

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

The meeting was started at 10:10 AM by Dick Kohler. Those present at the meeting were LoAnne Barnes, Lyman and Karen Platt, George Cannon, Susan Crook, Richard (Dick) Kohler, Ron Cundick, Pat Cundick, Jennifer Kohler, Milt Hokansen, Elaine Tyler, Sidney Creer and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

The Minutes from the February 26, 2014 meeting were approved. Karen Platt made the Motion and Elaine Tyler seconded the Motion to approve the above Minutes. All present said "Aye".

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

The Treasurer's Report from February 1-28, 2014 was approved. A Motion was made by Susan Crook and seconded by Ron Cundick. All in favor said "Aye".

Elaine said she renewed the Business License for WCHS.

THE BOILER SPRINGS AND DESERT PRESERVE – Dick Kohler

Dick talked about information from Niki Warner and the "Boilers" project. On May 16, 2014, they are launching a Crowd Funding Campaign and Soiree. It will be held at 6:30 PM and is being hosted by Outlier Labs. Invitations are to be sent out soon with the address of the event.

SHEM DAM – Susan Crook and George Cannon

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) is working with Washington County, UT through the Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) program to rehabilitate flood damage to the existing Shem Dam. The Dam is located on property owned by the Shivwits Band of Paiutes. Flood damage from the 2011 flood event on the Santa Clara River heightened concerns that a catastrophic failure of the historic structure could result in significant harm and loss of function to the river downstream from Shem Dam as well as to the adjacent landscape and downstream transportation infrastructure. The effects of recent flooding include cracking and chipping of concrete, undercutting of the downstream foundation, and cracks associated with structural failure. This damage prompted Washington County and the Shivwits Band of Paiutes, to move forward with plans to rehabilitate Shem Dam with financial assistance from the USDA-NRCS.

JUANITA BROOKS LECTURE

Just a reminder that tonight – March 26, 2014, at 7:00 PM is the 31st Annual Lecture in honor of Juanita Brooks. Richard E. Turley, Jr. will be presenting the program. He will be talking about his Book “The Clash of the Titans – The First Trial of John D. Lee, July 20 to August 7, 1875”.

CHANNEL 22 TV STATION – Dick Kohler

Dick met with John VanWagoner in regard to showing more of the “Historical Videos” about Washington County on the TV Station. Ian Crowe is now getting financing for some of the productions for Dixie State University.

SILVER REEF DOCUMENTARY – Jennifer Kohler and Josh Wallis

Jennifer and Josh are excited with all the “learning” that is happening from the Documentary about Silver Reef Museum. When the Documentary is finished they are projecting that it will be 55 minutes long. Josh and some of the students have done oral interviews with people who have knowledge about the Silver Reef mines and the activities that went on when Silver Reef was a town.

Silver Reef is the first production – other ideas for future productions might be Snow Canyon, Goldhill Uranium Mines, Grafton, and Bull Valley.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

- WCHS needs a Membership Chairperson
- Any ideas?

SILVER REEF FOUNDATION AND MUSEUM – Ron Cundick

- Ron received a letter from the Washington County Commission in regard to support for the Silver Reef Museum
- The Commission has set aside \$20,000 for the upkeep of Heritage sites in Washington County
- They pay for the utilities, water and some maintenance for the Silver Reef Museum
- The Silver Reef Museum has received a \$17,000 Grant from The Sorenson Foundation
- The Museum has an Interface program to work with 4th Graders
- They need the name of a contact name from the Washington County School District
- Dick offered to contact the Sons of Utah Pioneers in regard to donating some chairs that could be used when the 4th graders come to visit the Museum
- Susan suggested that we give Silver Reef Foundation a Grant from the General Fund

Silver Reef Foundation and Museum continued

- Lynne Johnston made a Motion to give Silver Reef Foundation a \$1000 Grant for the Silver Reef Museum's operating expenses – also to ask Silver Reef Foundation/Museum to report “Mid Year” with their progress. Susan Crook seconded the Motion. All in favor said “Aye”. This was the 2014 Grant for the WCHS.

RESTORATION PROJECTS POSTED ON THE WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon

George has set up a new page on the Website for listing current and/or future WCHS projects. (There is a link to this page on the left side of every page on the website.)

<http://wchsutah.org/wchs/current-projects.php>

- Current Projects on that list include:
- DUP Museum Roof Repair
- Lee Hafen Home Restoration
- Leeds Tithing House Preservation
- Shem Dam (Winsor Dam) Restoration Project
- Washington County Historical Society Website

George also reminded us of the Volunteer Opportunity webpage (also with a link on the left side of every page on the website:) <http://wchsutah.org/wchs/volunteer-opportunities.php>

- It was mentioned that Carol Hollowell is in charge of Washington County Volunteers – 5 Counties

George also gave statistics on WCHS Website usage for the last month:

5,834 visitors
4,790 unique visitors
21.2% were repeat visitors
14,746 page views
3,892 subject pages on the website
5,688 photos on the website
95 people on the distribution list

It is interesting that our Website gets visitors from people in different Countries and clear across the United States.

CITY OF LEEDS – LoAnne Barnes

- The City of Leeds applied for a \$20,000 Matching Grant from the Certified Local Government (CLG)
- They need to raise \$10,000
- The money will be divided between the CCC Camp in Leeds and restoration of the foundation of the Silver Reef Museum

FIELD TRIP FOR APRIL – Milt Hokanson

- Milt told everyone he no longer works for Grand Canyon Parashant National Monument
- Donna Farris is doing Oral Histories on the Beaver Dam Slopes
- Ken Sizemore is now in charge of DASIA – he is on the Santa Clara City Council
- Milt Hokanson would like permission to publish three books of Bart Anderson's notes – with permission from Delorice Anderson
- Field Trip to Lytle Ranch will be held on April 23, 2014. Meet at the BLM parking lot at 10:00 AM – bring lunch, drinks, sweaters, etc.
- Eddie Madrigal will show us around the ranch. It is owned by BYU and is a teaching ranch – farming, flood control, irrigation, and taking care of an orchard - it is all about preservation

Thanks to Dick Kohler for a very interesting and informative Field Trip to see Shem Dam, the old Arrowhead Road along Highway 93 and the Ivins Reservoir.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston