

9 October 2010

Minutes of the IOCTA Fall Membership Meeting

**held 9 October 2010 at 10:00 A.M.
at The Ox-Bow Café, Bliss, ID**

Call-to-order: Doug Jenson called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. He noted that we did not have a quorum. At 10:07 Suzi Pengilly arrived, providing the meeting with a quorum.

In Attendance: Afton Patrick; Peggy Cristobal, Director; Lyle Lambert, Vice-Pres.; Jim Payne, Director; Pat Rhoades; Worth Montgomery; Doug Jenson, Pres.; Bill Wilson, Treas.; Suzi Pengilly, Director; and Mary Alice Wilson.

Minutes: Bill explained that he had seen Kay Coffman, Secretary, on 2 October, and she said she had not been able to get the minutes completed, for the Chapter meeting on 13 August 2010, at the Elko, NV, Convention; and that Kay was unable to be at this meeting because of a prior commitment to remain another month as a volunteer at the Kirkwood Historic Ranch in Hells Canyon. Bill informed the meeting that he would take the minutes.

There being no minutes from the Elko meeting, Doug gave us an overview of that meeting, from his notes.

Financial Report: Bill passed around a Financial Report (with appended Reports for the two previous Chapter meetings in 2010), which showed \$200.00 in chapter dues received from National OCTA, total interest received of \$55.13 since 9-30-09 on the Chapter CD, and membership of 121, 8 of which were new. Approved by acclamation. Doug asked about chapter dues for Life members at National? Randy Seed had queried him as to why he wasn't receiving issues of *Trail Dust*. General discussion of this problem. Peggy suggested that Bill get a list of Life Members from National OCTA by next spring's meeting.

The Financial Report also shows us with a current balance of \$6,242.34. Peggy moved, Suzi seconded, and it was approved, to transfer \$4,000.00 of this balance into two individual CDs.

Doug asked if the \$300.00 approved last year, but unused, is still available for an award for the annual History Day contest? The general consensus was that since it hadn't been used, it was still available.

Bill related Jerry Eichhorst's discovery last Wednesday of an 1858 Indian massacre of a wagon train, as related in the 1863 diary of James Bailey.

Suzi told about how the Idaho Power archaeologist had just this past week discovered what is believed to be the Trapper Ferry that crossed the Snake River above Salmon Falls from 1852-54, until it got away from them and went downriver.

Preservation: Lyle noted that Dell Mangum is feeling better, but still is unable to do much walking. Dell has volunteered to act as Preservation Officer/Coordinator, overseeing other Preservation people around the state---if he is given some directions that outline his duties, where to order marking supplies, etc.

Doug noted that he had received some emails about cell towers, including again about the one in Almo (that he and Dell and Lyle had previously determined that it wasn't a threat to the trail).

Suzi talked about various threats to trail viewsheds, etc.:

MISTI (coming from Montana, into Idaho; it might affect Goodale's Trail).

GATEWAY (state line route is still a possibility)

BOARDMAN TO HEMENWAY (still being considered)

SWIFT (Sen. Harry Reid had a bill before Congress to let SWIFT go in without an environmental review). (But it needs to go west of Minidoka Internment Camp.)

Another problem cropping up, is that of "little wind farms" being built to connect to transmission lines, without SHIPO overview.

SUNSTONE (it is not currently known where their pipeline route is)

Old Business: (there was none)

New Business:

Jerry Eichhorst's ideas for outings; 70% of Chapter Membership is in Treasure Valley, so some of the next outings need to be in that area.

There was discussion of the need to find someone to replace Amy Ballard as Editor of *Trail Dust*, as she does not have the time, now that she is teaching full-time. Suzi Pengilly offered to take over that position, with help from Jerry Eichhorst.

Bill explained Jerry's suggestion for meetings---that they have a very short business meeting, then do an Outing Overview for the rest of the morning, that would develop enthusiasm for the tour that afternoon. Bill had suggested to Jerry that we might start out that method with the first tour being on the newly signed Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway (next spring).

Peggy showed us an old newspaper clipping from 1992 that bemoaned the fact that Baker was getting an Interpretive Center, but Boise "missed the boat." Bill explained his "idea" that he'd told Jerry Eichhorst several years ago, about building one astraddle the Trail, where it comes off the hill east of the Idaho Highway 21 bridge---with large silhouettes made of Lucite, of wagons and oxen going down the trail northwesterly from that Interpretive Center. Discussion ensued about other ways to do silhouettes out of piping, and/or metal silhouettes like the horses on Lewiston Hill.

Jim Payne suggested we might do a tour of the ISHS Archives and Library.

Doug suggested it was time to consider our slate of officers for the coming year.

The following slate was proposed: Pres. – Jerry Eichhorst (with help from Doug)

ViceP. – Lyle Lambert

2nd ViceP. – Doug Jenson

Sec. – Kay Coffman

Treas. – Bill Wilson

Pres. Off. – Dell Mangum

Trail Dust Editor – Suzi Pengilly

Directors: continuing: Amy Ballard, Suzi Pengilly, Jim Payne, Peggy Cristobal; new to replace expiring Dell Mangum---Wally Meyer.

Motion by Jim Payne, second by Peggy Cristobal, and approved, to accept the slate of officers above listed.

Suzi suggested that IOCTA might lead one of the ISHS field tours.

Afton Patrick announced that she is to be appointed to the BLM's RAC, soon to be announced by the Secretary of the Interior.

Adjournment:

Afton moved, Jim Payne seconded, and approved to adjourn at 11:52 A.M.