

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative
Board of Directors Meeting
January 9, 2009

Attendees: John Carr, Cara Doyle, Ginni Greer, Jara Johnson, Megan Watkins

Members not present (excused): Jim Mauch, Sheila Skaags

Members not present (un-excused): Stan Moore

Others in attendance: Bruce Metzger

Meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Ginni Greer.

Approve Minutes from November meeting

Motion was made by Jara Johnson to approve minutes as is, no corrections noted. Seconded by John Carr.

Treasurer's Report

John Carr reported our current balance is \$2,825.57

Membership Update

We currently have 7 members.

List members on the website. In addition list BLM, FS - those who played a major role. Put a link to their website.

Put a list of donors on website.

Add a field on membership form for people to remain anonymous.

Membership would eventually include discounts for local businesses.

Colorado State Parks

We finished the 2 year grant.

We used some of the money to pay board members (Jara, Megan, Ginni) for projects/tasks that are beyond the duties of a board member; these tasks were not in the scope of board member tasks. Tasks included research on property ownership; mapping; trail brochures. A 1099 will be issued for anyone getting more than \$600.

Cara will take Bruce's reports and input into the grant.

MRHI will be paying county employees for work above and beyond what their job covered. We will also be paying for some materials.

We can provide the mapping information to search and rescue, Emergency Management, Planning Dept.

Colorado Open Lands

They are a major land trust.

They are hosting a high end event at a ranch this summer. MRHI will be one of the recipients of this benefit. We need to create a list of people with money and connections who we would like to invite.

Colorado State Parks - Master Trails Plans

Possible reception/event - Cara discussed having a reception to show the work that we've done with trail mapping. A few of us went to the GIS office before the meeting to see what Bruce has put together. He showed us maps of the area, the trails he GPS'd. He also has points GPS'd on each trail that when he clicks on a point, it displays a picture of the area, or a picture taken from that area. This reception would be an opportunity for us to work on funding for summer projects. We should invite the county commissioners, mayors of Alma and Fairplay, BLM, FS, stakeholders, Linda Balough, Gary Nichols, Mapping/GIS dept.

February 24 was chosen as the date; and the Alma Community Center as the place; 3:00pm to 6:00pm. March 3 would be a contingency plan in case we have to cancel due to the weather.

Next Steps - We need to do a recommendation to the Forest Service on trails based on the survey, neighborhood meetings and Bruce's data.

Signage -

Wagon wheel signs. Signs are missing. Bruce will extract data from his report and send to Gary Nichols. Cara will contact Gary to see if we can help by installing signs as a summer workday project.

Signs -

Linda Balough offered to work with us on signs to install by mines, mills, areas that we want to save. She typed up ideas for wording. They (Park County historical) will match money to create the signs.

Riparian Areas -

One of Park County's issues is water. We need to include this in with our plans and objectives. We have to have a list of wetland areas. Cara has asked for money from Colorado Open Lands to complete an inventory and get an assessment of damage. It would cost approximately \$20,000 to do this. Brad Johnson has been suggested as someone qualified to do this assessment.

Historical and cultural inventory -

Prioritize what we can save or not save. Park County is purchasing Paris Mill. It will be 16 acres; they are saving the land and will be capping the tailings.

How do we prioritize? Need to go for a grant of \$90,000 to \$100,000. Eric Twitty is the top specialist currently working with Linda Balough.

CSU -

They have a 3 year grant from NRI to do a 14er economic impact study. They are having a meeting in May. MRHI is a major player in the study.

Committees -

see page 2 of agenda for committee information from the by-laws and articles of incorporation.

Can the following fall under an existing committee?

Tshirt, hat sales (fundraising)

Social

Events

Membership

Discussion tabled until next meeting - not enough board members present.

New Business

- Ask Tim if we can add a button on the website to easily sign up for the MRHI Yahoo Groups.

- BLM offered Gary Nichols a kiosk for Mosquito Gulch. Linda Balough's work on interpretive signs on the 14ers is on hold.

- There is a 14er meeting next week. This meeting is with the Reibers, Forest Service, CMC, CFI, MRHI, Park County. The Reibers have serious concerns about opening Lincoln, Democrat and Bross to the public. They are talking about implementing fees to hike the peaks, or closing them completely. CMC will be taking over the signage grant from CFI. Trail work will continue this summer.

We need to update our list of stakeholders.

We need to send a letter to Park County thanking them for GIS/mapping help.

Goals for 2009

Cara presented a spreadsheet of the MRHI - 2009 Project Overview (copy attached at the end of the minutes).

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Calendar for 2009:

January 9 - Board Meeting
January 23 - Adventure Series: Patagonia
March 13 - Board Meeting
March 15 - Poker Glide
May 16 - Annual Meeting and picnic
May ?? - Northern Exposure Nite
June ?? - Workday - need a date and trail
July 10 - Board Meeting
July 18/19 - Workday with Wildlands Restoration Volunteers on Mt. Bross
August ?? - Workday need a date and a trail
September 11 - Board Meeting
September ?? - Poker Run - need a date
October ?? - Moon Walk - need a date
November 13 - Board Meeting
Adventure Series - Need some programs
Social Events - Does anyone want to organize one of these? Hike, Snow shoe, or Cross Country Ski with a BBQ or potluck afterward?

Poker Glide

Chairperson

Committee Members -- Megan, Sheila, Tanya, Linda Carr (volunteered by John)

It was suggested that we should do a gift certificate as opposed to cash for the main prize. Ginni will bring camper to have at sign-in for a place to get warm. We need to check with the county or town of Alma to have them plow the road the day before.

Northern Exposure Nite -

Chairperson

Committee Members --

Have it around the June solstice - Friday, June 19.

Show 1 or 2 episodes; have a band, and a party.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted
Ginni Greer
President, MRHI