

RIO COLORADO CHAPTER, ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES, JANUARY 12, 2010

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, Mark Haynes, Selden Stone, Art Everett, Carol Johnston, Darryl Montgomery, Harriett Pinsker

GUESTS: Carol Brooks, Gary Close, Tom Rushin, Anne Ridley-Harrison, Jim Broxholme

CALL TO PUBLIC: None

MINUTES: Minutes for December 08, 2009 Board meeting were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Financial report for November 2009 was approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Haynes reported that the Board was at its minimum amount of members and ask that Board members try to find others that would like to serve. Everett stated that he will continue to sponsor students from AWC/NAU that are interested in volunteering at the museum and would like to serve on the YCHS Board to bring new and fresh ideas that would help create revenues.

YUMA COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO AHS: Schraml reported that there hasn't been a meeting since the November Membership meeting. He has not received any information on the budget situation but the legislature just went into session and should find out more at the AHS Board meeting on January 29, 2010.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Written report was in the Board's packet. Brooks said that a letter was sent to the Heritage Area Board outlining the problems that we have with the buildings and giving them the priority. However, since then, we have had serious problems with plumbing piping and that should now have the priority.

HERITAGE AREA REPORT: Rushin reported the East Wetlands now has a new brochure published. He said that all the members of the Heritage Board have received a copy of our letter and there didn't seem to be any objection. He will look into the plumbing problems to see if they can help immediately. He said that there should be a meeting between Brooks and Haynes with their project manager as to getting things done. Discussion about money and work flow to eliminate the need for State bidding if the Heritage Area scheduled the work to be done.

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. The Annual meeting will be held on April 21, 2010 and the speaker will be Malcom Comeaux. He had spoken before but there was a wind problem so he agreed to come again.

- B. Brooks said that the Bent Spittoon Award was given every year to a person who has contributed time and energy to the Rio Colorado Chapter. She asked that Board members e-mail or call her for candidates for this award. She also mentioned an award that will be given throughout the state in partnership with the Culture Keepers organization. The Executive Director told Brooks to submit names from the Rio Colorado Chapter for consideration.

EVENT REPORTS:

- A. Light parade – all went well and the crowd was receptive to the YCHS float.
- B. Silent auction was held this past weekend at the Antique Show. We were able to put our booth in the lobby and had more visibility and people did not have to pay to participate in bidding. So far we have a preliminary amount of over \$800 but there still are a lot of items to be picked up from the office.
- C. The Godfrey Sykes garden talk by Haynes had 93 people attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Desert Brunch – tickets were distributed to the Board members. Tickets will be sold at all the events between now and March.
- b. Golf – Close said that the golf course manager gave us a date of May 08, 2010 for the tournament. He will help us as much as possible in getting teams. It was also mention that we name it the “Gene Smith Memorial Tournament” for all the work he did to start it.
- c. Tours – Montgomery said that he was set for the Oatman Flat and Butterfield Stage sites of Teamster Camp and Mohawk tour.
- d. Nominating – Schraml reported that Stone could not serve on the committee since he is up for reelection. Haynes appointed Montgomery to be the RCC representative to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Oscar Schraml
Secretary