

Oregon-California Trails Association

Idaho Chapter

Convention Planning Meeting May 3rd 2014
Perkins Restaurant, Pocatello, Idaho 9:30 to 10:30 am

The notes here cover actions (underlined) and recommendations rather than all discussion.
Notes taken by John Briggs with additional input by Jerry Eichhorst.

People in attendance:

Jerry Eichhorst - Chairman, Peg Cristobal, Dave and Kay Taylor, Bill Wilson, John and Nancy Briggs, Alys Webber, Beth Webber, Dan Dunne, Doug Jenson, Afton Patrick, Mike Bateman, Vic Thomas, Lyle Lambert, Lynn and Margie Houdyshell, Fred Dykes, Dave and Donna Newberry

Meeting called to order by the Chairman

1. Jerry to send out names and telephone numbers of all contacts relating to the Convention Planning.
2. The Shoshone Bannock (SB) Hotel does not have enough rooms to accommodate an expected attendance of 500+ and therefore we will need to be able to provide overflow rooms in Pocatello Hotels.
3. Suggestion from Mike Bateman that we incorporate somewhere in the program a nod to Robert Stuart who discovered the 'South Pass' in November 1812, the centenary of which has gone largely unrecognized. Jerry noted that Jim Hardee may cover that in his talk of the fur trapper history.
4. Recommendation from Doug Jenson that the Registration desk be left open until 8:00 pm rather than closing at 5:00pm, especially for Sunday and Monday nights.
5. Heritage Fair possibilities include
 1. Chambers of Commerce
 2. Idaho State Historical Society – action Dan Dunne and Jerry Eichhorst
 3. BLM – action Jerry
 4. Idaho Museum of Natural History - ? Lyle Lambert/Mike Bateman ?
 5. Museum of Idaho - John and Nancy Briggs
 6. Bannock County Historical Museum

7. Bingham County Historical Society?
8. Genealogy Societies – Peg Cristobal
9. Idaho State Tourism Department - Jerry to work with Cathy Bourner
6. The proposed speaker program received general approval
 1. Jim Hardee, Bob Cromwell (Tuesday) have already been contacted
 2. Alys Webber will act as the contact for Orlan Svingen (Tuesday) and will be the speaker coordinator.
 3. Lyle Lambert will be lead contact with the SB tribe
 4. The Thursday schedule is not fully worked as yet. Possibilities include Kevin Marsh, Leo Ariwite, Christine Brown, Darrell Shay, Rosemary Devinney, Mike (last name not known) who is director of Idaho State Museum, others from SB Tribe
 5. A back-up speaker from within IOCTA will be needed.
 6. Jerry to contact OCTA National to determine policy on remuneration of speakers.
7. Need to identify an Awards Banquet Coordinator
8. All – need to find and donate items for the Auction and Raffle. Also need to determine when Results will be announced and therefore what room schedule is required. How will items be stored and who will be responsible for their storage?
9. Tour Schedule generally agreed
 1. Need someone to own Oregon Trail West Scheduled Tour (Mike Bateman will assist)
 2. Shuttle needed for Camp Henry – tour buses will not be able to get in.
 3. Visiting Fort Hall itself needs resolution
 1. Provided by SB tribe?
 2. Self Drive with permission placards and maps rather than Indian Guides?
 3. School Bus Shuttles?
 4. Someone to schedule bus and walking tours to be identified
10. Breakout sessions – Margie Houdyshell, Alys, Lyle to consider possibility of a session on Indian medicines.
11. Web Site – John and Nancy Briggs will assist.
12. Sponsors – still to be addressed.

Summary of Convention Coordinating etc positions discussed and needing to be filled

1. Awards Banquet coordinator
2. Raffle, Auction items storage and room coordinator
3. Oregon Trail West tour leader
4. Walking Tour leader
5. Back-up speaker

Chapter Meeting May 3rd 2014

Perkins Restaurant, Pocatello, 10:30 to 11:30 am

People in attendance:

Jerry Eichhorst, Peg Cristobal, Dave and Kay Taylor, Bill Wilson, John and Nancy Briggs, Alys Webber, Beth Webber, Dan Dunne, Doug Jenson, Afton Patrick, Mike Bateman, Vic Thomas, Lyle Lambert, Lynn and Margie Houdyshell, Fred Dykes, Dave and Donna Newberry

We didn't actually vote to approve the Treasurer's report but since there were no questions nor discussion we can assume it was accepted

Ownership of Canyon Creek station to be transferred to BLM

Doug Jenson reported from the OCTA Board Meeting.

- No actions resulted but we probably should note that the OCTA meeting did NOT (yet) discuss the Idaho Chapter proposal that the National Association provide certain specified assistance for the Idaho Chapter's hosting of the 2016 National Convention. They have approved that hosting, however.
- Doug provided as well an interesting side note – the average age of OCTA members is 70 and membership span is 15 years. This suggests we need to find a way to appeal to a younger group but there was no recommendation on how this might be done any differently than today. We might want to consider this for future discussion – given the work you already do with younger people.
- A detailed job description for Chapter Preservation Officers will be forthcoming and has already been drafted
- The Kearney, NE, convention web site is now up.
- The Oregon City meeting did not meet its financial expectations and has created something of a cash shortage.
- The 2017 convention will be held in S. Utah in conjunction with the Spanish Trail Association.

The Sign Maintenance volunteer work materials, part of the Byway update, will be paid for by the State or by the BLM.

Planned activities for the year were discussed. New member Vic Thomas lives on the Hudspeth Cutoff and offered to host an outing there. Lyle and Vic to work out the details for a September outing.

A motion proposal that Lynne and Margie Houdyshell be jointly elected to the position of Director of the Idaho Chapter for a term of three years effective retroactively to October 2013. The motion was proposed, seconded and agreed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned.

Saturday, May 3
10:45 am
Perkins Restaurant, Pocatello

IOCTA SPRING MEETING

AGENDA

- × 10:45 Chapter Meeting
- × 11:45 Lunch
- × 1:00 Tour of OT sites west of Pocatello

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- + Meeting of October 6, 2013, in Boise
- + Sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email
- + Available on the website

FINANCIAL REPORT

\$1,314.64	Balance after October meeting
+ \$550.00	Dues from national
- <u>\$816.05</u>	Expenses (fall meeting, postage, website, award, ISA)
\$1,048.59	Current checking account balance
\$95.00	Current savings account balance
\$6,590.27	Current value of CDs

129 members, 17 new members in last year

OLD BUSINESS

- × Preservation Update – Wally, Lyle
 - + Fire damage – Need to remark trails

CANYON CREEK STAGE STATION

- × BLM to take ownership
- × Preservation plan and cost estimates to be developed
- × Stabilization work to start soon
- × Need ideas to raise more money

OREGON TRAIL MONUMENT PROJECT

- × Project put on hold
 - + Boise City financial restrictions
 - + Brochure PDF to be put on Boise City website

BYWAY UPDATE

- × BLM tour held April 4
- × Community Education tour held April 12
- × Sign Maintenance Required
 - + Replace 2 signs which have disappeared
 - + Replace 2 wooden posts
 - + Eagle scout project to do work

OCTA NATIONAL SPRING MEETING

- × Update by Doug Jenson
 - + Preservation
 - + National Website
 - + 2016 Convention
 - + Convention Planning Process Change Proposal

2016 CONVENTION

- × Planning Meeting Earlier Today
 - + Need to define bus tour routes
 - + Need to remark trails

OLD BUSINESS

- × Any other old business?

NEW BUSINESS

- × Activities for the year
 - + May 3 Pocatello meetings & OT outing
 - + June Marking north of Mountain Home?
 - + July Marking in eastern Idaho?
 - + August 2 Fort Boise to Farewell Bend tour
 - + September
 - + October 4 Fall Meetings, Mayfield exit, Stage Stop

