

IOCTA Fall Meeting 2016
 Saturday, November 5, 2016, 11:15 am
 Smoky Mountain Pizzeria, Boise

Attending

Jerry Eichhorst	Peggy Cristobal
Bill Wilson	Dan and Jeri Dunne
Paul Dinwiddie	Virgel and Judy Clark
Jim and Dawn Fazio	Russ Smerz
Dave and Donna Newberry	John and Nancy Biggs
Jeanne Johnson	Lynn and Margie Houdyshell
Gail Dunbar	Lyle Lambert
Afton Patrick	Doug and Paula Davina

1. Minutes of May 7, 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the May 7 meeting at Fort Hall were sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email. They will be posted to the IOCTA web-site.

2. Financial Report - November 2016

Balance after May 2016 meeting	\$3,487.67
Deposits	
Clothing Sales	\$1,762.65
Member Gift Check	100.00
Membership Dues	250.00
Expenditures	
Spring Chapter Meeting Lunch	\$693.72
Clothing Purchases & Shipping	562.70
Convention Supplies and Pins	378.79
Ending Balance – November 5, 2016	\$3,965.11

3. Financial Report - Convention Summary

	NOV 15	MAY 16	NOV 16	TOTAL
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$3,494.79	\$2,733.90	\$3,478.67	\$3,494.79
Income				
Membership Dues	350.00	840.00	250.00	1,440.00
Member Gift Donations	100.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
Clothing Sales	2,370.47	817.21	1,762.65	4,950.33
Total Income	2,820.47	1,657.21	2,112.65	6,590.33
Expenses				
Clothing Purchases & Shipping	2,907.56	539.39	562.70	4,009.65
Convention Planning	414.80	52.32	378.79	845.91
Miscellaneous Chapter	20.00	320.73	0.00	340.73
Chapter Meals	239.00	0.00	693.72	932.72
Total Expenses	3,581.36	912.44	1,635.21	6,129.01
ENDING BALANCE	2,733.90	3,478.67	3,956.11	3,956.11

Note: The check from National for half of the auctions amount has been received

4. OCTA National Board Meeting

Fort Hall, August 1, 2016

Convention Planning Management Team

- Committee did absolutely nothing since March meeting at St. George. Some of you are not surprised!
- Requested a continuance to Vancouver in the spring

John Winner asked Jerry to lead effort to redo national website in March at the spring meeting

- Jerry declined request after the convention and will discuss again in Vancouver in the spring

FUTURE OCTA NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

- 2017 spring meeting in Vancouver, WA
- 2017 convention in Council Bluffs, IA
- 2018 convention in Ogden, UT

5. OCTA National Convention – Fort Hall

Thanks to everyone who helped.

Special thanks to John Briggs.

Convention Highlights:

- 315 people from 26 states attended
- 70 people on pre and post tours
- 300 people on bus tours
- Convention raised \$33,266*, well over target of \$25K
- *One of most successful ever
- Raffle & auction items raised \$7685
- (Better than most conventions; \$3568 coming to Idaho chapter
- Good speakers, meals, tours and BBQ

What did we learn that can help Utah in 2018? The following points were identified:

- The catered lunch at Soda Springs was a nice break (Not a box lunch).
- Need more review of registration – several attendees showed up which were not on the list.
- Speakers could be heard in the book and auction rooms. Attendees could visit these rooms and still hear the speakers.
- Could use more discipline monitoring the meal tickets.
- Food not started at Author Night. The delay allowed non-distracted time to browse.
- Provide a map for the tour bus loading locations
- Provide half portions for meals.
- Locate the book room near the lobby or where there is walk-by traffic.

6. Preservation Update

Gateway West Transmission Line Project

- Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement released
- View at on.doi.gov/1sExPBP or at BLM offices and local libraries
- Selected route meets with Wally Meyer's approval
"This route would have only 3 adverse impacts on the NHT, all visual and with no NHT crossings."

7. Canyon Creek Station

- The NPS Draft Site Plan ready for review.
- Idaho Heritage Trust has provided a grant for \$5000.
- BLM Funding:
 - Available to complete south wall next year
 - Submitting funding request for a roof for 2018

8. Byway Update

- Need to install 12 signs and 9 posts.
- Progress was finally being made with ITD to get signs made but ran out of time a year ago before they were finished.
- Will start the process over again in the spring.
- Glenns Ferry Highway District will install signs from Glenns Ferry to Highway 20

9. Volunteer Hours and Expenses

- Members need to submit volunteer hours and expenses.
- OCTA contributed 100,000 hours last year
- This information is used for federal funds allocation
- Include up to 12 hours per day per person
- of travel time, attendance time, activity
- time

10. IOCTA Activities This Year to Date

Update presented on this year's IOCTA Activities.

- Boy Scout marking at Three Island Crossing State Park
- Community Education classes
- Osher Institute classes and bus tours
- Spring byway tour
- Convention tour planning and marking outings
- Spring chapter meetings at Fort Hall and Raft River outing
- OCTA National Convention
- California Trail outing
- Ditto Creek massacre site work
- Idaho Archaeological Society annual conference

11. Old Business

No old business was discussed.

12. New Business

Ditto Creek Massacre Site

- Have been searching for massacre site at junction with main Oregon Trail for 6+ years
- Suspected location southeast of Inscription Rock on Goodale's Cutoff
- Found disturbed dirt and depressions on small knoll
- Push rods gave way after 6 inches in depressions
- Cadaver dogs hit on the knoll
- Eagle Scout clean- Eagle Scout clean-of trash dump of trash dump
- Ground penetrating radar scan results indicate that something is there.
- Plans to excavate, fence, sign

Monument Management Plans

- Craters of the Moon Draft Monument Management Plan Amendment and Environmental Impact Statement now available for review and comment
- City of Rocks revised Monument Management Plan is nearly ready for final review
 - Compromise reached on California Trail – instead of removing sage brush along trail itself, will create a walking trail 100+ feet to side overlooking trail

Elections

The current terms are expiring.

Officers – Re-elect for 2 year terms

President Jerry Eichhorst

Vice President – East Lyle Lambert

Vice President – West John Briggs

Treasurer Dan Dunne

Secretary Paul Dinwiddie

Directors – Re-elect for 3 year terms

Dave Taylor

Jim and Dawn Fazio

Vote by membership – motion by Margie Houdyshell to re-elect all existing officers, seconded by Bill Wilson and carried. The existing officers were re-elected.

Appointments

The following 2 year appointments were made.

Historian: Virgel Clark

Preservation Officers:

Wally Meyer (west)

Lyle Lambert (east)

Trail Dust Editor: Nancy Briggs (and John)

Webmaster: Jerry Eichhorst

Trail Evangelism

- Working with Chateau de Boise about doing Oregon Trail presentations
 - Lots of opportunities at assisted living facilities across southern Idaho
- Adding a third Community Education class in March
 - Does your community offer similar adult education opportunities?
- Osher classes at BSU will be offered yearly
 - Sold out 2 classes of 50 people each
- Is anyone interested in doing similar speaking and presentations?

Ideas for Next Year

- Osher classes in April and May
- Byway tour in April
- Spring meeting first Saturday in May
- Fall meeting first Saturday in October
- Goodale's Cutoff in eastern Idaho & INL, Skull Goodale's Cutoff in eastern Idaho & INL, Skull Rock area
- California Trail – Raft River to City of Rocks
- North Alternate
- Soda Springs to Fort Hall through the reservation
- Ditto Creek massacre site work
- Ryegrass Creek massacre site work
- Milner Ruts – marking outing

Meeting Wrap-up

- A motion was made that Chapter funds be used to purchase lunch for today's meeting attendees. The motion was seconded and passed.
- Afton Patrick will be conducting a tour of Idaho State Capitol immediately following the Chapter meeting.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.