

Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
Wednesday, October 29, 2014
Midland Depot Annex, Divide CO

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

Present: Sherri Albertson, Craig Haney, Jane Lass, Jane Mannon, Dave Martinek, George Parkhurst, Jean Rodeck, Norm Steen and Marion Vance.

Absent: Cindy Haney, Mary Menz.

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

Executive Committee Meeting - July 23, 2014

The meeting was held at the Center at Centennial Rehab facility in Colorado Springs. Dave and Dee made the drive down to accommodate Marion who was at the Center for three weeks of in-patient physical therapy following dual knee replacement surgery.

Treasurer's Report: George presented the Statement of Financial Position. Dave acknowledged receipt of the report, but as copies were not available for all Board members, the report was not officially approved. One of the two extant copies is attached.

George advised the Board that his Woodland Park house had sold, and that he and wife Jeannie would be moving to Westminster. The big question: how will this move affect the Coalition? Dave has identified a potential candidate to replace George in the Treasurer's position. He is Greg Smith. Greg is well-known locally and serves as Treasurer for several organizations in Teller County. Dave suggests inviting him to the Annual Meeting so that he gets a feel for our group.

Committee Reports:

MDAD Committee:

Dick Unzelman built a fence around the outside of the depot to keep vehicles at bay.

Craig organized two focus groups in July to give all stakeholders an opportunity to discuss how depot space should be allocated and used once rehabilitation work is complete. As a basis for the talks, Dave supplied Greg with notes from the various meetings held since the idea of restoring the depot first surfaced in the 1990s. While the July discussions were a bit wide-ranging, the group came up with a summary that will serve as a guide for architect Chuck Severance as he produces an updated Master Plan. Still to be incorporated into the overall usage plan is input from the Divide Chamber as to their needs and wants. Craig will meet with Lisa Lee to go over Chuck's preliminary plan. Questions to be resolved are entrances and exits, security, location of the gift shop, staffing, etc.

Dave reported that he, Dick and Marion had submitted a proposal to the State Historic Fund for \$6,900 under a Survey and Planning grant .

Heritage Tourism: Marion informed the Board that the committee completed all content for the Heritage Tourism Mobile App. Our production company NeoTreks will add maps and graphics and deliver the product to Apple for inclusion in the iTunes repertoire. Apple conducts a rather rigorous review of products before approving them for iTunes. One of the advantages of working with NeoTreks is their long-standing relationship with Apple which greatly expedites review. Once the App is approved, it will “go live” as soon as we give the word!

A presentation of selected portions of the App is slated as the Program for this year’s Annual Meeting on November 1.

Old Business:

“Welcome to Divide” sign:

Currently awaiting CDOT approval. Teller County will issue permits once CDOT gives the word.

Fall 2014 Newsletter

Kudos to Mary for the issue recently produced.

Yard sale

Dee Breitenfeld had been organizing inventory and classification of items for yard sale(s) to raise funds. For obvious reasons, the sales were postponed when Dee passed away in September.

New Business:

Board Positions:

The positions held by Norm and Sherri need to be re-upped. Dave will open the floor for nominations and take votes at the Annual Meeting.

In addition, there is a Board vacancy left by Dee Breitenfeld’s passing. Dave proposed that Dee be designated a Director Emeritus. Unanimous approval. In the meantime, Mary will take over Dee’s role in keeping Membership roster up to date. A suggested replacement for Dee is Karla Schweitzer, Collections Manager for UPHS. Both by position and personal knowledge and interest, Karla is an ideal candidate. Dave and or Marion will propose the possibility to Karla.

Jean Rodeck was nominated and unanimously approved as Permanent Alternate-at -Large. Cindy remains as alternate for Marion Vance.

T.H.E Annual Meeting

The Program and Food committees are making preparations for the Annual Meeting of the Coalition to be held on Saturday, November 1 at Community Partnership.

The meeting adjourned shortly after 6:00 p.m.

Marion Ritchey Vance, Secretary