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Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, January 27, 2011

Midland Depot Annex

Chairman Dave Martinek called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Present: Barbara Barbaro, Dee Breitenfeld, Jane Lass, Dave Martinek, Mary Menz, George Parkhurst, and Dick Unzelman. **Absent:** Bill Buckhanan, Jane Mannon, Marion Vance and Sally Fant.

Welcome and announcements: Dave noted that he received a holiday card from Palmer Land Trust and one from Dana Bincer of Kingdom Graphics, designer of our new website.

Dave commented that we've come a long way this past year, including having gone from meeting at the Woodland Park library to now having our own building in which to hold meetings and other events. He also noted that at this time last year the board was in a state of flux, and that now we are a committed and involved board, with members showing up for work days, meetings, and events.

Dave also noted that since T.H.E. Coalition's 10th Anniversary Reception on November 20, 2010, we had received a \$1000 donation from Marilyn Fay, dedicated to the heritage tourism project, and another \$1000 donation to the general fund by Pete Kuyper. Dave has sent thank you notes to each contributor.

Minutes: The minutes of the November 20, 2010 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Referring back to the November meeting when he was asked to start separating the report on funds pertaining to T.H.E. Coalition from those funds it holds as fiscal agent for member organizations, Treasurer George Parkhurst presented the "Statement of Financial Position" as of December 31, 2010. Although the statement was reconfigured somewhat, there were still some items reflected in the report that the board felt should be reflected separately. Dave suggested that he and George talk to Rick Chulick or Bill Nein (local CPAs) for ideas on presenting the information in the preferred format.

Board of Directors

Albert D. Martinek, Chair – Doris Breitenfeld, Vice-Chair – Marion Vance, Secretary – George Parkhurst, Treasurer – Barbara Barbaro – Bill Buckhanan – Sally Fant – Jane Lass – Jane Mannon – Mary Menz

Dee suggested that two new organizations, the Coalition of Pikes Peak Historic Museums and the Heritage Tourism Project for Teller County be added to the “Unrestricted Funds” line.

In reviewing the “Statement of Activities,” there was a question of whether an organization can “act” like a non-profit organization between the time IRS exempt status is applied for and the time the formal 501(C)(3) exemption is received. Dave suggested that this be brought up with the CPA for clarification.

Committee/Other Reports:

MDAD Committee – Dick Unzelman stated that he met with Pete Kuyper earlier today and they determined that the reason for the toilet not working is that the water is frozen in the pit. It should hopefully be fixed by next week. Kuyper’s men have put a heater in the well pit.

According to Dick, we should begin working now on the submittal for the grant that is due in March. He reported that Richard Carrillo still needs to submit a “Proposal for Archaeological Services”. Additionally, Dick passed out copies of the work list and commented that we now need to schedule spring work days that coincide with the grant cycle. Dick said there are three steps working up to this grant process: 1) Teller Historic and Environmental Coalition grant application 2) Older Than Dirt must submit their technical specifications and 3) we must work up a budget.

Winter Newsletter – Board members praised Mary Menz for the fine job she did on our first newsletter of 2011.

Mary reported that between six and twelve newsletters were returned from the post office for incorrect addresses. Jane Lass mentioned that she had received three. Mary will ask for address corrections from the Post Office.

Dave and Mary have talked about placing the newsletter on the website only, and perhaps twice a year sending out hard copies. It was agreed that Mary will place a notice in the April newsletter asking the recipients to let us know if they prefer to receive a hard copy or view the newsletter on line. Mary will always retain some hard copies to have available for handing out. Another suggestion was to send an email, as an example, to Ute Pass Historical Society, with the newsletter attached and ask that it be shared with the staff.

Suggestions for reducing the cost of producing the newsletter included using cheaper paper, using color only on the outside, limiting the newsletter to four sheets, and printing a larger newsletter quarterly. The committee decided to have a four-pager for the April issue, which will be in a digitized form. In the meantime, Mary will check around with other businesses and organizations for a better price on publishing the newsletter.

Old Business:

Dave reiterated that T.H.E. Coalition is not a member of the Divide Chamber of Commerce, but rather, a partner, as was so reflected in the recent roster. A motion was made by Dee Breitenfeld and seconded by Mary Menz that we document our relationship with the Divide Chamber of Commerce. The motion was carried.

DCBO update – Dave advised that Marion should expect a call soon for a meeting date of the DCBO. That meeting will verify the officers, adopt by-laws, and authorize the Board to apply for a 509(a)(3) status (public charity).

Heritage Tourism – A discussion ensued on how next to proceed with the heritage tourism idea promoted during the 10th Anniversary Reception in November 2010. It was agreed by all that we need to organize and learn what we can do, socialize with people who will benefit from the project, and then implement the project. We must convince those people that we are not competing with them. Dave reported that Marion is currently talking with her contact from Palmer Land Trust, and that she has a meeting scheduled for March 14 with Laurie Libby, Director of the Colorado Department on Heritage Tourism. Hopefully, Laurie will advise us on how to proceed and come up with resources for money, etc. The thought is that we should be the lead organization but not try to do it alone. According to Dave, there are plenty of individuals, organizations, and business interested to make it a comprehensive group. It was suggested that once we formalize the project we should then form a corporation so that our ideas are not used by others. This would also give value to the average outsider. Dave strongly recommended that we formalize as quickly as possible.

A motion was made by Dee Breitenfeld, and seconded by Mary Menz, that T.H.E. Coalition adopt the Heritage Tourism for Teller County as a Coalition project. The motion was carried.

New Business:

Mary Menz advised she recently spoke on behalf of T.H.E. Coalition at a meeting of the High Altitude Environment Alliance.

Colorado Preservation, Inc. Conference – Marion will be attending this conference, and is planning on providing information on the Depot project. The conference is scheduled for February 2nd through the 4th.

Sponsorship of Teller Tales Oral History Project - Dave explained that the Teller Tales Oral History Project, developed by Dave and Mel McFarland, is basically a conversation with a historian attempting to create, over time, a number of conversations to track the history of the region and to educate listeners about local history. Dave and Mel have recorded twelve 12-minute segments already, which are being reformatted into 30-minute programs for placement on the regular program schedule of Tellernetcast.com. More segments will be recorded. According to Dave, enough money has been donated to produce 12 30-minute programs. The scripts are completed and everything is ready to go. Each segment is about ten to twelve minutes long, with normally two segments/program. The programs will also be heard through Woodlandpark.com. The Ute Pass Historical Society will be given a CD of all the programs for its oral history archives.

A motion was made by George Parkhurst and seconded by Dee Breitenfeld that we take on the Teller Tales Oral History project. The motion was carried.

Co-sponsorship of the 2011 Midland Days Symposium – Dave reported that once again, the T.H.E. Coalition and the Divide Chamber of Commerce are being asked to jointly sponsor the event. The date of the event is April 16th, at the John Wesley Ranch, and the price per person has been reduced from \$75 to \$60, with a \$70 charge for those who pay at the door. The time will be

from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There will be four speakers this year, including Dave, Mel McFarland, Art Crawford, and Tom VanWormer. The following topics will be covered:

- Dave - Brief history of Divide, and the history of the Midland Depot in Divide
- Mel - Other depots along the Colorado Midland line
- Tom - Eating houses along the way, including the Harvey House in Cascade
- Art - The steam locomotive engines used by the Colorado Midland

All attendees will receive a new poster designed by Mel. The poster will also be available for purchase. A motion was made by Dee Breitenfeld and seconded by Mary Menz that T.H.E. Coalition co-sponsor the 2011 Midland Days Symposium. The motion was carried.

2011 Events/Fundraising Planning – Dave reported that two Custom Aspen log couches were donated last summer. It is valued at around \$1,800. He suggested that the couches be sold, perhaps via Craigslist and the money used for Coalition expenses during 2011.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 PM.

The next scheduled board meeting is Wednesday, March 23rd, 4:00 PM at the Depot annex.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Barbaro
Acting Secretary