

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
October 31, 2012
"Final"

Dick Kohler opened the meeting at 10:10AM. Those present were Betty Brigham, Eric Fleming, Jennifer Kohler, Dick Kohler, George Cannon, Elaine Tyler, Paul Furr, Carol Christensen, Marti Hafen, Richard Hafen, LoAnne Barnes, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

The September 2012 Minutes was passed around to those present. There were some corrections, which have been made. The Minutes are ready for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

Elaine sent the October Treasurer's Report dated November 19, 2012, via e-mail. There were \$61.08 in expenses; a deposit of \$150.00 – Lifetime Membership from Robert Schuyler; leaving a balance of \$438.92 in the Checking Account. There was a deposit of \$1150.00 in the Money Market Savings Account leaving a balance of \$26,168.04. The deposit of \$1150.00 was a donation of \$1,000.00 from the Beckham/Ashe Foundation Grant (Ray Beckham, Jr. and Elaine Tyler) and a \$150.00 Lifetime Membership from Earl & Sheila Bastian.

Thanks to Elaine and her husband for their donation to WCHS. They contribute to WCHS each year.

LoAnne Barnes made a Motion to print some more Membership Application Forms and it was seconded by Dick Kohler. All those present said "AYE".

ROBERT SCHUYLER – University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology

In 1980-81 archaeologists from the University of Pennsylvania Museum, located in Philadelphia, PA came to Silver Reef and did some field work in the mining areas.

TOQUERVILLE – Carol Christensen

Carol will not be the representative from Toquerville on our Committee. She has asked Don Tait (an officer in The Sons of Utah Pioneers) to replace her. She thought he was coming to the meeting, but if not today, he will start coming next month.

FIELD TRIPS – Dick Kohler

Kelton and Ed Hafen have volunteered to take us on a field trip to their ranch in Barclay/Clover Valley. We are to meet at 9:00 AM on November 10th. Lynne will put an article in The Spectrum. We will meet at the St. George Library parking lot. Wear warm clothes, jackets, lunch, and drinking water, because it will be an all day trip.

Another field trip suggested was to see a redwood tree in Browse (a little North of the Toquerville exit on I-15) and at the same time stop to see the San Daniel Camp Monument. The redwood tree is one of 10 redwood trees planted in 1880. The tree is approximately 200 ft. tall and 5 ft. in diameter. Of the 10 trees this one is the only one to survive.

Paul Furr is taking a group to see some uranium mines – Hack Canyon – and two overlooks - Kanab Creek Canyon and Kanab point. He is planning this trip on November 13th and has invited those interested from WCHS to join him. They will be leaving from the Costco parking lot at 8:00 AM. Bring your lunch and drinking water.

Paul talked about the possibility of arranging another field trip to see the Test Facility on the Hurricane Mesa. The road is just before the town of Virgin. It is tentatively set for February 2013.

IAN FLEMING – Researching the History of Early Doctors in St. George

Ian received a Grant from Intermountain Health Care for \$7500.00 to make a film about the History of the early Doctors in St. George. The first Hospital was the McGregor Hospital.

PHIL TUCKETT – Center for Media Innovation (CMI)

Phil Tuckett is making a historical film about Juanita Brooks who has written books about the American West and Mormon History. She is a native of St. George. Richard Hafen said she used to live in the room over the garage in the Green House on the corner of Main street and 100 South.

WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon

All of Juanita Brook's Lecture Series are posted on the website. There is a section on the website about the Medical history of Washington County. He gets information from all over the Country. He links the information he gets to other websites.

George states that the WCHS website is an “evolving process”.

SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Eric Fleming

Eric talked about the need of more volunteers to watch the Gift Shop at the Museum. He also mentioned that there is a need for more donations/money to keep the Museum open.

The Harrison House was the biggest building in Silver Reef. The ruins of the Harrison House are still there.

Washington County owns 12 acres around the Silver Reef Museum.

Jerry Anderson built a 10 ft. bronze model of the Wells Fargo Stagecoach and the horses, which is on display at the Museum. Jerry would like to build a 120 ft. x 22 ft. tall bronze statue of the same model. He has finished two horses and has them in storage. He would need to find an area/room large enough to work in. It could become a “destination” for Silver Reef.

George asked Eric for Martha Ham’s phone number and Eric said he would provide it.

FUNDRAISING FOR WCHS – Dick Kohler

Dick suggested that with the help of Susan Crook and Doug Alder, WCHS could have a dinner party at one of the historical venues in St. George. The guest list could be members of WCHS and/or those who are interested in preserving the history of Washington County. The other guests could be potential donors. Invite about 24 guests. An activity like this could be an “Annual Fundraiser for WCHS”.

The next meeting of WCHS will be held on November 28, 2012, at 10AM at the St. George Library.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston