

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Board of Directors' Meeting
May 27, 2015
"Final"

Dick started the meeting at 10:05 AM. Those present were: LoAnne Barnes, Susie Nilsson, Jean Krause, Eric Fleming, George Cannon, Dick Kohler, Kelton Hafen, Sidney Creer, Doug Alder, Jennifer Kohler, Susan Crook, Elaine Tyler, and Lynne Johnston.

MINUTES – Lynne Johnston

- All previous months' Minutes have been approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Elaine Tyler

- Susan Crook made a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report dated April 1-30, 2015, and the Motion was seconded by LoAnne Barnes. All those present voted an "Aye" to approve the above minutes.

ORIGINAL VILLAGES IN THE UTAH TERRITORY – Dick Kohler

- Rockville and Toquerville were originally villages
- They each had straight streets
- The early settlers were given one acre in town and five acres for their fields
- They were like checkerboard grid towns
- By 1900 there were 500 villages in Utah
- The Homestead Law came into effect – 160-640 acres – 8 lots in one block with 8 families with at least 8 children

MODENA FIELD TRIP – Dick Kohler

- The railroad which ran from Salt Lake to Los Angeles through Modena, Iron County, Utah, and was used by those who lived in St. George, Utah
- In December 1899, Brigham J. Lund (Robert Lund's Brother), along with two partners, E. M. Brown and Jose Price started a small business venture.
- They used the Railroad for freighting to St. George, UT; Pioche, Nevada; and Delamar, Nevada
- Lund bought out his partners and in 1903 incorporated under the name of B. J. Lund and Company
- B. J. Lund built several buildings which are still standing and have his name on them – a Boarding House/Hotel
- The Miners and Railroad workers lived there – around 500 people at one time
- As long as steam was needed for the steam trains – Modena was the place – the big water tank still stands
- In 1933 the CCC men built a store and a school
- B. J. Lund died in 1905

Dr. Schuyler – Silver Reef Museum - LoAnne Barnes

- Dr. Schuyler will be at the Museum for three weeks
- He lectured at two different programs – there were 40 people at each
- Amber Ambrosio, an Archivist, has gone through papers and anything to do with Silver Reef

SONS OF UTAH PIONEERS – CCC STATUE – Dick Kohler

- Dick talked about HACAP which is a Community focused – Non Profit – based Program
- Marc Mortenson is in favor of a “switchback” trail to the Quarry Trail
- Commissioner Gardner states he wants the Quarry Trail project to happen
- Ken Baldrige says the CCC Statue needs to be erected but where
- He states the Statue needs a base – would prefer a little park area and have some benches
- WCHS will donate (not a Grant) \$1000.00 – to the CCC Statue Project
- Elaine Tyler made a Motion to give the money when they need it and have it a donation, not a Grant. Eric Fleming seconded the Motion. All present voted an “Aye”. The Motion was passed

SILVER REEF MUSEUM – Eric Fleming

- Eric stated they are looking for a Manager for the Museum
- A Director would compliment the present Museum Board
- They need good candidates
- The Museum is open four days a week – Hours are 10AM to 5 PM
- The position would be a salaried position
- Eric’s contribution was outstanding
- He would be a Director on the Board and not paid
- There are rocks with plant material from 1878 from Silver Reef and are in the Smithsonian Institute

BLOOMINGTON OIL WELL – Kelton Hafen

- Their project is not moving very fast
- They have been working on the Script with Ned Corrigan
- There are a few pages on the WCHS Website about the Bloomington Oil Well
- Lynne Clark’s Book on Washington County has material about the Oil Well
- Kelton says they still need to find some of the families and get their information

SUSAN EASTMAN BLACK AND GEORGE DURRANT – Doug Alder

- The Durrant’s are on a Mission to the LDS Temple Visitor’s Center
- St. George, Utah – Original Pioneers – Roberta Blake Barnum and Paul Piene
December 1, 1861 to May 1, 1869

ARCHAEOLOGY AND PRESERVATION MONTH – Susan Crook

- Susan said there are 9 different public sites in Washington County
- This is the 50th Year of the National Archaeology and Historic Preservation Organization
- It is celebrated every May

ROCKVILLE HISTORIC BRIDGE – Dick Kohler

- Baker Engineering needs \$30,000 - \$10,000 more and then the City will have \$20,000
- The State Highway – money was raised by Stephen Mather, the first Director of the National Parks
- The Federal government designed the road and the State built the road
- Doug Alder made a Motion and Susan Crook seconded the Motion for Dick Kohler to send a letter to UDOT – the WCHS Board is not in favor of building a replacement bridge because the historical bridge would become a liability for town of Virgin, because the State funding would be cut off.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05PM

Respectfully Yours,
Lynne Johnston