

RIO COLORADO CHAPTER, ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES, JUNE 9, 2009

CALL TO ORDER: President Mark Haynes called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at The Sanguinetti House Museum, 240 Madison Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Oscar Schraml, Carol Johnston, Mark Haynes, Craig Colvin, Harriett Pinsker, Seldon Stone, Darryl Montgomery

GUESTS: Karla Catanzaro, Anne Ridley-Harrison, Gary Close, Don Smith, Tom Rushin, Jim Broxholme

CALL TO PUBLIC: None

MINUTES: Minutes for May 12, 2009 Board meeting and Special Board meeting of May 21, 2009 were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: No report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Haynes reported on the letter email and story in the Tucson paper as to the AZ Historical Society being phased out of the State budget in 5 years. We have no more information at this time except what he reported.

YUMA COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO AHS: Schraml reported that the AHS Board meeting will be this Friday and hopefully we will find out more about the situation with the legislature and the budget.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Written report was given to the Board. It discussed what we are presently doing to raise funds. Brooks also presented some ideas for the Board's consideration for future fund raisers.

HERITAGE AREA REPORT: Rushin reported that the East Wetlands plans are completed; the Federal Courthouse is again delayed by Washington; the Hilton hotel held it's opening on May 21st; the plans for the interpretive plaza around the train are complete; Heritage Area to possibly take over the QMD, meeting with Park's Board and new Executive Director was held; Heritage Board would like to have a meeting with our Boards. Schraml asked about the interpretive sign at the parking lot for the old County Courthouse, Rushin was not sure if that sign was included with the one for pivot point.

ACTION ITEMS:

A. Some members of the Boards met at the storage locker to see why we would have to decide to continuing the storage contract and as to what items are being stored there. Haynes said that he and Brooks would try to set up a meeting with the manager to see if we could get a better rate than the city

B. Items in Director's report were discussed with no commitments.

F. C. No change in Molina Block project.

EVENT REPORTS: Colvin thanked everyone who worked on or participated in the golf tournament fund raiser. A thank you letter to be published in the paper will be sent. Close gave an unofficial accounting showing that we raised about \$5000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Tour. Haynes reported that he will be meeting with Brooks about this year's trips.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Oscar Schraml
Secretary