

**IOCTA SPRING MEETING**  
AJ's Restaurant, Mountain Home ID  
Saturday, May 5, 2012, 10:00 a.m.

INTRODUCTION

- Introduction and welcome by President Jerry Eichhorst
- Plan for the Day
  - 10:00 a.m. Chapter Meeting
  - 11:30 a.m. Presentation by John Hiler
  - 12:15 p.m. Lunch
  - 1:15 p.m. Byway Tour

ATTENDED

- Boise: Ellen Druckenbrod; Jerry Eichhorst; Liz Heil; Karen Hoekstra; Lynn Houdyshell; Marge Houdyshell; Paul Kurtz; Dennis McDonald; Linda McDonald; John McVey; Suzi Pengilly; Duston Scudder; Margaret Scudder; Brez Slaybaugh; Warren Weihing; Lisa West; Bill Wilson
- Eagle: Wally Meyer
- Filer: Peggy Cristobal
- Glens Ferry: Kt Carpenter
- Idaho Falls: Doug Jenson
- McCall: Jim Payne; Pat Rhodes
- Meridian: Martha Boekling; Monty Gamble
- Mountain Home: John Hiler; Merrilee Hiler; Ron Tugby
- Nampa: Worth Montgomery
- Star: Christine Diehl; Brian Hagen
- Twin Falls: Afton Patrick

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Meeting of October 15, 2011, Boise
  - Sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email
  - Available on the website

FINANCIAL REPORT – Bill Wilson

Checking Account

Balance 9/30/11: \$1668.64

Deposits

11/2/11: \$80.00 - Dues from OCTA  
11/29/11: \$100.00 - Dues from OCTA  
1/3/12: \$70.00- Dues from OCTA  
1/27/12: \$80.00- Dues from OCTA  
3/26/12: \$90.00- Dues from OCTA  
3/28/12: \$60.00- Dues from OCTA  
5/2/12: \$80.00- Dues from OCTA

Expenditures

10/21/11: \$250.00 OCTA – Life Membership for Idaho State Historical Society  
1/30/12: \$119.40 – Jerry Eichhorst for 2012 website costs  
4/10/12: \$214.05 Ink for IOCTA printer

Balance 5/2/12: \$1,645.19  
Savings Account  
Balance 9/3/09: \$0.00  
Deposits  
9/3/09: \$100.00 – Initial setup requirement  
  
Expenditures  
9/3/09: \$5.00 – New member fee  
Balance 10/7/10: \$95.00  
Certificates  
Bus CD  
Balance 12/29/11: \$2,504.29  
Bus Promo CD  
Balance 12/5/11: \$2,016.74  
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• Membership  
○ 138 currently paid members  
○ 12 new currently enjoying their first year of membership

#### OLD BUSINESS

Preservation Update  
Handout – Suzy Pengilly  
LiDAR: A New Tool for Locating Historic Trail Segments, Kansas Preservation, Volume 34,  
Number 1, 2012  
Snake River Water Trail  
No report  
OCTA Mid-Year Board Meeting, March 2-4, 2012, Independence MO – Doug Jenson  
Marketing effort  
50% of membership is older than 70  
Numbers falling: 1997-2,769; 2012-1,392  
Need 210 new membership per year to have 5% growth  
New committee, Pat Surrena, chair  
Advertising  
Exchange advertising space for Bob Clark's mailing list – OU Press  
May purchase American Heritage magazine mailing list  
Conventions  
2012 – Lawrence KS – registration booklet mailed  
2013 – Oregon City OR  
2014 – Lincoln NE  
2015 – South Lake Tahoe  
Bruff's Wake  
Virtual Trail - 250 sites - 70 to go in March - should be done by August - Chuck Millken,  
committee head  
Hours and Miles  
A big deal  
Include planning and research time  
Mapping and Meeting

To be held in late summer/early fall  
Would like at least one person per chapter to attend  
Some funds available  
Wally will coordinate if anyone is interested in attending

New Fork Crossing – Lander  
Moving along  
Great signage  
Open sometime next year

National Park Service/Aaron Mahr  
OCTA is model for trail associations  
Travel restrictions – can only spend 1% of budget on travel – money there but can't travel  
64 trail segment feasibility study – draft out 2013 – OCTA work done  
Chuck Millken retired – position not filled  
Signage at old Fort Hall site  
Auto Trail guidebook for Nevada is out - Washington-Oregon not a priority  
New signage program – local tour routes – offshoot of Auto Tour routes – actual signs done by local DOT – some money available – online process

Idaho History Day – Doug Jenson  
Better visibility

Afton Patrick delivered Lewis and Clark set of books from OCTA to Karen Wach, Lincoln Elementary, Twin Falls, on March 15, 2012

Community Education Classes – Jerry Eichhorst  
40 people attended 3 classes in March and May

Idaho Archaeological Society – Jerry Eichhorst  
32 people attended NAOT presentation in April  
Invited to speak again in the fall

Massacre Investigations – North Alternate  
Archeologists scanned with ground penetrating radar and magnetometer in September  
Report clearly indicates numerous graves at mass grave site  
A number of graves at massacre site; volcanic rocks distorted magnetometer results

Massacre Investigations – Goodales Cutoff  
Further research by Bill Wilson of land records from clue in reminiscence  
Found suspected attack site and suspected site of remains of wagons  
Cadaver dog indicated graves, however, no physical evidence found on the surface

Astorian Return Trip – Jim Payne  
200th year anniversary

Fur Trade Symposium – Jim Payne  
Pinedale WY – September 5-8, 2012  
Register at [www.MMMuseum.com/2012](http://www.MMMuseum.com/2012) or 1-877-686-6266

#### NEW BUSINESS

Canyon Creek Station Restoration  
Idaho Heritage Trust  
Developed plan for restoration (stabilization – keeping what's there together)  
Estimated cost of \$4000  
Provided grant for \$2000  
IOCTA Executive Committee agreed to provide \$2000  
Will restore walls, still needs a roof

Idaho Public Television Byways Special

New program featuring twelve byways across Idaho

Includes Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway

To be broadcast in March 2013

Milner Ruts Improvements

On hold

Oregon Trail Monuments Inventory Proposal

Create inventory of trail monuments, historical markers, interpretive panels, etc. across Idaho

Include pictures, contents, directions

Add to website to facilitate access to all

Dave Taylor to lead effort

Idaho Heritage Trust – suggestion made to apply for grant

2012 Planned Activities

May 19 – King Hill marking outing

June 16 – Soda Springs outing

July 21 – City of Rocks outing

September 8 – South Alternate Narrows outing

October 6 – Fall meeting/Fort Hall tour

MEETING WRAP-UP

Moved and seconded to adjourn

COMING NEXT

Presentation by John Hiler

Lunch

Tour of Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway