Mosquito Range Heritage Initiative

Annual Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2015

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Sheila Skaggs at 5:14pm

Roll Call –

Board Members present –Roz Aceto, Jara Johnson, Sheila Skaggs, Ginni Greer

Board Members absent – Jennie Gannon, Beth Nielsen, Jan McCabe,

Others present – Cara Doyle, Linda & John Carr, Gail Smith, Tim Zingler, Kim Dufty, Bob Narozanick, Erica Duvic, Megan Potter, Dave Aceto, Annie Pausback, Jane Van Baren, Jill Abrell, Andrew Zimmerman, Marty & Debi O’Brien, Bill Hawes

Approve agenda – The agenda was approved as presented

Approve minutes of the March 2015 meeting – No changes to the March minutes were requested; motion was made by Roz and seconded by Jara to approve the March minutes as presented.

Treasurer's Report – Jennie was unable to attend, but did provide three reports – Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2014, Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual January through April 2015, and Statement of Financial Income and Expense January through April 2015. Sheila reviewed the reports.

Accomplishments of 2014/2015 – A copy of the 2014/2015 Accomplishments was distributed and reviewed. Two corrections were noted: add the JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship was given to Kelby Dyc in 2014. Also add CUSP as a partner to Mining Lands/Land Conservation.

Goals for 2015/2016 - A copy of the 2015/2016 Goals was distributed and reviewed. Two corrections were noted: add the JoAnn Dufty Memorial Scholarship. Also add CUSP as a partner to Mining Lands/Land Conservation.

Volunteer Opportunities and Employment Opportunities (2 Environmental Stewards) – MRHI will be sponsoring 2 environmental stewards again this year. They will be working with us on the Rare Alpine Plant Project, the kids environmental education program, trail maintenance and a few other projects. Volunteer Opportunities: MRHI has numerous volunteer opportunities this summer—Beaver Ridge WRV project, Pennsylvania Mountain MALT & VOC project, Rare Alpine Plant Project, historic restoration. Signup sheets were passed around.

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Election of Board Members – No one new was nominated to join the board. The floor was opened to anyone at the meeting who would like to join. Bill Hawes volunteered to join the Board. Ginni Greer made the motion to nominate Bill to be on the Board; seconded by Jara; unanimously passed.

Public Comment –

Gail Smith said that some of the residents of Thompson Park were questioning why the Forest Service closed so many roads in Thompson Park and/or put up fences to stop people from using the area. This was done without any meetings or notification.

Linda Carr talked about organizing ‘hikes with a purpose’ in conjunction with MRHI. These would be hikes where participants can learn something about the area while hiking, such as wild flower hikes, archeology hikes, etc.

John Carr complimented MRHI on how much they have accomplished since he was on the Board in the beginning. The Accomplishments and Goals show what we have done and its very impressive.

The comment was made that MRHI needs to update its calendar on the website.

Sheila thanked our hosts Ernie and Sandy Dumas for hosting us again this year at the Mountain Comfort B&B.

Sheila invited everyone to stay for a baked potato bar dinner.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm.