

**AMADOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES, June 17, 2020
MUSEUM-OUTDOOR MEETING**

ROLL CALL: Present – Georgia Fox, Jeannette Garbarini-Walters, Wayne Garibaldi, Teresa Guidi, Jeana Hultquist, Judy Jebian, Cathy McGowen, Alicia Miller, Danna Saunders, Keith Sweet, Russ vanVoorhis, Grant Vogel, Leonard Williams. Absent – Thornton Consolo, Phillip Giurlani. Guests – Frank Tortorich, Elaine Williams, and John James from Sloughhouse.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Cathy McGowen, called the meeting to order at 10:10. The **Minutes** of the May 9 Zoom Meeting were approved as submitted. **Guidi/Hultquist/A.** Garibaldi reported a quiet month with little activity. The **Treasurer’s Report** was approved. **Jebian/Miller/A**

OLD BUSINESS: **1)**Livery activity and fundraising in abeyance due to Covid19; **2)**A History Passport program is still in development with numerous Amador County destinations involved; **3)**Grants – an application submitted to the Native Sons, Historical Preservation Foundation and work has begun on another application to the CA Museum Grant Program for the new building to replace the livery. **4)**Tortorich outlined the archeological process for exploring, excavating, and provenance documentation using metal detection on public land. VanVoorhis also outlined some of the work he has done and his adherence to legal/ethical standards working on private land in the county. Motion to approve ACHS sanction for vanVoorhis with appropriate documentation. **Hultquist/Garbarini-Walters/A**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **MUSEUM – 1)**Jebian reported a recent tour for Ed Arata’s family – a daughter and grandson of Robert Post (who built the Mine Models in the early 70s) who expressed their continued interest in the exhibit and concern that this exhibit should always remain in the County and available to the public honoring the wishes of Robert Post. **2)**concerns about reopening the museum were discussed and motion made to make the museum available by appointment. **Hultquist/Williams/A.** A sign will be posted with Jebian and McGowen’s phone numbers with the policy also posted to the website.
- **AMCMC: 1)**No tours are possible for AMC currently. **2)**Discussions regarding ownership of the railroad have begun and compromises are being worked on. Reinoehl is working on a transitional Joint Venture Agreement which will lay out a 1 to 2 year process with goals to be met before any final decisions are made. The committee will continue to meet and Garibaldi will report back.
- **EVENTS:** nothing can be planned as circumstances stand with Covid 19.
- **KENNEDY MINE FOUNDATION:** Limited tours have begun using outdoor spaces and limiting indoor facilities.

NEW BUSINESS: Garibaldi reported that he and Sweet have been contacted by the EPA regarding the Argonaut Mine superfund cleanup process. Since he and Sweet are representing the City, Garibaldi has referred them to Tortorich and Reinhoehl for consultation regarding the historic significance of the site, particularly the Argonaut disaster of 1922.

MEMBERS REMARKS: Guidi announced that the Main St Theatre Works is presenting a Zoom presentation on Saturday of the 1st Act of “Kong’s Night Out”, a production previously scheduled for this summer now postponed to next summer.

ADJOURNMENT at 11:30. Next Meeting – July 15 @11:00 at the Museum lawn area.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Jebian on 6/17/2020