Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative Board Meeting Minutes

March 14th 2016

In Attendance: Jennie Gannon, Jan McCabe, Roz Aceto, Ginni Greer, Sheila Skaggs, Jara Johnson & Beth Nielsen

Absent: Bill Hawes

Also in Attendance: Cara Doyle, Julie Danielsen

1. Call to Order by Sheila Skaggs at 6:15pm
2. Approval of January 2016 minutes: Jara Johnson motions to approve minutes as corrected; JanMcCabe seconds
3. Financials: Presented by Jara – (expenses stayed the same; Income is $897.47); total in the bank as of today is $7761.91 – that includes the scholarship money and the deposit from the poker glide.
4. Poker Glide Review – Jara: 19 participants; 1 fat tire, 3 cross country skiers, the rest walked it. Great donations – We gave out MRHI swag instead of giving out money this year since the event was free. We also did a half priced merchandise sale and sold off some our gear. This will also give us more visibility by people wearing our gear around. We made about the same amount of money had we charged for the event.
5. Alma Festival Application: Ginni has the application; Jara will check to see if we prepaid and if not she will write a check.
6. Burro Days Application: Ginni has the application; Cara said that Beaver Ponds approached us to see if MRHI wanted to share a booth with them. The Booth is $75 for nonprofit. Jara will write the check. We would like booth 19 or 87. Everyone agrees that booth 19 is the best.
7. Strategic Planning Update: Ginni has taken the list generated at the last public planning meeting and cleaned it up; this will go out to the listserv and the top 10 goals will be presented at the annual meeting. Cara would also like to reevaluate the mission statement.
8. Annual Meeting – Planning – Cara would like to have a powerpoint presentation that recaps all of our accomplishments for the year. Needs help making sure we do not miss anything. Fun photos and entertaining. Potentially have the VISTA do this project. We could possibly have other nonprofit’s set up tables at the event.
   1. Date – Friday evening, May 13th
   2. place - Alma Town Hall, place behind pizza hut (Roz Will figure out cost); VFW Hall; Dolly Varden house close to Placer (Dale Herbertson); We still need to decide
   3. time – 5pm mixer; 6pm meeting
   4. Recruiting new Board of Directors members – Kat Herrara (potential); Julie Danielsen will join the board; Leslie Flak ( Potential); Randy & Pam Hunt (potential); Cara suggested that retiring board members join committees to expand the members we have involved with MRHI.
   5. Officer Election – We need to have a game plan on nominating officers prior to the annual meeting. Beth is stepping down from the board as secretary. We will decide officers at the July meeting. Jara will continue as board treasurer. Sheila is at the end of her 2 year term as president.
9. VISTA Arrival – Erica Henderson will arrive from California on Saturday; Graduated from UCLA. Did an internship with the NPS and it spark her interest in environmental work. Housing has been an issue. Cara has a few leads but still waiting to hear back. Erica will stay with Jara & Tim for few days. Cara & Board has put together some social get togethers for Erica when she first arrives. Ginni mentioned that we need to clean out the office at the church (Jan will help).
10. Website Updates: Sheila has been working with Tim Balough a lot this week. Everything is mostly updated. All meeting minutes are now up. The biggest issue is the merchandise page. Really needs to be updated. Sheila needs everyone to check out the website and send any suggestions.
11. Status of new website: Jara looked into doing wordpress and it looks pretty easy so she will get going on that.
12. Projects for 2016:
    1. WRV – trout creek; Ginni sent a request for the budget, waiting to hear back; Date is supposed to be August
    2. Project with Great old Boards, Wilderness Connections and FS at Selkirk
    3. NCCC – we were turned down; this was supposed to be work on the Tie Hack Trail and Buckskin/Alma Park; we can still put these events out to the listserves to generate volunteers. A June volunteer day at the Buckskin Gateway Park would be ideal (per Jara). Cannot June 18th (Placer Valley Cleanup).
    4. Cameron Amphitheater – Potentially MRHI will help the Forest Service
13. Adventure Series: Some date conflicts; Dusty Gannon and Claire will do an adventure series on Frogs of Peru. They may do it this Friday. Jan Toin will do a presentation on Turkey.
14. Poker Ride – need to submit application: People thought that the Tie Hack Trail was too hard so do we want to pick a different trail. We could do a different trail, but we would have to add it onto the permit. Jara suggested Beaver Creek again because we haven’t had the event at that location in a while.
15. Misc Business:
    1. Calendars - We will sell the rest of the calendars at half price
    2. Film Festival – (Roz): Roz & Cara have been talking about showing independent films that we can purchase at a lower rate ($100) as a fundraiser. We could pick area relevant films. It would be nice to show a film on the 29th of April. The board really likes the idea of a film festival. 1st Annual Alma Mtn Film Festival
    3. Nonprofit software package membership for a database (membership)– Ginni looked at Tech Soup but could not find a membership database; She also looked at nonprofit easy & they did not have a membership database either. Still working on it. Cara suggested that Ginni check out donors choose.
    4. Specialized hikes for a fee. We can add this into our 5 year permit if the board thinks this is a good idea. Who would run these hikes? We will add to the permit
    5. Kat Herrara can work on our GIS data for the rare plant study but would like to work on it soon. We need to let her know what we need her to do.
    6. Farewell Beth
16. Adjourn at 8:10pm by Sheila Skaggs