

BMJCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
Saturday, July 11, 2009 – 10:00 a.m. Volunteer Fire Station,  
Butte Meadows

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by president, Miranda Morris.

Board members present: Miranda Morris, Katy Hildenbrand, Larry Hildenbrand, Jim Carroll, Tom Arcoleo, Ren Wakefield, Alice Zeissler, Bruce Miller, Jacque Goss, Barbara Conklin

Board members absent: Steve Miller (excused).

Guests: Jim and Cheryl Conery, Stuart and Sally Thompson

Minutes of the June 20, 2009 Regular Board Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by Board members. Ren Wakefield suggested that the May 16 Board minutes should say Saturday, May 16 instead of Saturday, May 20. The minutes were also corrected to show that the four members absent from the May 16 Board meeting had excused absences. The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer, Ren Wakefield, reported that the current assets are \$38, 967.22 and the current liabilities and equity are \$38,967.22.

Committee Reports:

History: Jim Carroll explained that finding a time to work on projects may present a problem since the weekends when volunteers are available, are also the time when the fire house area is often in use. He will be trying to find volunteers to work during the week. Clean up around the back of the museum is needed. Bruce Miller volunteered his dump trailer for this project. Maggie Hill has volunteered to spray paint the building when we are ready.

Community Clean-up: Larry Hildenbrand said that by the end of the June 13-14 clean-up weekend both the dumpsters were full. Katy asked how many dumpsters will be needed for Labor Day weekend. It was decided that two for green waste and one for junk will be ordered and that they will be open Saturday and Sunday at 8:00 a.m. Sign-up sheets will still be

used in order to collect data on who and how many people are using the service.

Emergency Preparedness: Ren Wakefield reported that a storage area for beds and blankets donated by the American Red Cross has been built within the Volunteer Fire Station. The beds and blankets have all been stored. Clean up around residences is available to people who need help but only if it is their primary residence and only in the spring and fall. A chipper is available in the spring and fall also. The CPR/1st Aid training that was cancelled in June won't be rescheduled because of lack of sign-ups. Tom Arcoleo will provide information for the newsletter regarding who to contact to receive this training in the valley. It is believed that Betty Volker may have been told that a defibrillator may be available as a donation. Tom will follow up with Betty on this also.

Ren handed out a draft of training guidelines for Butte County Fire Department Volunteer Fire Fighters.

Web Page/Web Cam: Alice Zeissler reported on progress with updating the web page. Jim Conery has joined this committee and has helped in navigating through the technical aspects. Alice will keep the existing system going until the committee researches a new system. It is hoped the new system will be operable before November. There needs to be an announcement in the next newsletter that the web page is up and operating. Payment for services is good until September, 2010. Alice moved and Jacque Goss seconded that Alice will post the Labor Day weekend Omelet Breakfast and dumpster information on the website with links to other community events and to Emergency Preparedness information. The motion passed.

Membership and Nominations: Miranda announced that she has appointed Jim Conery to fill the vacant spot on the Board. She also introduced Tom Arcoleo who had been appointed previously to fill another vacant spot. Barbara Conklin explained an idea from Betty Volker to stimulate more membership sales at the Omelet Breakfast Fundraiser. The idea is for the Board to approve providing two BMJCA T-shirts and two BMJCA mugs as part of a raffle at the membership meeting to people who become members. Tom provided the information that the boxes of T-shirts are now at his house. It was moved by Barbara and seconded by Jacque to approve the idea of T-shirts and mugs as incentives for the purchase of a membership. There were several suggestions and questions regarding how to do this in order to also include people who renew their memberships and how to separate it from the Omelet Breakfast raffle. It was suggested that Betty be asked to present a detailed proposal at the next meeting. The motion was tabled. Another

idea for an incentive to increase membership sales was to have a members-only sunset/moonrise event with BYO snacks and drinks at Colby Mountain in September.

The Information Packet for people new to the area is almost ready. We are still waiting for a revised Emergency Preparedness enclosure from Dave Purvis. A member of the committee will contact him. Barbara and Katy agreed that the Information Packet will be ready by the Omelet Breakfast fundraiser.

Barbara asked if any of the Board members whose terms of office will be expiring in December of 2009 would object to being nominated to continue on the Board. This includes Miranda Morris, Bruce Miller, Barbara Conklin, Ren Wakefield, Jim Carroll, Katy Hildenbrand. Barbara Conklin indicated she would not be able to serve another term. All others agreed to have their names placed in nomination.

Newsletter: Miranda announced in Steve's absence that submission dates for articles for the summer newsletter is July 15 with the newsletter expected to go out August 1. Barbara asked that a member from each committee please submit an article in order to lessen the really big task for the newsletter committee members.

Community/Government Services: Alice is working on the problem of excessive speed on Humboldt. Permanent speed bumps are not a solution because of snow removal in the winter. Speed bumps that can be removed is a solution that is still being investigated. Stu Thompson suggested we consider permanent solar powered speed indicator machines that record a passing car's speed and also say "Slow Down" if a driver is going over the speed limit. As a test to prove the necessity of more speed safety measures Jim Carroll suggested we ask the CHP or another law enforcement agency to provide a regular speed indicator machine for a week or two to ascertain the extent of the problem and to validate our concerns. Alice recommended the Board ask for more numerous speed limit signs.

Ren passed out printed information on the Lassen National Forest plan for a road classification which "will all but ban the open use of all types of off-road vehicles" and restrict use mostly to main roads. Miranda said her husband had attended a meeting regarding this topic and was told that Butte Meadows is the one area where they are getting feedback about how roads are used so more consideration is being given in this area. Her opinion was that the more vocal we are the more consideration will be given. Ren included names, phone numbers and fax numbers for contact to voice a concern.

Fundraising: In Steve's absence Miranda asked sub-committee chairs to share information they have to date regarding the Omelet Breakfast preparations.

Ren said Katy had the membership applications on which members indicated in what ways they would be willing to help. Katy has developed a spreadsheet which includes that information.

Alice said that publicity about the Omelet Breakfast will be posted on the web.

Barbara suggested that after the breakfast we assess the attendance at the event and the money made so that we can consider whether we want to continue to hold the omelet breakfast on Labor Day weekend. She said one problem with holding it at that time is that the people who belong to the Jonesville Association have their annual membership meeting at the same time. They cannot change their date since it is involved in the legalities of their shareholders' by-laws.

Since all food preparation will be inside the fire station, food chopping on Saturday will begin at 1:30 to give plenty of time to clean up and then to set up for Sunday.

The question was asked about whether it would be a good idea to invite the five Butte County Board of Supervisors as our guests to the Omelet Breakfast. Bruce Miller moved and Jim Carroll seconded that we invite the Board of Supervisors and the Fire fighters to be our guests. After discussion the motion was passed.

Bruce Miller, raffle chairman, presented a list of the businesses and individuals who provided raffle prizes last year. He will ask them to do the same this year. He asked that all Board members try to get some other raffle prizes donated. Miranda will make a big board for the day of the breakfast to list and thank all those who donated prizes.

The next meeting of the Omelet Breakfast Fundraising Committee will be Saturday, July 25, 10:00 a.m. at the Volunteer Fire Station.

#### Unfinished Business

Insurance Update: Ren reported that the liability policy holder has changed and now our coverage is more and the cost is less. It went from \$948 to \$708. This includes business property but does not cover burglary. Now the Omelet Breakfast, all area clean-ups, and the

Community Activities Committee events are covered with the exception of the Colby Mt. Event and Ren will check on that. This also covers liquor if we don't sell it. Since the Community Activities Committee had been mentioned it was suggested that this committee become a permanent part of the BMJCA list of committees and functions. It was so moved by Alice, seconded by Barbara, and passed by the Board.

Non-profit Status for BMJCA: Ren said there was no report at this time on the status of the 501-C3. Tom Arcoleo and Jim Conery agreed to work on this.

Financial Contribution to Fire Station: The Emergency Preparedness Committee recommends that BMJCA consider covering the cost of a doorway roof or awning on the west side of the Volunteer Fire Station. The roof extension and the cement pad under it would go from the current roof south to cover the second side door. This would be used as an information center area. Plastic covered bulletin boards would be placed there for posting of critical Emergency Preparedness information as well as information of interest to the community. During winter months the roof extension would keep snow away from both side doors. Two bids have been received, one for \$2,536 and a second one for \$1,738. These bids would cover the roof and the walkway. Ren moved that we contact the low-bid contractor stipulating a maximum expenditure of \$2000. Larry seconded the motion and it was passed.

Bruce will bring to the next meeting the list of improvements that has been approved for the Volunteer Fire Station. These projects have a \$500.00 budget.

Welcome Packet Printing: (See discussion under Membership/ Nomination Committee.)

Discussion of Standing Rules: Barbara suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting. Agreement was reached by consensus.

#### New Business

Change of name on checking account: Tom moved and Katy seconded that we change the names on the checking account to Miranda Morris and Ren Wakefield. The motion passed.

Business account for copying needs: Barbara moved and Larry seconded that we set up an account with a Chico copying firm for making copies. After discussion which included that we don't have that much copying to do and the present system of letting Ren do the copying or presenting bills

to Ren for copying done by Board members seems to be working well, the motion was defeated.

Garage Sale as Part of Omelet Breakfast: Discussion on the pro side of looking into re-instating the garage sale for 2010 were that many people felt it brought in people and added to our profits not only for money earned by the garage sale but also by people eating breakfast who might not have attended otherwise. Discussion on the con side of reinstating the garage sale were that some felt that much of what was donated was not worthwhile and created an enormous task for those cleaning it up afterwards since it took a lot of time to put the many unsold items in the junk dumpster and that it took a lot of volunteer time, maybe away from the breakfast itself. Cheryl Conery made the suggestion that some of the donations included some very nice quality items that could be used as part of the raffle or perhaps in a silent auction. This might be a consideration for 2010.

The next Board Meeting will be on Saturday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m. at the Volunteer Fire Station.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Submitted by

Barbara Conklin, Board Secretary