

Rio Blanco Historical Society Minutes
November 24, 2019
Conference Call Meeting (weather-related)

5:48 p.m. Meeting called to order by TR

In attendance: TR, NT, KB, SL, Zach (by conference call)

Moved to approve agenda with additions: SL, KB

No public participation

Minutes of September meeting: Not available yet
There was no October meeting due to a snowstorm.

Accessions: (KB)

- Macates and grinding stones approved to be in the museum
- Where did the barrel inside the door at the HCC come from?
- Bob Amick has notified TR old lighting equipment from the MHS auditorium to the HCC; haven't heard anything new

Zach Harmon - Eagle Scout Project

- Wants to work with RBCHS to preserve some of the stories of our history; help facilitate installation of Meeker Bank Robbery trail signs and assist in the collection and preservation of historical stories of Meeker residents
- Timeline: completion has to be done before May
- Board members present are in favor

HCC: TR

- Everything is now hooked up and functional
- Will be purging some of the non-relevant items from the HCC at the county's request to make room for the mechanical room and table storage sometime in the first part of the new year. Will reach out to families if they want things returned if the museum doesn't need them.

Museum: TR

- Numbers at the museum are slowing down with the season, Libby is using that time to sort and clean things
- Preparing for Christmas
- SL: Heard a great report from a guest at Elk Creek about the museum

Coal Creek: JC

- no changes

Website: TR

- We now have access to the website, need downtime to get in and work on it

Landmarking: BA (TR)

- Unsure where updated grant requests, etc. are at right now; do not have a current copy

Holiday Gathering: TR

- Museum doing Open House in conjunction with Parade of Lights?
- 5 days are reserved, every time someone uses it, more people know about it

Christmas Parade: TR

- Buick is unavailable because of a mechanical problem
- Start planning now for next year instead
- Promote the open house at the museum and HCC
- Help the hospital put lights up at the courthouse Wednesday, Dec. 4 at 5:30 p.m.

Elections: TR

- Coming up Jan. 19
- Reassign committees at that time
- Steve is not running again, VP position will be open
- We have lost more than 20 members this year; most are very ill or have died
- Need to recruit more members, esp. young members

Bank Robbers' Trail: KB

- Gaila Bell is still working on the Ute Trail on the Rangely end; will keep in contact with her
- Nov. 6 compiled research about points of historical interest, took that to Paige Jones at the Herald and went over the signs, etc. Nov. 10 talked to WREA about the power plant, said Leon Stout would be the go-to person, will check with him next week; then will go to the rec center and go over that signage; Nov. 12 took more information to Paige and gave her the measurements for the signs, discussed materials and text, map ideas for booklet with QR code to have one item for people to take with them
- \$5000 from cemetery district, \$500 from ERBM
- Dave Morlan was receptive about signs for Coal Creek, Milk Creek and CR8; work with Leif Joy as well
- Planning to get all the groundwork completed and then install everything in the spring
- Looking for information about John Wesley Powell

Signage: TR

- We need to have a map available for designated historic properties
- KB: That's what our QR code outside the building is supposed to do

- Stephanie (Chamber/Project:45) gave us a QR code we can use for that map

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

Next meeting will be the Annual Membership Meeting Jan. 19 at 2 p.m.