Rio Blanco Historical Society Minutes
August 28, 2019
Old West Heritage Culture Center

5:45 p.m. meeting called to order by TR

In attendance: TR, NT, JS, KB, LM, BA, JC, PA, DM

Moved to approve agenda NT, KB

No public participation

Minutes of last meeting: Moved to accept JS, KB

Committee Reports:

Museum: LM (see report)
August visitors: 368 adults, 67 kids through Aug. 26
$297 in sales – need to transfer $62 from operations
to gift shop from CC sales
Milk Creek – received $450 Colorado Preservation
Grant from the Ghost Town
Club (not solicited funds)
County cleared 1940 Buick to be kept in the museum;
preparing a place
Mugs are on order
Working on a Milk Creek T-shirt
JS moved to allow RBCHS logo to be used on T-shirts
Verify website address and email address on
everything that is published:
rbchistory@gmail.com, rbchistory.org
Accessions: None

Bank Robbers Trail: KB
Coordinating sign design with rec district, cemetery
district, rural schools, etc.
Cemetery has earmarked $5,000; $500 from rec center

Landmarking: BA
Working on it with Carl McWilliams – two different
types of signage for residential and commercial as
well as brass plaque
Have received three donations of $175, one for one
for $100, plus commitments
NW Colorado Heritage Culture program from Steamboat
about including same
logo for consistency
Hoping to make Oct. 1 deadline

HCC: TR
Projector, light switches, etc. installed; speakers backordered; two more switches coming

Carpet squares have been installed
Office has been relocated to genealogy room
Would be nice to make this space available to our members

Milk Creek Battlesite: JS
Joy and Jonas Grant were here last Tuesday
Ute Indian Tribe called and asked who is in charge of

Milk Creek
Brochures and invitations are printed
Sept. 28 potluck – Utes have said they will bring buffalo
Call for speakers as well as the invitation
Will spread Joe Sullivan’s remaining ashes; Utes are in charge of that part of the service
TR – Delicious Disaster is going to be helping
BA – Included to share this with COlorado Tourism and HIlstory Colorado?
JS – Yes. Bob Silbernagel volunteered to make contact with NPR and is writing a column for the Sentinel. KDNK – NT
JS – it is our intention to have a joint meeting with pageant committee and Ute guests on Sept. 27
BA – contact PBS to see if they’ll cover this?
TR – will help with the menu

Coal Creek School – JC
- roof has been sealed, someone lined up to do necessary painting and grading
- sheepdog trials: 45 kids coming from Craig Sept. 6, may have an art show in November, send a list to the sheepdog people so that any volunteers selling root beer floats are on the list
- TR – sharing our booth with ELC creations
- gathering volunteers for sheepdogs

Meeker Mustang Makeover – DM
- about $6,000 collected, a little left over for next year
- $1000 from lodging board to advertise
- trying to find out about a gather next year so local horses can be used again

WEbsite/Tech
- working on updates with Kasey
OLD BUSINESS

Budget - TR
Colorado Gives - Our organization was never properly set up with the Sec of State
Benevity is up and running, and we’re working on AmazonSmiles
990 is almost done
Funding for next year for museum staff is in

Need to discuss cleaning and maintenance of this building; need to find out about ADA bathrooms

Teddy Roosevelt (Oct. 20 quarterly meeting)
- school said it would not be a general assembly
- talk to individual teachers

NEW BUSINESS

Realigning committees? Please review and make suggestions.
Bank robbery rewrite for 2020: move to discuss ways to improve by KB, PA

Move to Adjourn at 7 p.m. - KB, NT