**Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition**

Minutes of the Board of Directors Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Lost Dutchman Conference Center

Present: Dave Martinek, Jane Lass, Erik Stone, Jean Rodeck, Sherri Albertson, Karla Schweitzer; Guest Deb MacDonald.

Meeting Commenced at 2 p.m.

Welcome/announcements.

Discussion:

1. A packet of information was distributed to all that contained the agenda, membership renewal letter, 2022 meeting schedule, membership forms, and financials.
2. Dave introduced guest Debbie MacDonald and distributed her biography. Self-described “Ferro-equine-ologist”, she is an avid rail fan and board member of the Rocky Mountain Railroad Club. Deb shared some details regarding her passion and extensive background in railroading. She distributed page 9 of the Rocky Mountain Rail Report that featured the Midland Depot in Divide and the Colorado Midland/Midland Terminal Boxcar. Dave proposed adding her as an alternate to our board, with no objections.
3. Treasurer’s Report. David distributed the balance and profit/loss statements to all present and provided a quick summary, noting that our “non-profit wannabe” funds from Adopt-A-Park have substantially increased our balance. Erik Stone noted that the county has set aside monies to hep with the park program.
4. SHF Grant Extension. Health issues and other concerns have delayed its implementation, resulting in another extension. SHF has asked that we make changes to have a more “authentic” design for the baggage door. Dave noted that depots from the past varied in their custom of baggage doors. It was decided that there will be no baggage door. The depot will need to be painted before an upcoming inspection this year. It is expected to cost around $1000. Deb suggested that T.H.E. apply for a grant to cover the cost.
5. Supported organizations. In addition to the Adopt-A-Park of Florissant, the Rural Land Preservation Group is also currently under the T.H.E. umbrella. Jane Lass and Marion Vance are the remaining members of RLPG. Jane will speak with Marion and recommend that the remaining funds be given to T.H.E. as the organization is no longer relevant. (Jane noted that other conservation groups such as the Palmer Land Trust perform the functions previously done by RLPG.)
6. Shoemaker/Ellsworth Boxcar Move. Dave narrated an interesting slideshow for the move to the depot property, which took place on August 7th. He was pleased to announce that the cost of the move was donated by Dave’s Crane and a local gravel company.
7. Rails and ties that were located on DDA property in Woodland Park were donated to the depot.
8. The metal frame of an express cart was donated to the depot.
9. Dave discussed the election of 2022 officers; all present agreed to continue for another year.
10. Breit Awards. Dave provided a brief biography of the award’s namesake and the purpose and history of the annual banquet for our guest. There was tentative agreement to have the banquet on October 16th at the Crystola Roadhouse venue.
11. Suggested Treasurer Replacement. Dick Unzelman declined to accept Dave’s request to serve as T.H.E. treasurer. There are no other proposals for treasurer at this time.
12. Correspondence. There was no distribution of correspondence. Dave indicated that recent correspondence included thank you letters to various parties for their support in the boxcar move and recent donations.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled on March 23rd at the Depot Annex.

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Karla Schweitzer - Secretary