

Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative
January 11, 2010
Board Meeting

In attendance: John Carr, Linda Carr, Cara Doyle, Jara Johnson, Ginni Greer
Others in attendance: Bruce Metzger

Not in attendance: Sheila Skaggs, Megan Watkins

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Ginni Greer.

Changes to the Agenda – the following items were added to the agenda: South Park National Heritage Area, Forest Service, Project New West, signage, schedule trail maintenance class/crew leader training.

November's meeting minutes – the minutes from the last meeting have not been transcribed and submitted for approval. When the minutes are submitted, they will be mailed to board members for an email vote.

Treasurer's Report –

- John Carr reported that the end of the year balance was \$3,914.65.
- John Carr stated that we need to have a recorded motion that Ginni Greer have access to the MRHI Safe Deposit box and have the ability to sign checks. John Carr motioned that Ginni Greer have access to the MRHI Safe Deposit box and have the ability to sign checks; Linda Carr seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Cara Doyle asked if MRHI has already applied for a Dunn's number. A Dunn's number registers us as a federal grant recipient, it shows we are a legitimate business.

Poker Glide – Date: ?? we may have decided the date at the last meeting, but we don't have the minutes. Ginni Greer will check notes from November's board meeting.

We did not decide on a trail, but will put out a 'save the date' email. We will decide on the trail closer to the date, when we can see what the snow cover will be.

Regarding a trail location: it is too late to apply for a forest service permit; would we need a permit to use BLM land?; some suggestions were Buckskin Gulch, the railroad grade/Aspen Alley.

Poker Ride – First, we have not settled up with the SPRD for September 2009's poker ride. Ginni Greer will compile the final numbers and get in touch with Dee Lyons. It appears that we over paid them. The application for the 2010 ride needs to be in the SPRD office by the end of January.

Ginni will complete the application. The board decided to go back to the Beaver Creek/Ridge route that we have used in the past. It offers a ride for all levels; has a lot of parking available in town; gives us the opportunity to host more people.

We need to get started on planning including, the insurance, do we need to do any paperwork for the Town of Fairplay?

MRHI photo contest and calendar – Jara submitted a copy (attached) of what she is proposing to do for the photo contest. The board decided on the following: Photo submissions are due April 1; Contest winner will be announced April 15; get pricing for 250 calendars both 8-1/2 x 11 and 12 x 12.

US Fish & Wildlife Service – They have invited us to participate in a restoration plan. The Penland Alpine Fen Mustard is a rare plant found only between Hoosier and Weston Passes on the continental divide. They are assembling a team of scientists and they want local contacts. We could possibly offer funding for projects, offer a way to get to areas to find the plants.

BLM – Official partnership and potential trail project (possible for 2011) with the Canon City office. They are donating \$1,000 to MRHI for 2010. They have a larger donation

Colorado State Parks Grant – plan completion, review & next steps – a quick update & discussion of how to proceed. The trails plan was submitted by Cara Doyle. Some of the trails in the plan might need to be mapped. Cara will email a copy of the trails plan to everyone.

National Park Service Grant – \$15,000 was awarded for 2010. This grant requires us to match any funds we receive and we have to pay for items up front and they will reimburse us. We will have deliverables we will have to meet. One deliverable is to complete the mapping project this summer. The grant was written to include money to print maps, conduct 5 neighborhood trail meetings, Crew Leader training, GPS shields, batteries, a PC, printing, copying, meeting expenses. In the grant, we committed to a minimum of 4 trail maintenance days; this could a 2 day 14er weekend trail project. Crew Leader training – It was suggested to contact Friends of the Dillon Ranger District, CUSP, VOC/OSI.

Friends of Open Space event, February 6 – The Continental Divide Land Trust is hosting the Friends of Open Space party on February 6 in Summit County. MRHI was invited to participate, but we declined to have a booth there. It would be great if some board members could attend. The cost is \$15 per person. Ginni plans to attend. Ginni will send a copy of the email to board members.

2010 Adventure Series – Cara is organizing the Adventure Series this year. They will occur on the last Thursday of each month. Avalanche Awareness is scheduled for Feb. 25. Suggestions for other presentations were: Denali; Megan's Himalayan friend; Innovative Energy Group on solar energy; Yellowstone/wolves by Sarah Lykens; 1st Aid Class; Dave Cooper on Alaska, possibly March 25; Debi and Marty O'Brien on Thailand.

Americorps – We need to 1) contact them to tell them we are interested in hosting a group this year; 2) complete and submit an application; 3) coordinate with the Forest Service regarding a trail to work on, camping, etc. Jara Johnson has agreed to do the coordination this year. Ginni Greer will email Jara with the contact and other information she has from last year. John Carr will help with the trail crews/days again this year. Ginni will help again this year if she is here.

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MRHI 2010 Calendar of Events

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February xx – Winter trail maintenance/snowshoe on the Tie Hack trail. We need someone to lead this, since Ginni will be working. Ginni will call Kim Dufty from the SPRD for possible dates.

March 8 – Board Meeting

March xx – Poker Glide

May xx – Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Day

June xx – Wildflower Walk led by xx from CDLT. Ginni will get her name and contact her for a date and place.

July 12 – Board Meeting

July xx – Festival of the Clouds booth

July xx or August xx – Moonlight walk with Kim Dufty from the Forest Service, possibly talk about nocturnal animals, have a campfire afterwards. Ginni will call Kim to see if she will do it and if we would need a permit.

September 13 – Board Meeting

September xx – Poker Ride

October xx – Moon Walk

November 8 – Board Meeting

We need to schedule work/fun days, including Tie Hack trail maintenance days.

South Park National Heritage Area – Linda Balough has been named director

Forest Service – The South Park Ranger District has not hired a district ranger, but they have identified someone.

Project New West – Linda Carr presented some handouts on Project New West and suggested that board members log on to their website to read about them.

Signage – In the past we have talked about working with Linda Balough/Park County to install signs at places where historic mine buildings are being vandalized. Cara Doyle has talked to Linda about getting the signs made, but because there are a number of agencies involved, the process is slow moving. The agencies include Park County, Forest Service—SPRD, MRHI.

Schedule trail maintenance class/crew leader training – Ginni will contact VOC/OSI regarding crew leader training; WRV regarding trail work on Mt. Bross; CUSP regarding weed pulling; SPRD regarding trail maintenance on the Tie Hack trail, we need to complete our first round of trail work as part of the Adopt-A-Trail program.

John Carr motioned to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Cara Doyle. The motion passed; the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes submitted by
Ginni Greer