornament so we can continue to sell leftovers. Jill will check on colors. Also t-shirts with quotes on them such as John Muir (Going to the mountains is going home) or Jane Austen (What are men compared to rocks and mountains). Other suggestions from Jill: cozies – wait till Alma Fest for those, coasters, and bookmarks. Jara suggested that t-shirts are more for summer and we should go for ornaments for the bazaar. Mugs: Jara will check with Al-mart to see where they get their coffee mugs. They charge $10 for ceramic and $20 for travel mugs. Jara will get info to Jill by Friday. Jara motioned that we order Christmas ornaments with an ‘adopt a rare plant theme’; seconded by Roz; unanimously approved.

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Board member information and updated contact list – A paper is being passed around for board members to update their contact info. Before Colorado Gives Day, Jill will be updating the MRHI website with board member info. She needs photos and has taken photos of board members from their facebook page where she could; she wants an action shot. She will email each board member the photo she plans to use. She still needs photos from Jennie and Ginni by Friday. She is also adding a bio for each member; Sara put together bios that Jill will update. The bio can be relatively simple just stating education and what you do now. She also wants a one or two sentence statement from each board member stating why they are serving on the MRHI board.

Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) – Kirsten is recommending that MRHI join CAEE. She showed a short slide show about the organization. Membership benefits include conferences and get togethers. We could have an organizational membership that includes 4 people for $65/year. Cara suggested that the Board needs to think about organizations that we want to join and support. There are so many organizations: rare plant, CUSP, CMC, WRV, CFI, etc. How do we choose? We need to think about the bigger picture and look at where MRHI is going. We are nearing the end of our 10 year strategic plan. We need to look at what organizations we want to monetarily support. How do we decide?

Grant Update – Cara reported that there is nothing new with grants. She is working on reports. It was suggested that we have a printed copy of grant reports for board members. SPNHA report is due; they want a very small report which Ginni will write.

Rare Plant Project Update – Ginni reported that there is nothing new here. It was a successful year and we found plants that we haven’t found previously. It was suggested that we put the rare plant presentation on the MRHI website. Ginni created a power point presentation for what happened in 2014. It includes everything we did using grant money, it isn’t just rare plants this time. It was suggested that she show that power point presentation at the next board meeting. Also suggested that we build a skeleton of what has happened at MRHI for board members and public meetings.

Illegal Road and Trail Closure Project Update – In conjunction with the FS, MRHI closed a number of illegal roads and trails this year. We are compiling the statistics.

Poker Ride recap – We had about 35 riders and should have made a profit this year. Jennie has the final numbers.

Moonwalk recap and Donation to Alma Cemetery Foundation – Sheila reported that there were approximately 400 people. We received approximately $852 in donations; Jennie has the final numbers. There were some expenses that need to come out of that – the port-a-potty. Ginni motioned that MRHI donate $100 of the donations we received to the Alma Cemetery Foundation; seconded by Jara. However, Jara noted that Mr. Swanson has retired from the cemetery foundation and that there is no Alma Cemetery Foundation to write a check to. We

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can probably write a check to the Town of Alma and earmark it for the cemetery. Sheila will check into this; she will contact Tim Zingler. Jill will write a thank you to the Flume reporter for the great article that he wrote.

Set 2015 Event Dates –

December 6, 2014 - Holiday Bazaar

December 13, 2014 - Adventure Series, Avalanche Beacon Workshop, Will Barrett

December 14, 2014 - Christmas Bird Count, Kristen Meyer, USFS

January 23, 2015 - Adventure Series, Andrew Gulliford (author and historian) "Outdoors in

the Southwest: An Adventure Anthology" with Jane Goetze

February xx, 2015 - MALT ski flick movie night

March xx, 2015 - Adventure Series, Bill & Beth Sagstetter, "The Mining Camp Speaks"

March 14, 2015 - Poker Glide   
May xx, 2015 - MRHI Annual Meeting

September 13, 2015 - Poker Ride

September 26, 2015 – Moonwalk

Community Comments/Miscellaneous –

* Christmas Bird Count is December 14, sponsored by the FS
* Julie Bullock called to tell Cara that MRHI won 1st place for floats in the Burro Days Parade. We won a $100 prize
* Jara mentioned that the Alma Bingo is this week. She suggested that MRHI should sponsor Bingo again soon. The first bingo in January was suggested as a date. ?? will check with Nancy to set it up.
* Kirsten read a very complimentary note she received from Dillon, crew leader for NCCC. She said that the collective sponsor group that we had this year was nominated as sponsor of the year.
* Cara reported that there is a couple wanting to donate 11 to 24 properties. MRHI can’t hold land, but we are working with other entities. We want to look at other who might want to donate land. Thinking about possibility of creating a legacy project something like people choosing not to mine and would maybe donate parcels to conserve the property. This could be in the form of a conservation easement, a general easement, or a donation to the FS. We could have a way to honor the family who donated. Kirsten stated that when GARTOS started, it was for trails coming out of town and they wanted to get easements for trails. This is taking us back to the start of GARTOS and part of what MRHI has always wanted to do.

Adjourn – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Ginni Greer

Secretary