Minutes of the Monthly Meeting; April 19, 2017

Members present: Lew Diehl, Dani Pederson, Yancey Allison, John & Heather Ludberg, Mike Lewis. Rick & Carol Lechner, Kyle, Tony Larvie & Angie Lehto, CJ Watterson, and John Boesche. Attending via phone/internet: Kari Allison & LJ & Jennifer Clark

Meeting for April 19, 2017 called to order by President Dani Pederson at 7:06 pm

Guests: none

Minutes of the March 15, 2017 meeting were read by Mike, motion to approve the minutes was made by Rick, seconded by Kyle and approved as read.

Treasurer's report: Rick presented the treasurer's report. Balance in checking, $6,604.92, $9,821.35 in savings and $5,054.51 in the Eclipse Event account. Rick noted that a generous donation had been received from 1st Interstate Bank that was not reflected in the current totals. Heather moved to accept the Treasurer's report, John L seconded and approved as presented.

Communications: David Dean, attendee of years gone by, is reentering the rendezvous/trader scene and is looking for (20) 18 foot Tepee poles. Folks will keep an eye out for a supply not only for David but also a few locals in need.

Big Ted has been in contact with Fish and the knives for rendezvous are lined up for the event.

Kyle has received a letter from Charlie Stickney seeking permission to scatter the ashes of one of our past rendezvous attendees (name of Dutch) during this year's rendezvous. He mentioned there may be a few dignitaries attending and was thinking of possibly blasting said individual's remains from a cannon. After some discussion approval was granted with current plans to conduct during closing ceremonies combined with possible 21 gun salute.

Yancey has been contacted concerning our policy of no loaded guns in camp. All agree that the current rules pertain to firearms used in competition on our range and not to modern "concealed carry" firearms. Yancey will work on rewording the rule to reflect intent and present to the board at a later date.

Yancey also noted that Ruxton Museum will be attending the rendezvous after all and permission was given to allow them to use the Association tepee again.

John B received a notice from the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Wyoming that they will be meeting in Riverton on May 6 at the Holiday Inn and invite buckskinners to come and do a presentation on the life and times of the furtrade era. Lunch @ 11:00 a.m., meeting at 1:00 followed by Buckskinning presentation. John will field and inquiries for this event.

Committee Reports:

- Rendezvous: Carol gave her report on the preparations for this year's event. Things are moving right along and on track for a rousing good time. Auction items are still needed, preferably homemade and period. Carol proposed a novel event for the doins…anvil launching! They have been in contact with someone who does this for various events and may be willing to blast a couple at rendezvous. Carol moved to allocate up to $100 for the event, Rick seconded and approved by all.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Lewis, Secretary

- Solar Eclipse event: Eclipse committee will be meeting Saturday, April 22 at 4:00 p.m. at the Rendezvous site, weather permitting, followed by potluck. Alternative location, Dani's place.
- John B moved that the Eclipse committee be given authorization to spend funds as needed for the event with full accounting/disclosure presented at monthly meetings. The motion was seconded by Yancey and approved by all.

Old Business:

- Road renaming: The road into the site from Freedom Drive is now officially named. Physical address of 1838 site is now, 66 Fur Trapper Lane; Riverton, WY
- John B announced that Bornhoft Construction will fill in the holes and grade the road coming into the parking area for free.

New Business:

- John B has been approached by the Riverton model flying club expressing interest in using the Northeast corner of the site for their club's flying operations. Modifications would be made to the area without removing existing trees. This proposal was well received and after some discussion Kyle moved to: a) have John B pursue the particulars and details and report back to the Association and, b) move the existing rock barrier, after the eclipse event, at the site's parking area near the ponds to limit parking and aid in reducing the abuse from the public. Rick seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Wind River Heritage Center Open House April 22, 2017 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. honoring the Korell family.

Reminder: 2017 Rendezvous is June 28 – July 2, 2017

- Work parties:
    - April 22; 10 a.m. to noon, followed by participation in Heritage Center's Open House
    - May 20; beginning 10 a.m.
    - June 24; beginning 10 a.m.

- Dues are due: $25 single, $35 family.

Next meeting is set on May 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the Wind River Heritage Center, Riverton.

Meeting was adjourned @ 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Lewis, Secretary