

## IOCTA Spring Meeting 2019

Saturday, May 11, 2019 10:00 am  
Perkins Restaurant, Burley, ID

### Attending

John Briggs	Dawn Fazio	Afton Patrick
Sharon Brown	Jim Fazio	Dave Price
Betty Celaya	Jan Gurr	Sharon Price
Pedro Celaya	Mike Gurr	Char Roy
Dwight Clark	Jim Hardee	Darwin Roy
Sue Clark	Lynn Houdyshell	Debbie Shoemaker
Wayne Clay	Marge Houdyshell	Pat Traffas
James Dayley	Nam Hale	Don Wind
Lisa Dinwiddie	Gary Kaufman	John Yarnell
Paul Dinwiddie	Rick Kernell	Leo Ariwite
Dan Dunne	Lyle Lambert	Bailey Ariwite
Jerri Dunne	Dave Newberry	Keva Dann
Jerry Eichhorst	Donna Newberry	Toni Timbana

### Pat Traffas Introduction

Jerry introduced Pat Traffas, OCTA President. Pat thanked the Idaho Chapter for its involvement and contribution to OCTA and provided an update on OCTA long range planning and activities.

### Minutes of October 6, 2018 Meeting

Minutes of the October 6th meeting at Mountain Home, Idaho were sent out to Executive Committee and approved via email. They are posted to the IOCTA web-site.

### Financial Report – May 11, 2019

<b>Balance after October 2018 meeting</b>	<b>\$7,190.97</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	
Membership Dues	\$585.00
<b>Expenses</b>	
Fall Chapter Meeting Lunch	\$155.76
Annual web hosting	\$119.4
Porta-potty for 5/10 City of Rocks outing	\$98.60
USPS stamps	\$50.00
Rosemary Devinney membership	\$60.00
<b>Ending Balance – May 11, 2019</b>	<b>\$7,292.21</b>
<b>Savings Account Balance</b>	<b>\$170.00</b>

Donna Newberry moved that the financial report be approved. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Afton Patrick moved that the Idaho Chapter pay for lunch for today's meeting. The motion was seconded by Lynn Houdyshell and passed.

## OCTA Spring National Board Meeting

Jerry reported that after five plus years of hard work the Convention Planning Committee report was passed unanimously by the OCTA Board of Directors at the BOD meeting held in March at the OCTA Spring Symposium. Idaho chapter participants were Jerry Eichhorst, Paul Dinwiddie, John Briggs, Nancy Briggs and Dave Price. The approved convention planning report includes:

- RegFox as the web based registration application to automate convention registration
- Financial models to create budgets, actuals and comparisons
- Detail task list identifying common task assigned to National

John Briggs provided a short overview of the OCTA spring national board of directors meeting.

- OCTA membership is stable but is not at a sustainable level
- Preservation activities are occurring in several areas
  - Nebraska 'R' – Oregon, California and Mormon Trails – Transmission lines
  - Boardman to Hemmingway – Oregon Trail – Transmission line
  - Battle Mountain – California Trail – RMPlan
  - Riley Ridge Wyoming - – Oregon, California, Mormon and Sublette – Pipeline
  - Long Canyon Mine in Nevada – California Trail and Hastings Cut-off – Mining
- *News from the Plains* and *Overland Journal* will have new editors
- Future OCTA Convention Locations
  - 2019 – Santa Fe, NM
  - 2020 – Elko, NV
  - 2021 – Casper, WY
- John described several of the OCTA funding sources,
  - A new national website is now launched and was thoroughly updated and upgraded over the winter via a \$5,000 gift from the Malcolm Smith Foundation
  - The brochure program and online map program created by J. Greg Smith, Inc. was created last year and the website was upgraded over the winter to include both Cherokee and Southern Trails interactive maps via a \$7,500 gift from the Malcolm Smith Foundation
  - J. Greg Smith raised a separate \$36,800 from convention and visitors' bureaus and divisions of tourism from around the country to create and distribute the brochures and build the website. This year they are seeing even more success, including from tourism entities along the Southern Route and Cherokee Trail
  - The year-end fund-raising letter for 2017-18 raised over \$28,000, one of our best fundraising letters ever. It surpassed the budgeted amount of \$26,000. The first letter for the 2018-19 year-end appeal brought in over \$19,000, putting us on pace to surpass the budgeted amount of \$25,000.
  - The summer appeal for 2018 wound up at over \$9,000, surpassing the budgeted amount.
  - We were awarded a grant from Freedom's Frontier National Heritage area in the amount of \$4,900 to assist in the building of a new website for our Gateway Chapter. That website will launch this spring and is over 90 percent finished.
  - In December 2018, we were awarded \$10,000 from the Partnership for the National Trails System to fund an intern position
  - For 2019. The city of St. Joseph, Missouri matched this amount with \$12,000 in-kind funding. These numbers match the same amount we were awarded for the 2018 position.
  - The Ogden convention received grants from the Utah Humanities Council in the amount of \$1,500 for speakers, the Utah Division of State History contributed a \$1,000 sponsorship, the Mormon Trail Association contributed \$1,000, and Farmland Reserves, Inc. underwrote several key expenses in the amount of \$4,835. Total: \$8335

## **Volunteer Hours Reporting**

Volunteer hours and expenses accumulated by OCTA members are important assets for the organization in securing federal funding for preservation of the trails. It is important that we report volunteer hours for almost anything related to OCTA. Funding is distributed based on the number of hours for each trail organization. More hours means more funding. You can count up to 12 hours per day for conventions, meetings, outings, preservation, newsletters, committee works, etc. You can track your hours and expenses, including travel time and costs. A form is available on the OCTA website at <https://www.octa-journals.org/octa-volunteer>

## **NPS Sign Project**

Paula Davina is leading an effort to develop a NPS sign plan through Ada County. Ada County and Idaho Transportation Department have declined to support the project due to the large size of signs and placement on busy streets. The project will be focusing on the Ada County Trailhead Center on Highway 21 and installation of signs there. The National Park Service is working to get ITD to support trail signs statewide.

## **Community Education Classes**

Jerry Eichhorst taught three Oregon Trail classes this spring through the Boise Schools Community Education program. The three classes had 50 participants and 36 different people. The classes generate a lot of Trail interest and enthusiasm and we expect several new members as a result. Jerry thanked Paul and Virgel for helping out.

## **Annual Spring Byway Tour**

Jerry led the annual spring byway tour on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The tour had 40 participants and included 17 vehicles.

## **City of Rocks Activity**

Thursday and Friday prior to the Spring Meeting several members of the Idaho Chapter spent time searching for the site of the Kelton Road stage station and for artifacts in a California Trail camping area in the City of Rocks National Reserve. The group was also allowed to view pioneer signatures on rocks in Circle Creek Ranch. The land owner granted IOCTA one-time access to the property to view the names on rocks.

Jerry is participating as a member of the team reviewing the City of Rocks Interpretive plan. The interpretive plan will include the following themes:

- Historic significance of the California Trail
- Indian heritage of the area
- Geologic significance of ancient rocks at surface
- Crossroads of geographic areas

## **Western Idaho Preservation Officer**

Wally Meyer has asked to step down as the Western Idaho Preservation Officer due to age and health issues. Wally's departure creates an opportunity for a new Preservation Officer. Duties include working with groups to preserve and protect remaining trail remnants and going to meetings for powerline and other projects that may impact trail sites. This position may be filled by one or two people. It does not require a lot of time.

## **Northwest Boise Goodale Trail**

IOCTA is working with the North West Boise Neighborhood Association to review possible ruts before a large housing development goes in. Wally has been meeting and exploring the area with them.

## **Ada County Trailhead Site**

IOCTA is also working with the Ada County Open Spaces & Trails Coordinator on how to improve and interpret the Oregon Trail Recreation Area in southeast Boise. Jerry has toured the area with him and identified Oregon Trail and Kelton Road ruts which run through the area. The plan is to add graveled walkways in some areas, Carsonite/NPS signs to mark both routes, a restroom and more interpretive signs.

## **City Club Tour**

Darwin and Car Roy, new IOCTA members from last year's Community Education classes and Byway Tour, asked for a Byway Tour for the City Club of Boise. The City Club will be charging \$20 for City Club members and \$25 for non-members to help raise money for the Club. IOCTA will receive a contribution of \$5 for each participant. Jerry will lead the tour on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

## **National Trails Intermountain Region \$\$\$**

Volunteer in Parks (VIP) has funding that we can make available for projects specifically supporting volunteer work. Examples of the types of projects or items we have purchased in the past include GPS licenses, GPS devices, pop up tents for events, lamination, volunteer training (must be off-the-shelf training and not unique, one-of-a-kind training designed just for your organization), board development materials, software and more. Jerry has already requested a new pounder, 3 boxes of Carsonite markers and more decals. Only three chapters have submitted requests.

## **2019 Proposed Activities**

June 22 – North Alternate massacre site

July 13 – Lander Trail exploration and marking

August 10 – Jeffreys-Goodale Cutoff

September 3-8 – OCTA Convention, Santa Fe, NM

October 5 – Fall chapter meeting, Boise

- Speakers: Mike Edwards about Ada County OT site improvements and David Valentine about Idaho Power efforts when planning power lines which impact trails
- Tour: Ada County OT site after meeting

## **Other New Business**

Sharon Brown, OCTA Western Representative, announced that the next American Solar Challenge will start in Kansas City, MO and end in Boise, ID. The specific route is yet to be determined. There may be opportunities for IOCTA involvement.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

After the business meeting, Jim Hardee spoke on 'The Snake River – Scene of so many Trials and Mishaps', and Leo Ariwite on 'The Northern Shoshone and Map Rock'. In the afternoon, Jim led a tour to the Snake River at Caldron Linn.

Submitted by Paul Dinwiddie