

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
Board of Director's Meeting  
September 17, 2014  
"Final"

The meeting started at 10:00 AM and was held at the Dixie State University – Jeffrey R. Holland Building. Doug Alder had arranged for WCHS Board to take a tour of the Dixie State Archives. Those in attendance at the meeting were the following: Edward Hafen, Dick Kohler, LoAnne Barnes, Kelton Hafen, Ian Crowe, Elaine Tyler, Pat Cundick, Ron Cundick, George Cannon, Janice Hummel, Susan Crook, Niki Warner and Lynne Johnston.

**MINUTES – Lynne Johnston**

- Susan Crook made a motion to approve the May 2014 Minutes and Elaine Tyler seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye".

**TREASURER'S REPORT - Elaine Tyler**

- Lynne Johnston made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated May 31- August 31, 2014. Susan Crook seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye".
- Elaine mentioned that WCHS had received a check in the amount of \$750.00 from the Iron Man organization, to be donated to the Boiling Springs Project (Niki Warner). She pointed out that WCHS does not have a Solicitation Permit.
- Accepting money from outside venues could jeopardize the Non-Profit status of WCHS
- Susan suggested that there needs to be a separate planning meeting to decide who WCHS is – is there a need to raise money
- LoAnne Barnes made a Motion to pass the \$750.00 on to Niki Warner and have a planning meeting to discuss whether WCHS needs to have a Solicitation Permit. Pat Cundick seconded the Motion. All present said "Aye".

**JACOB HAMBLIN – New Book by Todd Compton – Doug Alder**

- Doug showed and talked about a new book about Jacob Hamblin by Todd Compton
- Todd Compton will be the guest speaker at the Juanita Brooks Lecture on March 26, 2015 – to be held at the Tabernacle
- The following awards were given to Todd Compton for the Jacob Hamblin Book
  1. Juanita Brooks Prize in Mormon Studies 2013
  2. Mormon History Association Best Biography Award 2013
  3. Evans Biography Award 2013
  4. Francis Armstrong Madsen Best Utah History Book Award 2013

### **GHOST NIGHT AT SILVER REEF MUSEUM – LoAnne Barnes**

- LoAnne invited everyone to come to the Ghost Night at the Silver Reef Museum
- It will be held on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM; November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Cosmopolitan Building and then at 7:00 PM. Please bring flashlights or lanterns. \$5.00 per person with reservation and \$7.00 per person without reservation
- Silver Reef Museum Members – Free

### **ARROWHEAD PETROLEUM ESCALANTE NO. 1 OIL WELL – Kelton and Ed Hafen**

- Ed Hafen has an interest in doing a Documentary about the Escalante No. 1 oil well disaster here in St. George
- He knows where the location of the oil well is and has been there
- The oil well exploded in 1935, killing 10 people – including Charles Alsop and his wife (owners of the Arrowhead Petroleum Company)
- An interesting note – In 1935 the Telephone Operators in St. George knew every person who lived here – the news about the explosion traveled fast over the phone lines
- There is about 1-1/2 pages of information on the WCHS website about the Escalante No. 1 oil well
- Dick Kohler told Ed he would help him with this project

### **WCHS WEBSITE – George Cannon**

- George mentioned that the Website has had over 17,000 “hits”
- 6,000 different people have used the site
- 1,000 have been repeat visitors

### **SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Ron Cundick**

- The Museum is a Historic building which was built with sandstone
- The deck for the building is in need of repair. Supplies purchased from CLG money and volunteer time to reconstruct
- Washington County has donated \$2500.00 to be used as matching money on a CLG Grant to stabilize the foundation of the Museum
- Silver Reef has received a UAM Grant for \$6,000.00 and \$6000.00 from the Eccles for additional money to stabilize the foundation of the Museum
- Dick Kohler will donate time donate time as an Architect

### **DOCUMENTARY ABOUT SILVER REEF – Ian Crowe and Josh Wallis**

- Ian mentioned that he was in contact with Josh Wallis and they would finish the Documentary
- Dr. Schuyler and Ian Crowe have raised money to finish the Documentary

## **SHONESBURG, UTAH**

There was a discussion on the sale of Shonesburg, UT – named after a Paiute Indian Chief. The town is located on the East Fork of the Virgin River, at the mouth of the Parunuweap Canyon. Early settlers were sent there by Brigham Young in 1861. There was constant flooding with the Virgin River - it was hard to farm. There were problems with the Indians.

- The last settler was Oliver DeMille who left in 1902. There is still an old rock house built by Alma Millet and a cemetery there.
- Paul Allen, co-founder of Microsoft recently brought some property there
- The general consensus is to limit development in the area
- Would this be a good field trip? Would there be a need to contact the owner?
- Doug Alder mentioned that he thinks there would be no tourists allowed in the area

## **UTAH HERITAGE FOUNDATION AWARDS – Susan Crook**

- The deadline for nominating names to Utah Heritage Foundation for the Heritage Awards Dinner is November 14, 2014
- Susan asked for volunteers to help her in nominating someone – Elaine Tyler will help her
- The Utah Heritage Preservation Conference is to be held in Salt Lake on March 12 & 13, 2015

## **EAST ELEMENTARY, SUNBOWL, AND DIXIE ROUNDUP**

- East Elementary – which is landlocked can't handle three academic buildings and 15,000 cars
- There needs to be an elementary school for the downtown area
- The SunBowl – a better facility needs to be built
- Will the Dixie Roundup be stopped
- Doug Alder is on the Washington County Preservation Committee and stated that with CLG money they will document East Elementary and the SunBowl

## **FIELD TRIPS/POSSIBLE FIELD TRIPS**

- The field trip for the month of September is to the Dixie State University Archives
- THANK YOU TO DOUG ALDER for a wonderful tour of the Archives – our thanks to Amber D'Ambrosio and Glen Harris for their time to show us all that they have stored there
- See the Quarry by the Red Hills Golf Course
- West Spring where Woolley, Lund & Judd had a smelter – Shivwits Indian encampment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM

Respectfully Yours  
Lynne Johnston