

IOCTA Spring Meeting 2017

Saturday, May 6, 2017 10:30 am

Perkins Restaurant, Burley, ID

Attending

John and Nancy Biggs
Sharon Brown
Virgel Clark
Peggy Cristobal
Doug and Paula Davina
Paul Dinwiddie
Dan and Jeri Dunne
Jerry Eichhorst
Jim and Dawn Fazio

Lynn and Margie Houdyshell
Lyle Lambert
John and Jackie McVey
Dave and Donna Newberry
Afton Patrick
Tim and Renae Preston
Russ Smerz
Bill Wilson

1. Minutes of November 8, 2016 Meeting

Minutes of the November 8 meeting at Boise were sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email. They will be posted to the IOCTA web-site.

2. Financial Report – May 6, 2017

Balance after November 2016 meeting	\$3,964.90
Deposits	
Membership Dues	\$800.00
Convention Auction & Raffle Proceeds	\$3,567.82
Expenses	
Fall Chapter Meeting Lunch	\$334.51
Gift Membership – for Rosemary Devinney	\$60.00
Website Hosting – to Jerry Eichhorst	\$119.40
Ending Balance – May 6, 2017	\$7,818.81

3. OCTA National Board Meeting

Vancouver, WA March 31

- Dick Waugh replacing Billy Symms on Board
- Website being redone by contractors
- Amazon Smile – OCTA gets 0.05% of sales via link
- Loss of \$10,000 - \$15,000 per year
- Investments net gain of 8.03% (\$102,168) to 1.7M
- Membership stable, needs to grow

OCTA Western Region Representative

- 2 days per week for 5 months
- Renewed if successful
- Assist chapters & national, liaison with NPS, funding proposals, assist with trail projects
- Sharon Brown
- Retired as Deputy Superintendent for the NPS, National Trails Intermountain Region after 37 years with NPS
- Getting Sharon involved in Idaho immediately

Upcoming National Events

- 2017 convention in Council Bluffs, IA
- 2018 symposium in Casa Grande, AZ
- 2018 convention in Ogden, UT
- 2019 convention in Sante Fe, NM (Tentative)
- 2020 convention in Laramie, WY (Tentative)

4. Canyon Creek Station

BLM Plans to rebuild south wall this year

5. Old Business

- No Preservation update.
- Boardman/Hemingway Proposal may be “as good as we’ll get”.

6. New business

Goodale Cutoff Massacre Site

- Dr. Samantha Blatt, BSU biological anthropologist specializing in human osteology, dental anthropology, and bioarchaeology
- Test holes were non-productive; changing target to a mound
- Include other BSU staff and students
- Possibly do a dig this summer if new test holes discover human remains
- May be open to volunteers or ongoing student projects

City Of Rocks

- The Connect Trails to Parks proposal (NTIR) for City of Rocks National Reserve in Idaho was selected for FY17
- The project proposal includes a new retracement trail, a family friendly event, and new wayside interpretive signs
- Contingent upon receiving federal funding
- Membership discussion regarding trail access and visibility for a 3-4 mile section of the California Trail through City of Rocks. Should the trail be kept pristine and undisturbed, or should sagebrush be removed to provide visibility and access? The Membership consensus is to selectively remove some sagebrush to improve trail visibility and allow pedestrian walking traffic only. Sagebrush should not be mechanically removed to minimize the impact to the trail. Jerry will send email to Wallace Keck to request a copy of the NTIR plan for review and input.

Ada County Historical Preservation Council

- Jerry presented to Ada County Historical Preservation Council on May 2
- ACHPC wants to do a project on the OT in Ada County
- Recommended
 - Benches, interpretive signs, restrooms at Ada County Trailhead Center on Highway 21
 - Restrooms at Bonneville Point
 - Paved walking/bicycle path beside OT from Blacks Creek Road to ACTHC
 - Close trail to vehicle access

Sign Projects

- Ada County Historical Preservation Council
- Paula Davina wants to do a sign project in Eagle
- NPS has funding and assistance for sign project
- Partnership with IOCTA, ACHPC, Eagle, and NPS

- Need chapter members to get involved
- We have Sharon Brown to help get this moving
 - Sharon Brown to discuss ideas

Sharon Brown Introduction

Sharon Brown gave overview of the NPS Historic Trails sign process and the opportunities to contribute.

- NPS Approval
 - Review NPS National Trail System Office plan template and develop sign plan
 - Contact for National Trails Intermountain Region is Coreen Donnelly, Santa Fe, NM
 - Use on-line tool to develop draft plan (password required – contact Coreen Donnelly)
 - Submit plan to NPS. Will need to wait for the budget process for plan approval.
- Local Jurisdiction for sign placement approval
 - Obtain permission
 - Obtain hardware funding for sign installation
 - Install signs with DOT assistance
 - Have a dedication!
- Why be involved
 - 2018 is 175th anniversary of the Oregon Trail
 - 2018 is the 50th anniversary of the National Trail System Act
 - Enable recognition of trail in an urban setting
 - Reach a broader audience
 - Encourage visitation to trail segments and sites

Trail Evangelism

- Added a third Community Education class in March
- 3 classes of 20 people each = new members
- Ada County Historic Preservation Council
- BSU Osher class and tour in October

Upcoming Activities

- June 3-4 – California Trail Days, Elko, NV
- July 8 – Soda Springs Trail Sites
- August – OCTA Convention, Council Bluffs, IA
- September – California Trail – Raft River to City of Rocks
- October 7 - Fall meeting – Mountain Home
- Visit Canyon Creek and Ditto Creek

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.
- After the meeting the group will meet Ann and Max Christensen with their cadaver dogs Kessa and Rocco at the Raft River Parting of the Ways to verify grave locations and to view emigrant names inscribed on rocks.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.