

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
March 25, 2015
"Final"

The meeting was brought to order by Dick Kohler at 10:05 AM. Those in attendance were: Pat Cundick, Ron Cundick, Pat Cluff, Kelton Hafen, Tom Butine (Citizens for Dixie's Future), Susan Crook, George Cannon, Dick Kohler, LoAnne Barnes, Ken Hadley, Pat Hadley, Doug Alder, Ian Crowe, and Lynne Johnston. Elaine Tyler and Bob Nicholson were excused.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

- Lynne was excused for the February 25, 2015 meeting
- The January 28, 2015 Minutes need to be approved

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- Elaine has sent the February 1-28, 2015 and March 1-31, 2015 Treasurer Reports via email for the WCHS Board members to view
- She is asking that the February 2015 and March 2015 Reports be approved

FIELD TRIP – ST. GEORGE/CROSBY FAMILY CONFLUENCE PARK INDIAN SITE
– Susie Nilsson

- Susie said the activity was well attended – around 30 people attended
- Karen Monson from the Dixie Archaeology Society led the tour and gave a lecture on the site
- There is work going on to get approval for the site to be included with the St. George/Crosby Confluence Park

UTAH HERITAGE AWARD – Susan Crook

- The award this year was given to Herb and Wendy Basso from Santa Clara
- They converted a historic home they owned into a restaurant
- Dick is working with Mary Jo Hafen (Santa Clara City Council) on the following:
 - design guidelines for the main street corridor
 - meeting with families who still own property on Main Street
- Susan is working for Citizen's for Dixie's Future
 - make a new Resource Management Plan and Revised Transportation
 - support conservation
 - Desert Tortoise Habitat Conservation
 - Northern Corridor Plan

DOUG ALDER – Items of Interest

- Above Middleton (near Washington City) an old oven has been found
- It was used to burn limestone
- These kind of sites need to have the GPS documented and added to the BLM's Geographic Information System (GIS)
- The BLM has had a good response to their plans to publish a book on "Natural Sites" in Washington County
- The St. George City Golf Course needs to be or has been registered on the National Register of Historic Sites
- Sid Atkin talked about the transition of the site from agricultural to commerce
- It has been built on the old city dump – in 1875 it was a quarry (for all the red sandstone used in the historic buildings) and spring
- On the Utah side of Beaver Dam Wash and Clover Valley, the boundaries should be designated and recorded – also the ponds, water tanks, and the historic ranches

SILVER REEF – "STORIES FROM THE ROCKPILE" – LoAnne Barnes

- LoAnne wanted to remind everyone about the Field Trip for April – which is on April 18, 2015, at 10:00 AM
- It will be held at the Cosmopolitan Restaurant in Silver Reef
- The talk will be given by Mike Empey

SUNCLF - WESTERN ROCK ART RESEARCH – David Lee

- Meeting will be held on April 2, 2015, at the Cosmopolitan Building located at Silver Reef
- Time of meeting will be from 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- Will discuss the Red Cliffs Panel along with others

JUANITA BROOKS SYMPOSIUM – Doug Alder

- "A Frontier Life – Jacob Hamblin – Explorer and Indian Missionary" written by Todd Compton
- The subject for the evening will be "Slick Rock Missions – Jacob Hamblin Communitarian Expeditions Across Colorado"
- Todd Compton will speak on March 25, 2015, at the Tabernacle at 7:00 PM

FIELD TRIP FOR MAY – MODENA – PHIL & JUDY TUCKETT

- Field Trip will be on Saturday – May 9, 2015
- Meet at 9:00 AM at the parking lot at 345 E. Riverside Dr. (BLM Office) parking lot
- Any questions you can read the Flyer on the WCHS online calendar <http://wchsutah.org/calendar.php>

SPRINGDALE – Pat Cluff

- Pat stated that Springdale was awarded a Research Grant so they can do a Reconnaissance Survey
- JL Crawford's papers were submitted to Southern Utah University – he wrote much about Springdale

SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Ron Cundick

- Ron told about their new Intern Jacob Oscarson to help at the Museum
- Jacob Oscarson is a History major and will be there for Spring Semester
- He is a student at Dixie State University
- He will be doing research on their artifacts
- Dr. Schuyler will be returning again this summer for three weeks – coming in the middle of May
- Ron was complimented by some in the group present for the fine job done on the rock work around the Museum

BLOOMINGTON OIL WELL – Kelton Hafen

- Kelton talked about the progress they are making on their Documentary
- They were able to interview three different families who had ancestors in the explosion/disaster
- George Cannon said he could help them by putting a request on the WCHS website asking for information – every little bit of information they can find will help
- They found an entry telling about the explosion in a Journal of Orval Hafen's, who was the County Attorney at the time of the explosion
- It was suggested that Kelton go to the Washington County office and see if they have any other record or information about the explosion

SHUNESBURG – Ian Crowe

- Russell Biset will be the mason on repairing the damage to the home
- The roof was intact in 2009, but now shows damage
- Water damage has moved a wall
- Russell has given the new owners a proposal, but it has not been accepted

WELLS FARGO BANK

- It was mentioned that Wells Fargo Bank does give Grants to organizations
- Need to know what you are looking to do – need the information
- Might be worthwhile checking with the Bank for requirements

D/ASIA BROWN BAG MEETINGS – WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - Sponsored by the BLM

- Dick Kohler and George Cannon will talk on March 27, 2015
- Meeting to be held at the BLM office at 345 E. Riverside Dr.
- Time is from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM
- Dick will talk about the Goals of WCHS
- George will talk about the WCHS Website

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 PM

Respectfully Submitted
Lynne Johnston