

DRAFT MINUTES
AMADOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
February 20, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: President, Phillip Giurlani called the meeting to order at the Museum, 205 Church St, at 3:00.

INTRODUCTION: a group from ARC presented a proposal to the Board offering services at least bi-monthly to perform various jobs around the Museum such as yard maintenance, painting and "fixit" projects. The Board was very receptive to their offer. Workers at the Museum will procure necessary HR clearance from the County and will be supervised by ARC staff at all times. Coordination will be with either the Museum Chair or ACHS president.

ROLL CALL - Present: Consolo, Fox, Garibaldi, Giurlani, Hultquist, Jebian, Keeling, Miller, Reinoehl, Saunders, Sweet, Vogel

Absent: Buckley, Cook, Fahrenwald, Rattom

MINUTES: Motion to approve as submitted – Vogel/Hultquist/A

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to approve as submitted – Vogel/Hultquist/A

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Announcement of Museum Presentation by Georgia Fox after the regular meeting

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Events/Fundraising/Calendar** - Keeling: 1) Pioneer Dinner at Teresa's Place successful with over \$5,000 raised; 2) next events will be at the office with an Open House correlated to Main St special events on March 16-17(Dandelion Days) and April 27(Jazz Festival); June 16 will be the 2nd annual BBQ at the Museum celebrating the County's birthday in 1854 at which special events will be planned including a Gold Panning Exhibit, Kit Carson group, Special Opening of the Museum & Mining Model for guests. These events and any other events that may be planned at the next committee's meeting will be announced on all community websites(calendars).
- **Office/Membership/Web Site** – Keeling: 1) Office visits have been slow due to winter weather but are beginning to pick up; 2) Membership dues letters were sent out and renewals are trickling in as usual. Next task is to send out Membership I.D. cards; 3) Website has had no major changes
- **Museum** - Jebian presented letter from Ed Arata regarding renovations/operation of the Museum that he sent from his vacation in the South Pacific. Suggestions were that: Committee should 1)develop future plan with the County for operation/exhibits display; 2)stay focused on work at hand needed to finish repairs but take the opportunity to refresh displays and look of the Museum; 3) evaluate available space for best possible display of the many artifacts & consider how to rotate some exhibits to keep them fresh & current; 4) exhibits in outside areas need to be reworked, plaques made & new exhibits installed. Ed volunteers for that job. Discussion of the development of exhibits presentation followed. Giurlani stated that Mr. Iley has given verbal permission to the Committee to rework exhibits as deemed necessary or desirable. Several Board members expressed the idea that Committee meetings should be open to anyone from the Board who might want to attend to offer suggestions/provide input on direction.
- **AMCMC** - Vogel reported that RRCHS wouldn't approve the request to rework an easement for an adjacent business because of high cost, pedestrian hazards & other concerns; therefore, this is a non-issue for ACHS.
- **AMADORIAN** – Cook was absent and there was no report.
- **BUDGET** – Garibaldi stated that the committee met and is developing parameters such as fundraising efforts should always have a mandated percentage of monies raised designated for the general fund.
- **LIVING HISTORY** – Sweet reported that he has taken 2 oral histories that are being edited for the website and that the person's identity and release is read into the tape at the beginning of the interview. Cedric Clute, who also attended the meeting, discussed some of the difficulties/complications that do arise when taking a history. Prior knowledge of some of the individual's history is helps the interviewer guide the interaction when taking the history.
- **KENNEDY MINE FOUNDATION** - Consolo attended the Board meeting & reported that the Kennedy is searching for volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Cenotto History Scholarship** – Giurlani has not yet been able contact family members about participation in this memorial
- **Cenotto Nomination to CCHS** - Cook absent and sent no report

NEW BUSINESS: Giurlani reported that he damaged a side mirror on his truck when backing in to pick up trash at the Museum. He requested funds from ACHS in the amount of \$350 to fix the mirror. Garibaldi and others commented that considering all of the time and effort he has expended at the Museum, this is a small repayment. **Motion to approve:** Garibaldi/Hultquist/A

Business Meeting Adjourned at 4:25 - followed by a presentation by Georgia Fox which included: a brief history of the Brown House, the Armstead C. Brown Family as well as a brief history of their home as a County Museum from 1948 when house was donated to the County. Curators have been: 1)Mary Ellen McCaskey(1908-1964)volunteer curator 1948-58, 2) 1958-84 not given 3) Cedric Clute, 1984-94, & 4) Georgia Fox, 1994-2008 when the Museum closed. Georgia emphasized the importance of a security system as well as a P.A. system between buildings. Her presentation was followed by a Tour of the Museum with demonstrations of how music was used to enhance the displays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Jebian on February 21, 2013.