

Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Midland Depot Annex, Divide CO

Chairman Dave Martinek called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Present: Dee Breitenfeld, Craig Haney, Cindy Haney, Jane Lass, Dave Martinek, Mary Menz, George Parkhurst, Jean Rodeck, Norm Steen and Marion Vance. **Absent:** Sherri Albertson, Jane Mannon

Dave welcomed the members and noted that a quorum was present.

The meeting opened with a celebration for Jean Rodeck, whose 80th birthday fell on this date.

Thanks to Dee for refreshments!

Minutes: The minutes of the January 29, 2014 board meeting were approved on a motion by Mary, seconded by George.

Dave passed around a reading file containing documents and correspondence pertaining to business conducted over the preceding two months.

Treasurer's Report: George presented the Statement of Financial Position (attached). A question was raised as to why the Two Mile High Club is still on our books, given that we sent the club a letter last year to the effect that they are no longer considered members. George's reason is that T.H.E. Coalition is still receiving reports concerning a charitable remainder trust, of which the 2MHC is a designated beneficiary. Some concern expressed about 2MHC's possibly continuing to use our EIN, but George does not think it a problem. Craig moved that the report be accepted, Norm seconded. Approved. Marion and Dee requested a breakdown of funds received for and spent by the Heritage Tourism Committee. [Subsequently received; thanks George]

Committee Reports:

Midland Depot: Dick is out of town. He is preparing to go to SHF in the October grant cycle to request funds for a Development and Design planning grant to prepare scope of work and budget for the next major phase of depot restoration.

Next on the MDAD agenda: •Work days: last two Saturdays in April. Installation of temporary flooring; clean up property prior to tours following Midland Days on May 10 •meet with Pete regarding transfer of ownership •incorporate Midland Days at Divide.

Heritage Tourism: Marion gave an update on progress of the Mobile App.

Newsletter: Mary announced that a new issue will be out tomorrow. Photos and a blurb about the donation of artifacts from Virginia Shippey will appear in the next issue.

Old Business:

Status of SHF Grant: The 2012 grant is being closed out. Work was completed on time, and under budget. All “deliverables” are in. One small question remains regarding accounting procedure for contingencies. SHF will then inform us of how much money must be returned to the Fund.

Drummond Print: The print is currently on display at Community Partnership. Our former webmaster, Jodi Mijares, is now Coordinator of Community Partnership.

Midland Days: The 5th Annual event will be held at John Wesley Ranch on May 10. This year’s theme is “Tunnels in Time”. Preparations are well underway and 21 reservations have already been received.

New Business:

Divide Sign Project: Lisa Lee (Divide Chamber) has designed the sign; well received by the Board. The sign will stand 30 feet in the air; its salient feature is an iron train which moves on a swivel. Pete will help with the cost of producing the train. He has submitted an application for the requisite permit from CDOT. His insurance is sufficient to cover requirements.

Application for State Curatorship: At the moment, archaeologist Richard Carrillo is holding some of the main artifacts turned up in his survey, as they must be turned over to a ‘certified curator.’ Dee suggested that we could become our own curator. She feels we can meet the requirements to become our own repository, and will inquire with the State Archaeologist. One main question is public access. Dee feels we can qualify if we show exhibits by appointment, or virtually. Mary offered to create a website exclusively for the repository and link it to the T.H.E. Coalition website. Dee, Mary and Jean volunteer to show the artifacts as required. On a motion by George and a second by Craig, the Board voted to apply for repository status.

Registering with Secretary of State as a non-profit: this status is distinct from the 501 c 3. If a charity collects more than \$25,000 per year, it needs to file as an organization receiving funds from the public. Government grants don’t count. Dee moved and George seconded that we go through the process of registering. Unanimously approved.

Fund-raising in 2014

Midland Days is expected to bring in revenue.

Yard sale(s); silent (and perhaps live) auction(s) are good possibilities. With the advantage of clearing out the upstairs closet and one of our storage units. Considered advantageous to have at least one sale coincide with the Divide Chamber sale and annual Kite Flight. Chamber is in agreement. Tentative dates: 'junk' sale end of May/early June. Sale of more valuable items in August to coincide with the kite flight. Dee will coordinate inventory and classification of items. Mary and Craig volunteered to help.

Future use of Depot Space: Craig again raised the issue of how we envision allocation and use of space once the inside of the depot is rehabilitated. We need an updated Master Plan. Craig volunteered to spearhead the issue within the board. He will organize special meetings to focus specifically on what we want the depot to be -- to review the original plans and update the vision as necessary. For starters, Craig will schedule two focus group meetings in July.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15

Marion Ritchey Vance
Secretary