

IOCTA General Membership Meeting, April 17, 2010, Caldwell, Idaho

At: William Judson Boone Hall, College of Idaho

In Attendance: Doug Jenson, President; Jerry Eichhorst, V-Pres. & Webmaster; Lyle Lambert, V-Pres.; Bill Wilson, Treasurer (acting as Secretary, because Kay Coffman was ill); Directors: Peg Cristobal; Jim Payne; Suzi Pengilly; Past-Pres. Jim McGill; Patti King-McGill; Pat Rhodes-Payne; Worth Montgomery; Wally Meyer; Afton Patrick; Pam Fritz; Dee Grove.

1. **Call To Order:** 9:30 A.M. by Doug Jenson, President.

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** Motion by Afton to accept the minutes as is, 2nd by Jim Payne and carried.

Minutes of the meetings are posted on the IOCTA web site.

http://www.idahoocta.org/Meeting_Minutes_Index.html

3. **Reports:**

A. **Treasurer:** Bill Wilson explained the expenditures in the Treasurer's Report. Current membership shows 127 Paid Members, of which 9 are new this past fiscal year. All *Trail Dust only* subscriptions have expired.

Motion by Jerry to accept the Treasurer's Report as is, 2nd by Lyle and carried.

B. **Website:** Nothing new to report. Jerry noted that we need to have a Contact Person, with phone number, on the Website, for people to contact for information. There were suggestions for updating the Website map with additional sites and trails.

C. **Preservation:**

a. Discussion re cell towers and transmission lines near California Trail.

b. Suzi discussed the 4 transmission lines that are pending for Idaho, plus 2 wind generator farms.

c. Lyle discussed conversation with Bessie Smith regarding proposed Interpretive Center at west base of Big Hill. It appears to still be in the works.

d. Jim McGill discussed Wally's and his discovery of Goodale Trail route ruts near Olds Ferry site.

4. **Old Business:**

A. Tim Goodale/Goodale's Cutoff Workshop/Tours. Jim McGill reported on this June 18-20, 2010, workshop at the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center near Baker, Oregon. There are still some openings for this, but it is filling up fairly well.

B. Jerry gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the new signing project for the Main Oregon Trail Back Country Byway between Three Island Crossing and Bonneville Point. His presentation showed revisions in the route map, illustrations of the signs and descriptive posters to be placed at strategic points in the route. He called for volunteers to help with showing the highway district crews where to place the signs.

C. Doug told us of his participation in the History Day, which was Friday, April 16th, at the College of Idaho. Doug noted that he did not expend the \$300 scholarship for History Day on April 16th (yesterday), as planned, because no presentation dealt with the Oregon Trail; we'll hope to have some entries in next year's History Day.

D. Doug reported on the status and successes of the OCTA movie: "In Pursuit of a Dream." It is being submitted to various film festivals with success, and OCTA has signed with Ostrow & Co. to act as our agent in obtaining a distribution company.

E. Jim Payne noted that his submission of a proposed paper: "From the Beaver to Wagon Trains, The California Trail through the Great Basin," for the Elko Convention this coming August, was not accepted.

5. New Business:

- A. Bill read the list of 9 motions that were passed at the National Board of Directors Mid-Winter Board Meeting, in Independence, MO, 5-6 March 2010, and he and Doug explained some that were not self-explanatory. Doug read the actual "Visitors' Acknowledgement of Risk" that replaces our "Waiver." (Motion #6.)
- B. Doug noted that Dick Nelson is the new National Awards Chairperson, replacing Roger Blair, and that suggestions for awards should be forwarded to Mr. Nelson. His email is: KCnelson42@sbcglobal.net
- C. Doug explained the Discovery Trails Program trip, planned for June by Coordinator Eleanor Craig, and Bill noted that IOCTA's check for \$137.80 had been sent to the organization Ms. Craig had specified, wherein its value will be doubled by a Kansas City organization, Camps For Kids. Peg read the motion that was approved by email by the IOCTA Board of Directors, for this expenditure, so that its approval would be noted in the Minutes.
- D. Jerry presented a PowerPoint presentation about the new Ada County Oregon Trail Interpretive Center kiosk that is being completed at the east end of the parking lot near O.T. ruts, south of Hwy 21 and west of the Hwy 21 bridge across the Boise River. This is a project for mitigation that has been in the works for near 20 years, ever since the Hwy 21 bridge was built. Suzi added explanation about how this came about at this time.
- E. Doug called for suggestions for outings/tours this year:
a. Jim McGill suggested we might do a tour of the Goodale Trail down the Idaho side to Brownlee's Ferry.
- F. Doug noted that Dell Mangum has submitted his resignation as Preservation Officer, because of health problems. We will need to find someone to replace him. In the interim, Lyle Lambert was asked to be Coordinator of Assist. Pres. Officers for short sections of trail around the state, and he accepted---reluctantly.
- G. Jerry noted there are some efforts afoot to purchase or lease the old City of Rocks Stage Station currently owned by Simplot Corporation.
- H. Jerry gave a brief slide presentation of his discovery of some possible emigrant graves near Ryegrass Creek, that he discovered on April 10th and 11th, this month.

6. Adjournment: Jerry moved to adjourn at 11:34 A.M., 2nd by Afton and carried.

Dave Ward, Volunteer at the Museum, gave us a tour of the Museum, in the basement of the William Judson Boone Hall. After that we repaired to the Sunrise Restaurant for lunch. Following lunch, 10 of us toured Oregon Trail ruts and the Boise River Crossing, in and near the Canyon Hill Cemetery, as well as the park and monument for the Ward Massacre.