

**Rio Blanco Historical Society Minutes**  
**September 24, 2019**  
**Heritage Culture Center**

Meeting called to order by TR

In attendance: TR, JB, LM, JS, BA, PA, DM

Moved to approve agenda with additions: PA, JS

No public participation

Minutes of August meeting:

- JS - Changes under new business - bank robbery rewrite - Copyright for script is owned by Sullivan trust, any changes have to be approved by trustees (JS, KS) we are not likely to approve changes at this time
- Approved JS, DM

Museum

- Gift shop is doing well, Milk Creek T-shirts designed
- Sold quite a few things
- A lot of people came through
- Bus tour coming from Colorado Welcome Center in Fort Collins

Accessions: (PA)

- We have a picture of Minnewa Bell added to the collection

HCC (TR)

- Everything is installed at the HCC
- Danny DeWitt is coming in to fix a bare wire found in the lights; it appeared to him the short occurred when they were drilling into the wall and may have hit a wire
- Getting this corrected is the right thing to do
- Have talked to the county, we need to make sure we are using this building and making it available to the community
- LM - is keeping a list of people who have reserved the space
- TR - suggested use of the space would be a membership benefit
- JS - I think it's important to note that there is an art show in here
- TR - 3 other meeting spaces available
- Moved to take a deposit for damages and cleaning; provide instructions for equipment use and cleaning; reservations to be made at the museum (DR, JS)

Milk Creek - JS

- 6 members of Ute Tribal Council supporting sacred use of trees and places to come on Friday and talk about the pageant and a pageant makeover; quasi-religious organization; 6 p.m. at HCC; to review the pageant and determine what interest the Utes have in participating and making it acceptable to the Utes
- conceptually talking at this time
- (BA) Utes never participated as long as it was called the Meeker Massacre and the script was unchanged; met with a lot of resistance about change
- (JS) invited to talk to the pageant committee last week about possible changes; they are amenable to changes and would like the Utes to be involved
- (LM) Southern Utes said they were not interested in speaking at the event on Saturday
- (JS) All groups expected to speak
- (JS) suggested movies at the HCC as a possible fundraiser
- (TR) popcorn maker for the HCC
- (JS) Buffalo Soldiers are not coming, they are in Kuwait at the present time
- (JS) has talked to Paul Vinzant about creating a pathway, and a way to connect the two monuments
- Board discussed planning for the Saturday Milk Creek event
- Brochures: need corrected address
- BA handled most of the publicity
- BA - Fire chief/SO providing traffic control, ambulance and brush fire truck

#### Rural School Report (from JC)

- Painting
- Art show happening first part of November

#### Mustang Makeover (DM)

- Grateful to the RBCHS for taking us under our wing
- Planning to do it again next year
- Working toward becoming their own 501c3
- Ended with a balance, people wanted to continue helping next year
- Would like to get one or two Ute trainers to participate

#### Quarterly Meeting (DM)

- Schools are not interested in Teddy Roosevelt impersonator, looking for another group or organization
- Thought Kay was organizing

#### Landmarking (BA)

- Met with Sandra, have a layout for all the historical signs, will be reviewed
- Prepared to do that by Oct. 1? Yes.

Meeting adjourned.

