

**Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 10, 2009  
Meeting: 5:45pm – 8:05pm**

**Attendees:** John Carr, Linda Carr, Cara Doyle, Ginni Greer, Megan Watkins  
Board Members not present (excused): Sheila Skaggs  
Others in attendance: Sara Lykens. Guest from AmeriCorps serving with the Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP).

**Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 5:45 pm by Ginni Greer.

**Approve Minutes from the Annual Meeting of May 16, 2009.**

A motion was made by John Carr to approve the minutes. There were no corrections noted. The motion for approval was seconded by Megan Watkins.

**Treasurer's Report** - John Carr delivered the report. We currently have a balance of \$4085.95 dollars.

Ginni Greer noted that Deanne Reeves of AmeriCorps and Summer of Service program sent MRHI a copy of a Request for Proposal with a schedule for their regular NCCC teams' availability. She asked that we look it over and let her know if we might be interested in applying for a team at some point, this year or next.

**AmeriCorps/NCCC Summer of Service recap** – John and Ginni reported that they had fun working with the kids. More than 80% worked very hard. There was a good ratio of counselors to kids. Crew leaders can offer MRHI more time but the kids are done for the season. They typically do week long projects. It was mentioned that we should look up some of the other things they do to get ideas for the future. It was determined to be a worthwhile venture and should be done again.

**Festival in the Clouds** – Saturday and Sunday June, 18 & 19

There will be an MRHI booth. We have a tent, tables, brochures, newsletters, business cards. We could use more chairs. Megan offered the use of OutYaGo chairs and extra table as needed if approved by Tanya Micek. The mannequin from OutYaGo (Joe) is dressed in his MRHI outfit and will join the people at the booth. There was approval for up to \$100.00 dollars for additional business cards. T-shirts (green and brown), ball caps and bumper stickers have been ordered and will be available at the booth. The ball caps are a bit different so that it will be easier to embroider. The coffee mugs and water bottles will not be ready in time. Cara ordered 4 hoodies. Special orders are available and a list of items and a signup sheet will be available at the booth. A possible additional sale item for future would be bandanas incorporating a topo map print of select Mosquito Range areas. We could use more volunteers to help 'man' the booth. Ginni will create an order form for the sale items from the catalog. It was determined that the banner and maps for display at the booth are ok but that we are not in a position to print or sell

maps of our newly surveyed topos. Please email any photographs of our area to Linda for possible digital display at the booth.

**Annual Tour de Fairplay Poker Ride** – will take place on the Tie Hack trail this year. The September date has been determined, however, no one could remember the exact date during the meeting.

We will reuse the poster design and update the pertinent information. John proposed, we agreed that the grand prize will not be cash but gift certificate to a local store. We will have a separate organizational meeting. The date will be determined by Megan and Ginni. Sharon Alcalay and friend have offered to help this year. John Carr volunteered to do the registration again. Sheila Skaggs has also offered to help again as well. Preregistration is encouraged and we will have a greater price gap between preregistration and registration the day of the ride to help encourage preregistration. All details and an outline should be presented to Cara before August 1<sup>st</sup>. Ginni will post a volunteer request to the E-serve Yahoo Group.

**Forest Service** –Ginni spoke to Kim of the Forest Service about the paperwork for our Adopt-a-Trail. We will work on the Tie Hack trail in August and September.

A 'Kids Day' is proposed for a Friday since the kids are not in school on Fridays. We need to create and submit a 'trail condition' form to the Forest Service. We will also add a weekday in August as some people who work on weekends have requested that. Ginni will check with the Forest Service to see if that is possible.

**Mapping and data sharing** – We will share our data with the Forest Service and with the BLM for now. In the future, private parcels and trails crossing private property will not be included in maps given out to the general public until we further clarify legal issues. They may be displayed for further study and education purposes. Any other requests will be treated in a 'case-by-case' basis. John Carr will clarify the specifics of the current map requests by the Forest Service and by the BLM. John will also follow up with Leah Quesenberry (sp?) on her request. Cara will send and email to her to inquire about any help needed in the 'Oliver Twist' area. John requested that he be included with a CC. As per Jara's email comment concerning mapping, it was determined to 'just say NO' —we don't want to do any edits to the data at this time. Ginni will send a reply to Jara.

**Fundraising Ideas** – create a wildflower book with pictures and drawings of flowers in the Mosquito Range. Seed packets as well. It was suggested that we also obtain a list of 'endangered' plants for distribution from Loretta at the Leadville Forest Service office. If we get enough signatures, we can get a 3% contribution from City Market shoppers via their discount cards. Linda Carr will look into the current requirements.

It was also suggested to look into web sites such as "Good Search" to obtain donations via website 'hits'.

Jara offered, via email, to be the lead on the Photo Contest for our MRHI calendar. Ginni and Megan offered her assistance.

**Proposed Board Meeting date changes** – a motion was proposed to change the meeting days to Mondays.

**Facebook site for MRHI** – Megan will look into this. It was determined that we do not want to ‘spam’ our constituents. We need to be able to filter who gets our announcements. It was also suggested that we look into websites such as ‘Serve.gov’ to post our events and volunteer requests.

**Sarah Lykens of AmeriCorps/CUSP** – Sara can help us with the analysis of the Orphan Boy Mine seepage. Owner information is needed to gain permission & access for analysis. She determined that the cleanup of the dump up on Loveland Mountain along the Aspen Alley trail was not really in her work description. She concentrates more on fundraising and investigating abandoned mines for the purpose of cleanup. She may be able to help us with clarification of ownership. It was determined that getting rid of the dump would be good PR and a ‘feather in our MRHI hat’ as well.

She is currently investigating the Mosquito Range for environmental hazards. She is building a list of reclamation projects for CUSP. She has also been participating with CUSP on the Mountain Pine Beetle issue in our area. CUSP has recently cleared Cohen Park and will be clearing the Fairground area of Fairplay as well. She is associated with the Woodland Park Healthy Forest Initiative as well. There is a video (part II is best) on their website that deals with how to identify trees affected by the pine beetle. [www.wphfi.org](http://www.wphfi.org).

CUSP is also involved in the eradication and control of invasive weeds and plants. They are currently concentrating on the false chamomile in the Fairplay and Hartsel area. They will be concentrating on the Alma and Fairplay area next year.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Ginni adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by Megan Watkins, MRHI Secretary