

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Directors' Meeting  
February 26, 2014  
"Final"

Dick Kohler called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. Those present at the meeting were Doug Alder, Richard and Marti Hafen, Belle Wright, Sidney Greer, Ken and Patricia Hadley, Eric Fleming, LoAnne Barnes, Susan Crook, George Cannon, L. Karen Platt, Lyman Platt, Jennifer Kohler, Elaine Tyler, and Lynne Johnston.

**MINUTES – Lynne Johnston**

The Minutes from the September 25 and October 30, 2013 meetings were approved. The Minutes from the January 29, 2014 meeting were also approved with corrections. Susan Crook made the Motion to approve the above Minutes, LoAnne Barnes seconded the Motion. All those present said "Aye".

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler**

Lynne Johnston made a Motion and Doug Alder seconded the Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Elaine emailed the report to the Board members for everyone to read. Those present said "Aye".

**LYMAN PLATT – NOMINATION AND APPROVAL OF PRESIDENT OF WCHS FOR THE 2014 YEAR**

Lyman Platt made a nomination for the President of WCHS 2014, to be Richard Kohler. Those in attendance voted by "Acclimation" for Richard Kohler to remain President of WCHS for 2014. Richard (Dick) Kohler accepted the position as President of WCHS.

**GRANTS – Susan Crook**

- Susan stated that she did receive the final report for the Grant to Ian Crowe.
- Niki Warner representing "The Boilers" project is asking for donations.
- Washington City has not developed a "Youth Preservation Committee" involving young people
- SilverReef Museum has approached the WCHS Committee for a donation
- DUP Museum – Jeanine VanderBruggen has approached Dick Kohler for help in receiving money and help with the installation for a new roof on the Museum
- Dick told Jeanine about Kim Campbell – President of the St. George Historic Preservation Commission – Dick said Kim volunteered to help DUP
- The Tithing House in Leeds owned by Ken and Patricia Hadley

## **2014 HALS CHALLENGE – HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPES SURVEY DOCUMENTING LANDSCAPES OF THE NEW DEAL - Susan Crook**

Susan gave an explanation in regard to “2014 Hals Challenge”. It is being sponsored by the National Park Service. They have standardized formats and developed guidelines of recording landscapes. The information can be found at [www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm](http://www.nps.gov/history/hdp/standards/halsguidelines.htm) The American Society of Landscape Architects provides professional guidance and technical advice for their program through its Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network. Applications and short format histories should be submitted to HALS at the NPS no later than July 31, 2014.

- Dick mentioned that the Red Hills Golf Course could/would be eligible to participate in the 2014 HALS Challenge

## **SILVER REEF COSMOPOLITAN BUILDING – LoAnne Barnes**

LoAnne told about the talk given by Al Matheson which was at the Cosmopolitan Building at Silver Reef. They had planned for 100 people to come, but ended up with 170 in attendance. They did not have enough seating for everyone and parking around the building was a challenge.

She told how they would like Washington County to use the facility for more events. They would have to limit the size of activities held there.

Roger Simister has a video of the lecture by Al Matheson. It is \$20.00 if you want to purchase a copy.

## **ARROWHEAD TRAIL FIELD TRIP – George Cannon**

The trip was led by Leo Lyman – some of the places the group stopped at were:

- They followed Highway 91 which very closely followed the route of the old Arrowhead Highway and was in the vicinity of the old Spanish Trail.
- They headed towards Mesquite and saw the graves of the Davidson mother, father, and their son - who died from lack of water and the hot sun (1869)
- They located the area where the old Arrowhead Bridge used to be - 1916-1917
- They saw the old road from the top of Mormon Mesa to the Bunkerville area
- George said it was a most interesting trip
- Leo Lyman would like to write a book about the Arrowhead Trail

## **WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION – Dick Kohler**

Dick mentioned that the three towns Grafton, Silver Reef and Ft. Harmony could still turn in their Annual Reports to the County Commissioners.

### **ANNUAL HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION MEETING – SANTA CLARA – Dick Kohler**

- Herb Basso – Santa Clara City Councilman invited WCHS to the tour and meeting
- March 20, 2014 – afternoon tour
- March 21, 2014 – Public Meeting to be held at the Santa Clara Town Hall

### **PRESENTATION OF A SHORT DOCUMENTARY – Jennifer Kohler – “ABUELAS”**

Jennifer brought the nine minute Documentary – “Abuelas” to our meeting to share. It was submitted to DocUtah in 2013. It is a story about Civil Rights/History which happened in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A Grandmother awaited the birth of her grandchild, not realizing she would have to wait over 30 years. Using real-life testimonials this animated-documentary raises issues of memory, repression and loss. Jennifer brought this documentary as an example of the films submitted for DocUtah.

### **31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL LECTURE IN HONOR OF JUANITA BROOKS – Doug Alder**

Dixie State University and the endowment established by Obert C. Tanner present on March 26, 2014 at 7:00 PM, in the Tabernacle a lecture given by Richard E. Turley Jr. Richard Turley is writing a book named “The Clash of the Titans: The First Trial of John D. Lee, July 20 to August 7, 1875”. It is free to the public. Dixie State College has all of the 29 Lectures published on their website.

### **COMMUNITY EDUCATION TV CHANNEL – Dick Kohler**

It was mentioned that on Cable TV – Channel 22 – they show stories about Washington County. “Southern Exposure” will be shown in the Fall. If you do not have Cable TV you can see the programs on your computer – [southernutahlive.com](http://southernutahlive.com).

### **TV CMI DIXIE STATE COLLEGE – COMMUNICATION DEPARTMENT**

- Students work on documentation programs
- Silver Reef – Josh Wallis – taking a class from Dave Harris
- Virgin River Gorge – Phil Tuckett
- Ian Crowe – looks for funding for the TV shows and the Documentaries
- Dick said Phil Tuckett would like the word to go out to ask people if they have any pictures, newspaper articles, family stories, old movies, Super 8 movies, etc., of the Virgin Gorge as they were doing the construction.

### **ROCKVILLE BRIDGE – Dick Kohler**

- The old bridge needs to be rehabilitated
- The old bridge cost between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000
- The National Park Service paid for the original bridge so the buses could get to Zion Park
- UDOT will make a new bridge but keep the old bridge – it is estimated that the new bridge will cost \$3,000,000

### **VISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES – Dick Kohler**

- Tera Hoffman – is a consultant for Vision of Natural Resources
- There will be a meeting on March 13 to discuss the Shem Dam and water rights
- The Shem Dam was built in the 1930's by the Civilian Conservation Corporation (CCC)
- Two previous dams were built at the site – there is documentation showing 1920's cars at the dam
- There is a worry that the dam is eroding with the previous floods (2005 the latest flood)
- The center section is completely gone
- It is on a Reservation – the Tribes will have the final word – they say their water was taken away from them. Water from the Lake Powell is supposed to be used to pay the Indians back
- The lawsuit has been going on for 50 years

### **FIELD TRIP FOR MARCH – Dick Kohler**

- Field trip will be to visit the Shem Dam, the Hernia Dam, Gunlock to see the Power Station and to Ivins to see the Ivins Reservoir
- Meet at the St. George City Hall 9:00 AM
- The trip will be on Saturday, March 29, 2014

Respectfully Submitted  
Lynne Johnston