

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
January 28, 2015
"Final"

Dick Kohler opened the meeting at 10:05 AM and welcomed everyone. Those in attendance were - Lisa Zumpft – Springdale’s Historic Preservation Commission, Susie Nilsson, Sidney Creer, Ron Cundick, Pat Cundick, LoAnne Barnes, Kelton Hafen, Bob Nicholson, Jean Krause, George Cannon, Elaine Tyler, Susan Crook, Dick Kohler, Patricia Hadley, Doug Alder, Ian Crowe and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

- A Motion was made by Dick Kohler and seconded by Elaine Tyler to approve the October and November 2014 Minutes
- All present said “Aye”

TREASURER’s REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- A Motion was made by Lynne Johnston and seconded by Susan Crook to approve the October and November 2014 Treasurer Reports – along with the December 2014 Annual Treasurer’s Report
- All present said “Aye”
- Elaine mentioned that she will file Form 990NE for WCHS by the February meeting
- She will renew the website domain name – January 4, 2015
- Thanks to Elaine Tyler and the Beckham/Ashe Foundation for the \$500.00 donation to WCHS
- The Treasurer’s Report for January 1- January 30, 2015 needs to be approved

WCHS OFFICERS FOR 2015

- The present slate of WCHS Officers was discussed
- A Motion was made by Bob Nicholson and seconded by Susan Crook to approve the following 2015 WCHS Officers:

President	Dick Kohler
Past President	Lyman Platt
Vice President	George Cannon
Vice President	Elaine Tyler
Secretary	Lynne Johnston
Treasurer	Elaine Tyler
- All present said “Aye”
- A Motion was made by Elaine Tyler and seconded by Susan Crook to remove the office of Recording Secretary from the WCHS Officers

CURRENT DIRECTORS OF WCHS

- Programs Susannah Nilsson
- Newsletter Lynne Johnston
- Publicity Patricia Cundick
- Grants Susan Crook
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Computer/Website George Cannon
- Historian
- A Motion was made by Dick Kohler and seconded by Susan Crook to nominate Ian Crowe as the DSU Media Liaison (Dixie State University)
- All present said “Aye”
- DSU Media Liaison Ian Crowe

BLOOMINGTON WELL EXPLOSION DOCUMENTARY – Kelton Hafen

- A suggestion had been made to find descendants of the “telephone operators” (may have been some of the first to hear of the explosion)
- Kelton mentioned that he had been trying to find some of them. He did contact one family
- Doug Alder said he would help Kelton search the 40 Oral interviews which are stored in DSU Archives

“LANDMARK AND HISTORIC SITES” – City of St. George, UT – Bob Nicholson

- Bob brought a copy of the new (3rd Edition) “Landmark and Historic Sites” to show those present at the meeting
- He told of using a CLG Grant to provide the funding to make this 3rd Edition of the Booklet
- There is a copy of the Booklet at the DSU Archive in their Library
- The booklet was printed at Alpha Graphics
- The Booklet is \$15.00 and can be found at the Department of Planning and Zoning

WCHS BY-LAWS – Elaine Tyler

- Elaine suggested that the By-Laws should be reviewed
- She posted the current By-Laws on the Internet
- She suggested that they be studied at the March WCHS meeting

SPRINGDALE – Lisa Zumpft

- There is a need to do a Reconnaissance Survey thru a CLG Grant
- There are 80 – 1970 or older buildings, ditches, bridges and 1900 Jail in Springdale
- Doug reminded Lisa how important it is to get Oral Histories

TOURISM – Bob Nicholson

- Tourism is a growing economic development tool
- Bob suggested that Tourism/Cultural Tourism would be a good program at DSU
- Dick mentioned that a program on Tourism at DSU would fall under the Department of Business

SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Ian Crowe/Ron Cundick

- Ian Crowe gave to Ron the documents which Josh Wallis (student at DSU who was doing a Documentary on Silver Reef) had worked on
- Jacob Osterson is now helping at the Museum
- Ron wondered about the possibility of working with the Washington County School District to have a program for the 4th grade students to visit the Silver Reef Museum
- The District could pay for one bus for one year – there are 22 Elementary Schools in the District
- The program would include a visit to the Museum and the two Cemeteries and then eat lunch at the park
- Could happen on a Monday or a Thursday
- Similar to what the 4th grade students do now for St. George Live
- Dick said he would talk to Larry _____ at the School District

RECREATION, ARTS, AND PARKS (RAP TAX) – Ron Cundick

- The RAP Tax is supposed to generate approximately \$2.5 million dollars
- 85% of that money will go to the cities based on their population
- .5 million will remain in the County
- Ron suggested that WCHS form a committee to study the needs/projects that could be funded by a share of the RAP Tax
- WCHS would fall under the Arts part of RAP
- Another suggestion would be to have a WCHS representative on the RAP Tax Committee

ARCHIVIST FOR “DOC” UTAH DOCUMENTARIES - Dick Kohler

- Dick mentioned that there is a need for an Archive/Archivist to house the approximately 500 films
- He has been searching for someone
- He would like the films to be available to different venues

JOHN D. LEE SAGA – Doug Alder

- Doug mentioned that the John D. Lee statue is now back at the home of Jerry Anderson, the Sculptor

UTAH DIVISION OF STATE HISTORY – George Cannon

- George was contacted by Kevin Fayles (Assistant Director of Operations of UT Division of State History)
- There will be a series of meetings on February 19th at the old County Court House
- 2PM: Brad Westwood (Director of State History) and Jed Rogers (one of the Historians of State History) would like to meet with members of WCHS for conversation
- 3PM: Have an opening reception for members of the Utah Historical Quarterly and members of WCHS – there would be appetizers and have an introduction from Brad Westwood on the future of State History and opportunities for collaboration
- 4PM: Invite the general public to listen to prominent local historians speak about their craft. With the recent publication of the Utah Historical essay on S. George Ellsworth, an important but not well known Utah historian, a study of historiography which is the methods and writings of historians.
- This special event is part of the regular series of lectures highlighting the work and scholarship of the Utah Historical Quarterly, Utah's official historical journal.

WCHS BUSINESS CARDS AND WEBSITE INFORMATION - George Cannon

- Susan Crook made a Motion and Pat Cundick seconded the Motion to have George order 2,000 more WCHS Business Cards for up to \$70.00
- Elaine pointed out that a purchase in that amount does not require Board approval
- It was agreed that the new WCHS phone number should be added to the cards
- George will try to get the new 3rd edition of the St. George Landmarks and Historic Sites booklet for the WCHS website. Editions 1 and 2 are already available on the website

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- George passed on some greetings from Karen Platt. She has 7 broken pelvic bones and 2 breaks in her tailbone. She is recovering very slowly and is still in Rehab.
- Ellen Bentley's husband passed away on January 14, 2015. She is moving to Las Vegas to be with her daughter

The next WCHS meeting will be on February 24, 2015, at the St. George Library – downstairs in Room A at 10:00 AM

Respectfully yours
Lynne Johnston