

AMADOR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES – February 19, 2020

ROLL CALL: Present – Thornton Consolo, Georgia Fox, Jeanette Garbarini-Walters, Wayne Garibaldi, Phillip Giurlani, Teresa Guidi, Jeana Hultquist (via phone), Judy Jebian, Cathy McGowen, Alicia Miller, Gary Reinoehl, Danna Saunders, Keith Sweet, Russel vanVoorhis, Grant Vogel, Leonard Williams. Guest – Frank Tortorich, Rebecca Brown.

CALL TO ORDER: President, Cathy McGowen, called the meeting to order at 3:00 and the agenda approved with a change of order to allow a discussion of the ACHS/AMC ownership to be considered after business.

MINUTES: Motion to approve as submitted. **Vogel/Williams/A**

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion to approve as submitted. **Consolo/Giurlani/A**

AMC OWNERSHIP RECONSIDERED: Vogel put the question to the Board in view of the necessity of rewriting the current JVA agreement that exists between ACHS & RRCHS, the co-owners of the AMC with shared financial obligations since 2010 when SPI turned over ownership of the RR right of way for \$1.00. If ACHS should decide to step away at this time and turn over title to RRCHS or a potential 3rd entity, the JVA is nullified. There was general agreement among the Board of the importance of the RR to the county’s history and that preservation of this county’s history is the primary mission of the Society. The Lone Depot was saved because the Society stepped in and managed moving the building to a new location as well as providing a permanent foundation for the building, but then stepped away from it and handed further responsibility to the City of Ione. AMC maintenance and financial obligations continue to mount with 3 highway crossings to maintain according to State requirements while ownership infers potential liability costs as well. The question arises, then, about the wisdom of continuing in this ownership arrangement. Continued AMC Ownership or Divestment but with continued support will be considered at a later time. The Vote was tabled until the next meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS: Livery Fundraising Campaign: Letters sent to Native Sons of both Jackson and Sutter Creek. Forty potential donors have been invited to attend a promotional event at the National Hotel on 2/20/20. New Livery membership brochures have been ordered. The Donors plaque is being updated with recent donor’s names.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **MUSEUM: 1)** The doorway to the Pole Barn has been framed in and doors will be installed soon which will mean that building is secure and work can proceed with transfer of the artifacts. **2)** a proposal was received from Arata for informative signage for the Scarifier. The point was made that signage is needed for other objects in the park and that signage needs to be uniform. The Museum Committee will discuss and report back at the next meeting. **3)** Jebian & McGowen gave an interview to KVGC which may be repeated with advance questions and better preparation.
- **AMCMC:** The 501C3 application for the RR is progressing. Ongoing maintenance with tree removal, weed abatement, and improved safety for loading and unloading passengers. An ADA compliant porta potty was donated for use at Lanes Station and other equipment donations will be put to good use. JVA agreement?
- **EVENTS: 1)** BBQ-6/14/20, 5 p.m./ **2)** Wine & Cheese-9/11, 5p.m./ **3)** Teresa’s-11/1, 4:30. **4)** Other events TBA.
- **KENNEDY MINE FOUNDATION:** March 7 – Amador County Day

NEW BUSINESS: 1) Postage – non-profit rate? **2)** Dedication of Knight’s Foundry-TBA. **3)** Rebecca Brown announced an Amador Co 1-day trip by the CA Preservation Foundation as part of its conference on May 17. She also recommended setting up something like a history passport as a way of encouraging visitors.

MEMBERS REMARKS: vanVoorhis thanked the Society for updating his letter of introduction for metal detecting in the County. He also requested permission to put this on his card. Yes, said the Board. Sweet mentioned that consideration needs to be taken for the restoration needs/expenses of the artifacts currently held in the old Livery building. He also mentioned that Vogan’s Alley is being renamed Logan’s Alley and dedicated by the City. Jebian said that the annual “Days of 49” Wagon Train will be April 22-26th with a children’s parade in costume on Sunday in Jackson.

ADJOURNMENT at 4:45. Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Jebian on 2/20/20.