

## MINUTES OF THE HSDV BOARD MEETING HELD November 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Vicki Kinney at 10:45am and the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all present. All Board members were in attendance.

The minutes of the October meeting were distributed, read, and approved on a motion from Donna McElroy with a second from Barbara Peck.

Treasurer Grace Ricci reported a current balance of \$12,411.07. Her report was accepted on a motion from Laura Tennant with a second from Barbara Peck. Grace displayed a copy of a program from the "Misfits Rodeo" that had recently been donated by Mary Barkley of Ignacio CO. There was no other correspondence.

### OLD BUSINESS:

C&C RR: Tom Parcels reported that the Hwy 50 side steps of the depot had been repaired but not as yet painted. He stated that the next important project was to paint the box car and put a protective cover over the roof to seal it against the weather. This would require an expenditure of about \$150 and the help of several members. The \$150 was approved on a motion from Laura Tennant with a second from Grace Ricci. Tom also reported that he had begun to look into the combining of our Dayton RR Days event with the Dayton Valley Days event. The proposal is acceptable of the DVD committee and they will discuss it at their January meeting. The Nevada State Railroad Museum has expressed their appreciation for the Society's donation of \$100 for the use of their hand car at our recent RR event. For the help of the Boy Scout with are parking activity during DVD Tom requested an additional donation of \$100 (the cost of one summer campership) and this was approved by the Board on a motion from Laura Tennant with a second from Donna McElroy.

Museum: Donna McElroy reported the need to finalize the update of the museum "emergency call" list. She has the necessary paperwork to submit. There is still a need for a cordless phone at the museum in order to be able to speak on the phone at the keypad in the event of a programming problem. It was proposed to ask Jenny Dodds to be included on the list. Tom Parcels and Vicki Kinney both agreed to be listed. Donna will consult with Lyon Co. to see who should be their representative. Donna stressed that the Board still needs to complete it work on the "Return Policy" for historical/family items "loaned" to the museum. This will be incorporated into the "winter projects" that will also include accession and labeling updates. Some confusion has occurred from members "borrowing" or "checking out" printed or video items from the museum and returning them without any records being kept and this too needs to be addressed. Donna and Tom noted that there should be a re-organization and clean up of the museum kitchen. There are ceramic dishes/mugs etc, probably leftover from the Chamber days that have never been used by the Society taking up cabinet space that could be used for the orderly storage of our event supplies.

Ghost Walk: Barbara Peck reported that the event came in under budget and that a full report would follow soon as there were a few details yet left to record. Each year the event evolves and Barbara suggested that it be reevaluated in the future and that if it goes forward it should have a new chair. Barbara will continue to participate and advise.

Election: Vicki noted that the ballot for the Nov. 28, 2012 elections has been set and distributed electronically to those members able to receive it. "Write ins" on the voting day will not be accepted. In the last few years several methods for nominations have been tried and none proved acceptable to all members so the Board will review all election procedures early in the coming year and use this as a starting point for additional dialogue. As to this year's award certificates, Laura Tennant has agreed to write them, and Vicki Kinney will contact both the Fire and Sheriff departments to determine who their representatives will be. As to the payment for award recipients and their guests attendance at our Christmas Party/Awards celebration, their dinners etc, the Board voted that all costs would continue to be borne by the general fund of the Society and that no individual member/outside funds would be

considered “earmarked” for this purpose. All members of the Society are coming together to recognize the recipient (s) and all members have the right to share in the celebration. Any funds sent to the Society will be considered a donation to the overall operating expenses of the Society and recorded as such.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Room Tax: Tom Parcels reported that the deadline for application is approaching and we need to determine our needs for the coming period (events held between: 1/1/2013 and 6/30/2013).

New Members: Patrick Neylan reported that there still exists a “gap” in our new membership program. After the excellent work of Grace to receive and process the funds, Mabel to record the pertinent data for the member, and Brian to send a “welcoming package”...there is no follow up as to the new member’s interests and “we” stop there! Early in 2013 the Board needs to address and correct this issue and establish a “follow up” procedure and assign it to a member of the membership committee. Donna McElroy suggested that she could ask Phyllis King if she might be interested in filling in this gap.

Firehouse: Granny has been returned to the Pike St. firehouse, which highlights the need to deal with the display cases stored there.

Museum Computer System: Donna McElroy reported that as the “small “printer has failed, there is no need to replace it until we address the “overall” computer system at the museum and decide on how to update it. Jack Folmar and Gary McElroy will be asked to investigate a new system and report back to the Board in Jan.

Nov. History Moment: “Old Virginy” (John Crowley) will appear and enlighten the membership on the history of this oft forgotten Comstock pioneer.

Misc: Tom Parcels stated that Comstock Mining Inc. would like to offer a tour of their operations in Gold Hill/American Flats to the members of the HSDV. If there is enough interest it will be arranged at a future date.

Special Tour: The Russell Textile Research Center in Carson City will be open for a special tour on 12/12 at 10am (\$10 donation). The tour will last about 1 ½ hrs. The museum is located on Arrowhead Dr. (It is only open for special tours so the address is not even listed on the Museum Website). If there is interest we should arrange to meet at our museum and carpool into Carson. Additional Info call: Eileen Cohen, 267-2557 or me 246-3527 [virginiacitypat@sbcglobal.net](mailto:virginiacitypat@sbcglobal.net)

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

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