

**Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Sept 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**  
**Meeting: 6:10pm – 8:40pm**

**Attendees:** John Carr, Linda Carr, Cara Doyle, Ginni Greer, Megan Watkins, Jara Johnson, Sheila Skaggs  
Others in attendance: Sara Mayben, Tim Zingler

**Call Meeting to Order** – The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by Ginni Greer.

**Approve Minutes from the Annual Meeting of July 10, 2009.**

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

**Treasurer's Report** - John Carr delivered the report. We currently have a balance of \$4400.00 dollars.

John needs data from Cara concerning three outstanding checks. Check numbers: 296, 297, 298.

**Board Approval** – The Board approved the acquisition of a safe deposit box at the Colorado East Bank & Trust of Fairplay, Colorado. Motion carried by John and seconded by Jara. Megan will turn in a signed copy of the Approved July 10 minutes as required by the Colorado East Bank & Trust.

**WRV Workdays** – The workdays were reported by both John and Ginni to have been a great success. The follow up went smoothly.

Only 4 volunteers showed up at the last Tie Hack Trail workday. The last Tie Hack Trail workday is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. A Youth Group will work with Kim as Crew Leader. Workers are to meet at the Fairplay High School Cafeteria entrance at 10 am. Lunch is scheduled for 2 pm.

There was some discussion about changing our verbiage from 'work day' to something more inviting. It was also determined that the work days for youth might work better in June. A Fall schedule conflicts with local school sports events.

Some suggestions include: Include a campfire and family. Hikes with data gathering of trails needing attention as an emphasis. Work in more southerly areas. Create Winter Trail signage. Do a nighttime nature walk on a full moon with emphasis on nocturnal creatures.

Cara put in a grant application with Kay and the National Park Service. Details were not given but it was suggested that it could be included as a work day if approved. They would provide food, location, logistics etc. thereby removing the burden from the MRHI Board or volunteers.

**Possible future MRHI business** – Expanding our Study Area to include areas to the south. It was mentioned that future funding from ATV organizations would not be likely as these groups tend to be interested in only new trails or upon maintaining existing trails.

Sheila suggested hosting a Gourmet Dutch Oven Cooking session - possibly in conjunction with an Adventure Speaker Series event.

**Moon Walk** – Event date is October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sheila reported that all but 2 volunteers came to the first meeting. There will be 13 stations and characters

**Insurance situation** – Cara will check into a rebid with Ellen of South Park Insurance Services. We may be able to get a more competitive rate.

**New mining areas** – New claims near Park City have been 'staked'. These will be investigated with John Deagan and includes a railroad bed up to the Ridge Trail. These are claims on Forest Service land. Ajax and London mines are examples of a similar nature. Sara Mayben spoke about various Rules related to claims on Forest Service Land. They relate back to the 1872 Mining Laws. There was some modification with the 1955 Forest Service Use Determination Act. In the past the BLM was responsible for all claim rules and tracking and regulation. The Forest Service and the BLM jointly work with unpatented surface and mineral mining rights now. Patented mining claims are not included. They are treated as private property and subject to current zoning laws regulated by other authorities.

To work an unpatented mining claim, a miner must present a 'Notice of Intent' to the Forest Service. Heavy equipment use requires a Plan of Operations. The Forest Service must notify the public of new claim activity requests via Public/Legal Notices along with Letters to the county, State, Environmental Impact partners. They also post a notification on their website. (SOPA – Schedule of Proposed Action.)

John Aims, the geologist for the Forest Service, reviews all requests and makes a determination as to feasibility.

**Fundraising Ideas** – Cara can help coordinate our Adventure Speaker Series anytime between January and May. Some possible speaker series topics include: Avalanche Safety, First Aid Class. Wildflower identification in May. International Travel – Dave Cooper on Alaska, Steve Bonowski, Pemba Sherpa on Nepal.

Other fundraising ideas include the Wildflower Calendar for 2011 – Jara will oversee this.

**2010 Poker Glide, Poker Ride** – it is close to deadline time to submit permit requests for these events. Any route proposals should be submitted and discussed by next Friday.

**2009 Poker Ride** – Megan reported that the event is coming together and that tasks are being assigned to specific volunteers. She will follow up with individuals personally.

**Other business** – A motion was made to buy MRHI letterhead and Thank You cards. Cara presented an idea to give a nice gift to Sara Mayben for all cooperative efforts and for her retirement from the South Park area District. We will miss her! Ginni suggested a signed copy of one of Dave Coopers photographs. All the MRHI Board Members could include their signatures.

**Adjourn Meeting** – Ginni adjourned the meeting at 8:40 pm.

Minutes submitted by Megan Watkins, MRHI Secretary

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