

IOCTA Spring Meeting 2018

Saturday, May 12, 2018 10:00 am

Perkins Restaurant, Burley, ID

Attending

John Briggs	Donna Newberry
Nancy Briggs	Afton Patrick
Betty Celaya	Glenn Aubuchon
Pedro Celaya	Sue Clark
Virgel Clark	Sharon Brown - OCTA Western Region Rep
Dan Dunne	Tara Cannon - ID State Parks & Recreation
Paul Dinwiddie	Adam Calkins - Aerial Archaeology
Jerry Eichhorst	Northwest
Lynn Houdyshell	Dale Hamilton - NNU
Marge Houdyshell	Nathan Jayo - BLM
Lyle Lambert	Dennis Thompson - BLM
Dave Newberry	

1. Minutes of October 7, 2017 Meeting

Minutes of the October 7 meeting at Mountain Home were sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email. They are posted to the IOCTA web-site.

2. Financial Report – May 6, 2017

Balance after May 2017 meeting	\$7,620.22
Deposits	
Membership Dues	\$960.00
Donations	\$20.00
Expenses	
Fall Chapter Meeting Lunch	\$183.83
Banking Fees	\$60.00
OCTA education outreach donation	\$500.00
OCTA dues for SB Museum	\$60.00
Rogerson School donation (Peggy Cristobal)	200.00
Ending Balance – October 7, 2017	\$7,818.81
Savings Account Balance	\$170.00

3. OCTA Spring National Board Meeting

Gila Bend, AZ March 3

Convention Planning Committee

- Jerry has been developing a detailed planning guide for new OCTA President Pat Traffas
- Presented overview to Board of Directors
- Requested and received unanimous support
- Committee expanded with much work to be done by Ogden convention
- Pedro and Betty Celaya – new members

4. Artifacts & Tales of the Trail

Jerry reported on Artifacts & Tales of the Trail symposium hosted by the Northwest Chapter in LaGrande, OR on May 5, 2018.

- Focus on Ezra Meeker
- Ray Egan re-enactor
- Dennis Larson – Saving the Trail
- Recognize locals preserving the Trail
- Diary quotes, videos, re-enactors
- 75 people attended, 20 local non-OCTA

5. OCTA Upcoming Events

August 6-11, 2018 – Convention – Ogden, UT
Spring 2019 – National BOD – Independence, MO
Fall 2019 – Convention – Sante Fe, NM
Fall 2020 – Convention – Elko, NV

6. Canyon Creek Station

BLM Notes

In 2017, reconstruction of the south wall was completed along with hanging the floor joists for the second floor of the structure.

If funding can be secured, the roof will be completed in 2018

Heritage Heroes Awards

The BLM is hosting a Heritage Heroes Award ceremony at the Canyon Creek Stage Station on May 25, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Stanley and Mildred Norstebon family gifted the historic stage station to the BLM in 2015 as a historic site along the Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway. Significant work has been accomplished to restore the station to preserve an important part of our cultural heritage. The Heritage Heroes Award is awarded to the Canyon Creek Station Partners which includes the Stanley and Mildred Norstebon Family Trust, Idaho Heritage Trust, Oregon-California Trails Association Idaho Chapter, Bureau of Land Management, Four Rivers Field Office, Bureau of Land Management, Idaho State Office and the National Park Service, National Trails Intermountain Region Office, Santa Fe, NM.

Heartiest congratulations on this successful project and much deserved recognition. Please share information with NFP as all members should like to know of your accomplishments. It's most important that you partnered with agencies in this regard.

On behalf of OCTA, thank you for your efforts in this significant project!

*Best regards,
Pat Traffas
President, Oregon-California Trails Association*

7. Gateway West Transmission Line

The proposed 300-mile Boardman to Hemingway power line project across Eastern Oregon, from the Columbia River to west of Boise, Idaho has been approved by the Bureau of Land Management. This

will impact portions the Main Oregon Trail route. No specific action is required, but we should continue to support the Northwest Chapter in its criticism of the route proposed in Oregon.

8. Old Business

NPS Sign Project

Paula Devina is leading an effort to develop NPS sign plan through Ada County. Jerry Eichhorst is providing guidance. Contact Paula if you would like to assist.

9. New business

2018

- 50th Anniversary of the National Trails Act
- 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail

California Trail Heritage Alliance

The California Trail Heritage Alliance (CTHA) in Elko, NV has one opening for a Director-At-Large. The Alliance is the non-profit organization that supports the California Trail Interpretative Center in Elko, NV as well as other trail related projects. Helen Hankins, President of the Alliance would like to broaden their geographic representation to include Utah and Idaho and asked John Winner if he had any recommendations. He told Helen that he would send an email to the Presidents of Idaho and Crossroads chapters. The CTHA normally meets once a month in Elko. Directors-At-Large generally participate by conference call. Current At-Large-Directors representing OCTA are, Larry Schmidt, Western Nevada, Frank Tortorich and John Winner from California.

Meeting Thought

THERE WOULD BE NO LONELY PEOPLE

I have mentioned this to planners before, especially regarding our banquet. We all like sitting with our OLD friends. Many times I have seen "lonely people" and been one. We really hurt our organization when we do not engage new members and make them feel like we really DO care that they belong and are there.

Duane Iles, Kansas

The intent is to ensure that in our meetings, at our outings, and at our conventions that we look to include new people in our conversations, dinner tables, etc., so that they will enjoy the experience and keep coming back.

President's Forum

Jerry gave an overview of the OCTA President's Forum

- Semi-Regular conference call of chapter presidents
- Second call was this past Monday evening
- Helps to get to know other Presidents
- Other chapters change Presidents every year or two

OCTA Board of Directors

- John Briggs is up for election for the OCTA Board of Directors
- Please vote for John
- John has great skills which may be used to improve functionality of the BOD
- Helps our chapter with better representation
- Provides backup for attendance at national meetings

Miscellaneous

The BLM is making a video on the Birds of Prey National Conservation Area 25th anniversary

- Small portion on south side of Snake River overlaps the South Alternate

- BLM has asked Jerry to speak on the SA
- Jerry has asked Wally Meyer to speak

Visit Idaho

A freelance writer working with Visit Idaho on an article about Idaho's National Scenic Trails needed some pictures.

Presentation - Sharon Brown Update

American Solar Challenge

Sharon gave an update on the American Solar Challenge. The American Solar Challenge 2018 is a collegiate event featuring both single and multi-occupant solar powered vehicles. Traveling primarily on US highways, State roads, and other non-interstate routes, the cars will follow portions of the Oregon Trail and other trails heading West, with stopping points along the way. The following stopping points are in Idaho.

- Arco, ID July 19
- Craters of the Moon, ID July 20
- Mountain Home, ID July 20
- Burns, OR, July 21
- Bend, OR, July 22

Trail Site Certification

Sharon gave an overview of the National Trails site certification process. There are no certified historical sites in Idaho. There will be a Certification Workshop at the OCTA convention in Ogden, UT on August 7th. National Park Service, National Trails Intermountain Region, "Partnership on the Trails - Explore Certification"

National Trails Day

June 2nd is National Trails Day. Some states have formal Proclamations acknowledging the 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail. Afton Patrick volunteered to contact the Governor's office to see if we can get a proclamation by June 2nd or as soon as possible. Donna Newberry moved that Afton contact the Governor's office to request a proclamation acknowledging the 175th Anniversary of the Oregon Trail in Idaho. The motion was seconded by Virgel Clark and approved by unanimous vote.

Presentation – Aerial Archaeology

Adam Calkins of Aerial Archaeology Northwest, along with Dale Hamilton of Northwest Nazarene University Computer Science department gave a presentation on using drones to video trail areas and then using AI to identify artifacts and archaeological sites. They are in partnership with the BLM to map a 2 mile section of the Oregon Trail.

Presentation – BLM Sign Project

Nathan Jayo with the Twin Falls BLM office gave a presentation on the new BLM project to provide signage along roadways where they cross Oregon National Historic Trail. They are working with OCTA for sign placement.

Presentation – Kelton Road City of Rocks Stage Station

Tara Cannon, archeologist for the City of Rocks National Reserve, gave a presentation on the recent activities around the Moon Homestead in search for the old Kelton Road stage station and the search for artifacts near Camp Rock. Several members of the chapter participated in a metal detecting survey of the area on May 17 and 18. Tara had several of the artifacts discovered available for examination. Jerry will write an article describing the activities in the next edition of the Trail Dust newsletter.

IOCTA Activities – 2018

- June 2 – North Alternate Trail Tour
- June 23 – Lander Road marking tour

- August 6 -11 – OCTA Convention, Ogden, UT
- September – California Trail – Raft River to City of Rocks
- October 6 – Fall chapter meeting – Mountain Home
 - 10:00 am AJ's Restaurant, Mountain Home
 - Re-visit Canyon Creek Station with new roof

Meeting Wrap-up

- There was a brief discussion about replacing the old US 30 bridge just north of Caldwell.
- 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 at the Milner Historic Recreation Area to replace damaged and missing Oregon Trail markers.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

Submitted by Paul Dinwiddie