

MOSQUITO RANGE HERITAGE INITIATIVE  
ANNUAL MEETING/BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 12, 2007

Board Members Present: Tim Balough, Ginni Greer, John Carr, Jim Mauch, Cara Doyle  
Visitors/Partners: Jane Van Baren, Chic Naumer, Lind Carr, Drew Ward, Linda Balough  
(Park County Historical Society), Chris Prew (FS), Sarah Gorecki (CFI), Loretta McElhiney  
(FS), Megan Watkins, Greg Seabloom (CFI)  
Unexcused Absence: Robert Porter  
Excused Absence: Sylvia Liles

Cara Doyle called the meeting to order at 12:30pm. The agenda was reviewed and approved.

MRHI documents

John Carr has completed updates to the following documents: MRHI Articles of Incorporation, MRHI Organizational Consent, MRHI By Laws, MRHI Conflict of Interest Policy and Form, and 501(C)(3) paperwork. The documents are currently being reviewed by Lee Phillips, the Town of Alma's lawyer, they then have to have final approval by the Board, be notarized and then they will be appropriately filed.

MRHI Board Position - Secretary

MRHI's current secretary, Robert Porter has not been to any recent meetings and has not responded to phone calls and emails.

There is nothing in the by-laws regarding a situation like this. John will add something to the by-laws to cover it. Linda suggested keeping it very open ended, something like 'the board has the ability to deal with absences on an individual basis'.

*Action Items:* *Ginni* - email the section of the Placer Valley by laws to John that covers this, as an example

*MRHI Board* - amend the by-laws to include board member absences

*Jim* - contact Robert via email and mail to determine if he still wants to be on the board.

Liability Insurance

Cara reported we have one quote for liability insurance and are expecting more quotes. The quotes are for general liability and officer/board liability. The first quote was \$900 for general liability and \$900-1200 for officer/board liability. If you look at the nature of what we do, where we do it and people in general, we can be liable for everything we organize. We don't have a lot of money but we need the insurance regardless of cost. Cara is checking to see what other organizations do - some have no insurance, some have a lot. The Forest Service is self insured. Sarah said that we can add liability insurance to our home owners policy. Also, the price for workers compensation could be low for an intern.

### Intern

John Carr has volunteered to be responsible for the intern. He has reworked a number of documents that Sarah supplied. These include a job description and an application. Tim provided the graphics on the application. John has had meetings with Chris (from the Forest Service), Craig (from Park County) and Cara. There are a lot of activities that need to be done and a lot needs to be setup before the intern starts. This includes (but not limited to): Safety is foremost; Need to identify who the intern will call when they go out into the field and when they return. Start advertising next week. A physical exam is required and they will need to have individual insurance. Sarah will send John more forms. Potentially there is housing space available in the Forest Service bunkhouse if the individual is interested.

### Partnership with Forest Service

We do not have a partnership with the Forest Service yet. CFI has a partnership and CFI volunteers are considered Forest Service volunteers.

### MRHI Survey

Tim Balough reported on the results of the survey. 361 responses were received. A copy of the results is included at the end of the minutes. In the discussion that followed Cara noted that we are trying to get locals to fill out the survey. Our focus will be based on the information we get from the survey and the public meeting. To try to get more local participation, distribute the surveys to local mountaineering stores (Fairplay, Alma, Breckenridge), Fairplay and Alma post office, distribute at Burro Days, the Music Festival, Real Estate offices, Placer Valley events, Friends of Dillon Ranger District, the intern can hand out when he is in the field.

*Action Items:* Tim - email a copy of the survey to Megan, Loretta, Linda, Ginni  
Ginni - print some copies of the survey and give them to Linda  
Linda - place copies of the survey in the places noted above

### Open Meetings

As a part of the National Park Service grant, MRHI had 2 open meetings in April. We have to go through the maps and analyze the input. Among other things we will be identifying the most popular areas and the high use areas. We will meet Sunday, May 20 at 5:00 pm at Jim Mauch's house to analyze the input.

We need to determine what we want to get out of the map data. Some things that we need to determine/do are: to digitize and put lines on a map, capture data in a table, create a data dictionary, assimilate the data onto a larger map, determine categories such as number of hits, conflicts.

### CFI Trail Grant

Sarah Gorecki reported that Greg Seabloom is in charge of adopt-a-peak and trail design for CFI. CFI has a planning grant from state trails. As a part of this, on Lincoln, Democrat and Bross, they will be doing trail planning, restoration and design. Loretta noted that most of the work done so far has been for trail construction and reconstruction. There are approximately 12 miles of trail that needs to be worked on.

The National Environmental Policy Act looks at wildlife, history, archeological sites and botanical impact on federal land. When designing/constructing trails CFI looks at the entire trail in this respect. CFI is in the process of getting written consent from the Town of Alma, Trust for Public Lands (TPL), Sutton Estates (for 3 of the Kentucky Bells mines). The CMC received a signage grant for signs on Lincoln, Democrat and Bross. Sarah showed samples of the signs which included: Trail, Closed for Restoration, Danger - Mine. CFI will work with the CMC to install the signs later this summer. A trailhead kiosk will be installed in 2008. It will be 4 panels. The fourth panel is for historical information. CFI would like to work with Linda Balough to determine the content of the historical panel.

CFI will ask Maury and John for help in taking the signs up the trail. They still have to get approval from the Forest Service. They will be scheduling work days to put in the signs.

Cara said that we will see if we can get some wood donated from local construction companies. We want all signs to be consistent with Forest Service signs. We may be able to get people doing community service to make some of the signs.

Regarding the situation on Mt. Bross, Sutton Estates is the major roadblock. There are so many landowners as part of the Estate, that it is hard to find them all and get their permission. Maury and John have offered to contact some of the current owners of Bross (there are approximately 150 of them). The Department of Mines is permanently closing some of the mines and others will be closed but able to be reopened at the owner's request.

MRHI has a workday scheduled for August 11 which coincides with one of the CFI workdays. This day can be used to install the signs.

### MRHI Calendar

The MRHI Calendar has been published for the year (copy attached at the end of the minutes). Social events - Jim is in charge of these events; Speaker series - Cara is in charge of these events; Work Days - Ginni is in charge of these events.

MRHI Website

The website contains the original list of Stakeholders. This list is outdated; some of these organizations are no longer active with us. In the discussion that followed, we decided to define and separate out those organizations that we have an active role with and consider them to be an Advisory Board. We will amend the By-Laws to include an Advisory Board. We should have links to all the organizations on our Advisory Board.

*Action Item: MRHI Board - Amend the By-Laws to add an Advisory Board*

*Tim Balough - Put links on our website for the Advisory Board organizations*

MRHI Newsletter

Cara will write a newsletter. It will include information on Adopt-A-Peak, signage work and design, trail work. Sarah will provide input for the signage work and Greg will provide input for trail work. Include the MRHI calendar of events.

*Action Item: Cara - write the newsletter*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ginni Greer  
VP, MRHI

## MRHI SURVEY RESULTS

	Summary
Data summary	Total number of surveys 361
1. What activities do you do, or would like to do, in the Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative area?	
Hike Fourteeners	330
Photography	224
Bird/Nature Watching	86
Hiking/Trail Running	283
Riding ATVs	17
Snow Sledding	20
Camping	259
Jeeping	59
Snowmobiling	17
Mountain Climbing	199
Motorcycling	19
Ice Climbing	59
Mountain Biking	107
Horseback Riding	17
Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing	122
Road Biking	37
Hunting	14
Back Country Skiing/Boarding	77
Fishing	0
Visiting Historic Sites	118
Other:	10
ON	back country solitude
ON	Backpacking
ON	Backpacking, Meditation, Naturalist studies
ON	camping with horses
ON	I want to climb (not bag!) Lincoln, Bross, Democrat and Cameron
ON	Rock Climbing
ON	Running
ON	star gazing
ON	swimming
ON	water color painting

## Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative 2007 Calendar of Events

For questions, please call Jim at 719-836-3755

Sign up required only for the 'Social Series' events. Also call Jim at 719-836-3755

### Listed by Category

#### Speaker Series

- Aug. 3, Fri. *History & Natural Resources of South Park.* Linda Balough, Park County Historic Preservation Director, presents the areas rich history and special beauty in words and pictures. 6PM, Alma Town Hall.
- Oct. 12, Fri. *Traversing the Continental Divide.* Robert Porter's journey climbing the continental divide through Summit and Park counties. 6PM, Alma Town Hall.
- Nov. 9, Fri. *Tramping Around the World.* Jim Mauch's climbs and treks to Pakistan, Nepal, Alaska, Bhutan, South America, Africa, Alps, Australia, etc. 6PM, Alma Town Hall.

#### Social Series

- Jun 17, Sun. Noon Mt. Bike/BBQ. Mt. Bike the Thompson Park area. BBQ afterwards.
- Jul 28, Sat. 7PM Almost Full Moon Hike. Easy 3 hour hike off of Hoosier Pass, followed by refreshments.
- Aug 19, Sun, 8AM Peak Bag/BBQ. Hike up Horseshoe Mt. About 5 miles, 2500 feet. BBQ afterwards.
- Sep 8, Sat, 9AM Mt Bike Poker Ride. Fun 20-mile social bike ride. Prizes and banquet afterwards.
- Dec 1, Sat, 3PM XC-Snowshoe/Xmas Party. Go enjoy some snow, followed by a potluck dinner. Location TBA.

#### Work Series

- May 19, Sat. **CANCELLED** – May 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Jun 9, Sat. Work locations TBA. Work typically involves trail maintenance, clean up projects, etc.
- Jul 14, Sat. Day normally lasts about 4-5 hours, and we usually socialize over lunch afterwards.
- Aug 11, Sat. Dress appropriately. Bring work gloves, water, and snacks.

### Listed by Month

<u>Date</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Meeting Time &amp; Place</u>	<u>Description (see above for more information)</u>
May 19, Sat.	Work Day	<b>CANCELLED.</b>	
Jun 9, Sat.	Work Day	8:30 AM, Alma Coffee shop.	Trail maintenance, Etc.
Jun 17, Sun.	Social	Noon, Thompson Park	Mt. Bike. BBQ afterwards
Jul 14, Sat.	Work Day	8:30 AM, Alma Coffee shop.	Trail maintenance, Etc.
Jul 28, Sat.	Social	7PM, Hoosier pass	Almost Full Moon Hike. Refreshments afterwards.
Aug. 3, Fri.	Speaker	6PM, Alma Town Hall	<i>History &amp; Natural Resources of South Park.</i>
Aug 11, Sat.	Work Day	8:30 AM, Alma Coffee shop.	Trail maintenance, Etc.
Aug 19, Sun.	Social	8AM, Horseshoe Mountain	Peak Bag. BBQ afterwards
Sep 8, Sat.	Social	9AM, Fairplay Hotel	Mt Bike Poker Ride
Oct. 12, Fri.	Speaker	6PM, Alma Town Hall	<i>Traversing the Continental Divide.</i>
Nov. 9, Fri.	Speaker	6PM, Alma Town Hall	<i>Tramping Around the World</i>
Dec 1, Sat.	Social	3PM, TBA	XC-Snowshoe/Xmas Party