

WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVISED MINUTES  
JUNE 28, 2023  
10:00 AM  
PIONEER COURTHOUSE



Board of Directors Attended - Brad Bennett, George Cannon, Ian Crowe, Teresa Orton, Linda Shogren, Jesse Stocking, Jeanine Vander Bruggen, Loren Webb

Board of Directors Excused: Susan Crook

Others Attended: Sidney Creer, Richard Kohler, Scott Hirschi, Rich Levin, George Staheli, Tami Crim, Milt Hokanson

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions - Ian Crowe

Each person introduced themselves. Milt Hokanson took the opportunity to suggest WCHS Board work with managers and superintendents of the Vermillion, Gold Butte, and Grand Canyon Parashant National Monuments.

- May 31, 2023 - Minutes – Jeanine Vander Bruggen  
Discussion was held regarding the distribution of draft minutes for review. The members of the Board of Directors receive copies and submit comments. Upon approval, minutes are distributed to the public through the WCHS website.  
Teresa Orton made a motion to approve the May 31, 2023, minutes as corrected.  
Brad Bennett seconded the motion.  
Approved unanimously.
- 10:20 June 13, 2023 – Minutes – Jeanine Vander Bruggen  
It was brought up that there were Extensive revisions to the June 13 board meeting draft minutes. These are to be submitted in writing. It was brought up that minutes should be concise and only record action items. The desire would be to keep minutes to two pages or less.  
Teresa Orton made a motion to table the June 13 board meeting minutes until they can be reviewed further with any added information.  
Loren Webb seconded the motion.  
Tabled.

Jeanine VanderBruggen asked the board to schedule a meeting to set procedures on taking and approving minutes. Ian said the meeting could be set up as a combination of zoom and in person meeting.

Wednesday, July 5 Board meeting set for 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Courthouse.

- March, April, May Financial Statements – Teresa Orton  
There is disagreement regarding which financial reports have been approved since the beginning of the year. Also, a request has been made to revise the format for easier understanding and review. Financials reports to be discussed and approved at the July 5, 2023, meeting.
- Discussion on future meeting procedures - 2023 Officers, Committees, and Committee Chairs; Suggestions concerning additional leadership needs/vacancies – Ian Crowe  
Ian Crowe said the last meeting of the month is open and everyone is welcome to attend. Teresa Orton feels committee chairs should periodically present their findings in WCHS Board meetings. She added that people who want to volunteer should be given a list of areas within the WCHS organization to know where they can volunteer. There needs to be a project outline which can be presented to the board. George Cannon believes volunteers should be able to tell of their areas of interest. WCHS board members would look for ways to fit them into those areas of interest. It was suggested to make a list of all the WCHS's ongoing activities. No assignments given.
- Discussion on area museum brochures - Linda Shogren-George Staheli  
George Staheli of the Washington City Historical Society which operates the Washington City Museum said that in the past, the Greater Zion organization has produced area museum brochures that promote the 16 museums in Washington County. Several years ago, many museums went to the Washington County Commission to ask that a brochure be produced that would list all the museums in the county. George suggested that those museums interested in promoting the history of the county could, by working together, create a combined brochure, apply for funding, and triple their visitation.  
Loren Webb made a motion to have board member Linda Shogren be the Washington County Historical Society's representative to work with George Staheli to help with creation of a countywide historical museum subcommittee and report back to the WCHS. The subcommittee would need to meet once or twice a year.  
The motion was seconded by Teresa Orton,  
Motion was approved.

- Discussion on Marketing Draft Planner 2023-24 - Linda Shogren – included in the discussion above.
- Reports on oral history videos - Loren Webb-Jesse Stocking  
Loren Webb reported on an oral history interview he and board member Jesse Stocking conducted on June 14 with founding WCHS organizer Peggy Childs at the Community Education Channel studios at Utah Tech University. He said another oral history interview is set for Aug. 16 with Washington City livestock man and civic leader Dennis Iverson.  
Rich Levin said Springdale City is planning to conduct oral histories of its citizens who are over 85 years old. George Staheli suggested Warren Hannig, who is 101, should be interested.
- Discussion on St. George downtown walking tour in Oct 2023 -Loren Webb  
Loren Webb also talked about wanting to organize a St. George downtown walking tours on Saturdays in October, which could consist of (1) Pioneer Courthouse block (2) Brigham Young/Ancessor Square block (3) Green Gate Village Block and (4) St. George Tabernacle block. Jeanine Vander Bruggen suggested that because the St. George Marathon and Huntsman World Senior Games are going on during October, it might be better not to hold the tour on Saturday but look at Thursday or Friday. It was also suggested to create a flyer and distribute it during the Huntsman Senior Games. Teresa Orton also suggested that Loren contact Saimi and Mark Bergman who conduct the Foodie Field Trips to see if they would want to participate in the historic downtown tour. Loren indicated he would like to start each tour from the Pioneer Courthouse. Teresa mentioned that she would get in contact with the Huntsman Games coordinator to find an appropriate date.
- Other Announcements
  1. Richard Kohler said the Orval Hafen home at 351 N. Main, is currently at risk of being torn down, and is one of those things that should be on the Society's list of ongoing activities.
  2. Jeanine Vander Bruggen noted that the Smithsonian Exhibit is coming to Silver Reef Museum in the spring of 2024. She said the Pioneer Courthouse is partnering with the Silver Reef Foundation and this allows the WCHS to promote this exhibit and reach out to every community in the county and encourage them to write up their own community histories. This could complement the activities George Staheli is promoting.

3. Debra Durrant Judd, daughter of Thomas Porter Durrant who ran Dixie Photo Studio on Tabernacle has 53 boxes of photos from Dixie Photo Studio in her garage. She organized a group to sort through the photos (which cover schools and community events from the 1950s through the 1990s on Tuesday, June 27 at the 550 E. 700 South LDS Chapel. They will meet Wednesday, Aug. 2 (not Aug. 3 as I originally stated) to do a final review of the photos. Judd has given three boxes to the WCHS to scan and then return them.
4. Milt Hokanson mentioned the Lytle Ranch Reserve on the Beaver Dam Wash has a new ranch manager who wants to open the reserve up to the public more. Milt said he would be happy to see if he could set up a way for members of the WCHS to take a trip there. Jesse Stocking said the reserve has bunkhouses and it is an easy drive out to the reserve. George Cannon said the WCHS website has information on the Lytle Ranch Reserve and the D.I. Ranch.
5. Jeanine Vander Bruggen said a deep cleaning of the Pioneer Courthouse was done this week by volunteers.
6. Jesse Stocking announced the Brooks family is considering converting the family home to a museum.

12:00 PM Adjourn