

BMJCA REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 29, 2009 – 6:00 p.m. – Miller Glass Showroom, Chico, CA
Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:11 pm by Miranda Morris, Board President.

Board members present: Jim Connery, Bruce Miller, Tom Arcoleo, Jim Carroll, Ren Wakefield, Katie Hildenbrand, Larry Hildenbrand, Steve Miller, Jacque Goss, Miranda Morris, Barbara Conklin

Guests: Betty Volker

Minutes of the August 22, 2009 Regular Board Meeting were reviewed. Steve Miller moved and Tom Arcoleo seconded that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Ren Wakefield reported that the current assets are \$44,905.90 with \$32,527.67 in checking and \$12,378.23 in savings. Current liabilities and equity total \$44,905.90.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

History: Jim Carroll reported that the committee recommends that a handicapped ramp be built for the museum. He plans to get bids from two metal fabricators for a ramp that satisfies code requirements. Ren asked if plans can be drawn since he knows two other sources and would like every bidder to bid on the same plans. The inside of the museum will not be wheelchair accessible but it could be viewed from the doorway. Ren, Jim Carroll and Bruce suggested that the board purchase a 20' x 8' x 8' storage container. One estimate for such a container is \$3,000. There is enough room behind the firehouse to place such a container. It may need a foundation or railroad ties. This will be pursued.

Clean-up: Larry Hildenbrand reported that the Labor Day dumpster clean-up was very successful. The dumpsters were taken away Sunday night since they were already full. Katy H. reported that the road clean-up was accomplished except that no one showed up to help except a few board members. Grants will be written again next year to help pay for the clean-up activities. Larry moved and Katy seconded that checks be written for \$50 each and sent to Tom Neverkovic and Skip Bardell for compacting the green waste in the dumpsters. The motion carried. The clean-up committee will submit check requests in writing to Ren along with names and addresses of payees.

Emergency Preparedness: The "eyebrow" on the firehouse is complete and the cement walkway has been poured. It still needs a little finishing including paint. Painting will begin the weekend of Oct. 31-Nov.1. The committee will look into providing a bulletin board. Miranda asked if BMJCA will have access for posting notices on the bulletin board. She was assured that this will be possible.

Bruce recommended that a plaque be placed on each of BMJCA's projects that says "Donated by BMJCA".

A 17kw generator has been purchased for \$3800. This generator will take care of all the needs of the firehouse. Ren suggested that BMJCA pay for the generator. Bruce added that a generator shed will cost \$3500-\$3800. This includes a metal roof and a metal door. Ren and Bruce recommend that the BMJCA board contribute either the cost of the generator itself or the

cost of the generator shed. Ren moved that the BMJCA donate \$4,000 to the volunteer firehouse for the generator and the hook-up costs. Barbara C. seconded the motion. Ren explained that the fire department will take care of maintenance of the generator. The motion carried with one dissenting vote.

The volunteer firehouse has received a donation of a “foam” machine for dealing with gasoline tanker fires. This machine can also operate using a gel for protecting houses. This machine will be the only one in Butte County. It will probably get a lot of use. It will need a trailer to move it to places where it is needed.

Station 11 is closing the last weekend in October.

The firehouse now has two additional qualified volunteers for a total of four.

The Fire Safe Council is now a dead issue because of lack of participation. There were only four people who were active.

WebPage/WebCam: Jim Connery reported on the activities of the committee. Someone who lives in Butte Meadows is needed to address problems that sometimes occur with the WebPage or WebCam such as when it goes down. A Butte Meadows resident who is willing and able to deal with such problems should be given responsibility to access the locked box to fix anything that may occur. The committee is not looking for an immediate solution but does want the board to be aware of the problem. Tom will talk to Bill Pritchard at the Outpost to ask if he would allow someone to go into the Outpost to fix problems with the computer or webcam. Several names were suggested as possible volunteers. Jim will continue to pursue possible solutions.

Membership/Nominations: New Board officers and committees will be decided at the next meeting. We need to encourage people to renew their memberships in January. Miranda suggested that the committee compare the BMJCA membership list with a list of all home and property owners and find out who we need to approach to join. Betty suggested a letter with one item only – that being renewing memberships and dues are payable in January. Jim Carroll suggested that a package deal be offered: pay your dues and receive a copy of “Small Corner of the West” at a cut rate price.

Newsletter: Steve reported that the plan for the next issue of the newsletter is to cover all the activities from last year, new news and a list of 2009 members. It will emphasize that dues are payable in January for 2010. Ren moved that the next newsletter should go out in early December with a short recap of the fundraiser, social activities, a list of paid members, a list of those who donated beyond membership, holiday gift ideas, and that 2010 paid members can have a discount on a copy of “Small Corner of the West”. Jacque seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Community/Government Services: Miranda plans to send a letter to our Butte County Supervisor, Kim Yamaguchi, requesting information on how to go about getting a cell tower for the Butte Meadows area. On the subject of traffic control, Miranda mentioned that recently she had seen a sign in a small town saying “You’re entering a pedestrian corridor”.

Fundraising: Thanks were expressed to all the board members for their help on the Labor Day brunch fundraiser. The board owes Bill Pritchard and Bill Kelso for eggs. Steve needs to remind Ren about how many eggs we need to pay each person for.

Activities: The committee spokesperson announced that the committee is very open to ideas for next year. There will be an Activities Committee meeting in January to generate topics and events. The first activity will be on Memorial Day weekend when Bill Dennison will talk about a logging camp that is part of Butte Meadows history. In June Ken Kendricks, an arborist for the Forest Service, will talk about bark beetles and the general health of trees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nonprofit status: Miranda asked the board if they want to continue to pursue non-profit status. Ren indicated we probably won't be able to get it unless our sole purpose is to sponsor the volunteer fire department or a Fire Safe Council. Ren moved that the board discontinue the pursuit of a 501C-3 tax exempt status. Bruce Miller seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

January Board Meeting Date: Ren suggested that Miranda send out an email asking everyone to tell her their possible meeting dates for January.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Refreshments, provided by Steve Miller and Betty Volker, were enjoyed by everyone.