Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Board Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2014

Board Members Present: Kirsten Springer, Jennie Gannon, Ginni Greer, Roz Aceto, Sheila Skaggs

Board Members Absent: Jude O’Connor, Jan McCabe, Beth Nielsen

Guests: Sara Edinberg, Cara Doyle, Kim Dufty

Meeting called to order: 6:30 pm

Approve agenda: motion to approve/ Sheila 2nd/ Jennie Motion passed unanimously.

Approve minutes from the January 2014 board meeting: Ginni will update the minutes when Jennie sends the correct amount for Colorado Gives Day. The minutes were approved with this one change being made.

Treasurer’s report: $8,780.83 in bank.

The question was raised have we paid for our 2014 Chamber of Commerce membership. Motion to approve / Jennie, 2nd/Sheila Motion passed unanimously

Motion to receive treasurer’s report /Kirsten 2nd Ginni Motion passed unanimously.

Rare Plant Project and Trails – MRHI has submitted a request to RAC for $25,000 for Rare Plant Project and $25,000 for Road Closures. Cara is confident in getting the Rare Plant money but is unsure that we will get the full amount for road closures. We have been approved but are still waiting to hear.

WRV Project, July 12 and 13 – MRHI is working with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers to change a social road back to the one track trail that it started out as. The road leads to Cameron Amphitheatre, the home of at least 6 rare plants, including *Eutrema penlandii*. There is evidence of people having driven through the plants.

Environmental Steward – Last year we had an environmental steward working on the rare plant project and it worked out extremely well. We would like to do this again, but this time have 2 to 4 stewards. They will work on the rare plant project, trails and road closures of illegal roads. The cost to MRHI is $3,000 less a Tiffany and Co. $1500 grant because we are in a mining area. The steward receives a stipend of $800/month and $1170 to be used toward tuition or school loans at the end of the program. Our preference is to choose local students/youth. The program is administered through AmeriCorps. Motion was made to approve MRHI bringing on 2 to 4 environmental stewards for the plant, trails and road closures project. /Jennie, 2nd/ Ginni Motion passed unanimously.

Poker Glide Recap – Sat March 8 – We only had 19 skies/snowshoers. We took in $420 in entry fees (this includes some volunteers who also pay) and $236 in merchandise sales and alcohol donations for a total of $656. We owe Java Moose approximately $280 for food and we paid $135 for the permit. That is a $5 profit not including the merchandise sales and alcohol donations. Dean and Kathy Butler once again donated the $150 prize money. Ginni talked about the event not being worth it, We had about 16 volunteers for just 19 participants. It’s too much work for too little profit, if any. We usually just break even on the Poker Ride.

Poker Ride – September 14 – Jennie and Kelly Gannon worked on the route. Jennie submitted the application to the Forest Service. Include a kids ride if possible.

Grant Update – We continue to apply for grants. Currently waiting to hear about RAC, SPNHA, Peyback Foundation, New Belgium Brewing, Bessie Minor Swift for the Story Walk, O’Dells Charity Month, and Enviro Kids for environmental education. We have been approved for $500 from the Rocky Mountain Nature Association.

Sara continues to update a Grant Spreadsheet, listing all available grants and when they are due. The monitoring of the grants is a lot of work. We are still working to get this under control. A motion was made to get assistance from Susie Casper up to $250 to work on this. Motion to approve /Sheila, 2nd/Kirsten Motion passed unanimously

Adventure Series – Sara is doing a presentation on the Geology of South Park on March 28. MALT is a possibility for April, would like to ask Jude to re-do the Machu Pichu presentation maybe in June, John Fielder is scheduled for May 15.

VISTA for 2014/2015 – Sara’s term will be up in mid April; Julie from South Carolina should be starting the end of April

Miscellaneous –

 Alma Festival – we paid twice last year. Paid at the beginning of April and in June they came to us and said we hadn’t paid. So we paid again just to get us a space. Ginni will contact them and send copies of both checks and ask that we not have to pay this year.

 Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 16.

 Alma Bingo – Ginni suggested that we give the Alma Foundation some MRHI water bottles to use as prizes and maybe a t-shirt.

 Cemetery update –

 Stihl Day and South Park BBQ - happening the last 2 weekends in June. Should we have a booth?

 Photo Contest – Ginni and Sarah will work on an email to send to the Yahoo Groups.

Adjourn 8:08 pm

Minutes submitted by Ginni Greer