

Westerners International

Minutes, Board of Director's Meeting, August 25, 2017

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, Canyon, Texas

The Westerners International Board Meeting, at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, was held August 25, 2017, with Bonney Macdonald, Board Chairman, presiding. The meeting started at 11:00 AM. Lunch was provided after a short break at noon and continued during the meeting.

Board members present:

Bonney Macdonald, Rodney Laubhan, Ken Pirtle, Paul Matney, Joe Faulkenberry, Cheryl McInnis, Kent McInnis, Rodney Goddard, Jack Becker, Wallace McKee, Sara McKee, Alex Hunt and Cindy Martin, and Nathan Dahlstrom.

Bonney Macdonald gave a welcome to all present.

The meeting was called to order.

Motion was made by Alex Hunt and seconded by Rodney Laubhan to accept the minutes of the April 24 2017 Executive Committee Meeting as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Updates were presented by Chairman MacDonald:

Acknowledgment and recognition were given for the generosity of Gregg Bynum for his generosity in both labor and finances in covering the legal work and fees involved with the move from Oklahoma City to Canyon, especially with respect to the organization's Charter. A special thanks was also given to Rodney Laubhan for providing a donation in the amount of the cost of the moving van, and to Rodney, Ken Pirtle, and Kent and Cheryl McInnis for their time and effort during the transition.

Board members discussed the current status of dues for paid and unpaid corrals as well as the status of dues for international corrals. Suggestions were made to set up a more easily payable system and to follow up with encouraging emails. Motion was made to revisit the progress in a year. The motion was made by Kent McInnis and seconded by Rodney Laubhan. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman MacDonald gave an update on the website revisions. Four of the pages on the website have been revised. Work continues on updating corral information.

Finance Report given by Chairman Macdonald in Greg Bynum's absence:

Current and Short Term Assets total \$27,627.33

Long Term Assets (Oklahoma City Foundation) total \$225,976.23

Total Assets total \$253,603.56

Board Member Discussion:

Board member process was explained by Kent McInnis and possible candidates for board growth were suggested.

Motion was made by Rodney Laubhan for the candidates to be approached. Seconded by Ken Pirtle. The motion was unanimously passed.

***Buckskin Bulletin* update: Ken Pirtle**

The new edition of the *Bulletin* will be out in a few weeks. WI Home Ranch will send the emailed version to both Sheriffs and Reps of each Corral to insure delivery to members.

Secretary's update: Delinda King

A list of merchandise on hand in the WI office was provided. A motion was made by Kent McInnis to begin adding shipping expenses to orders for merchandise. The motion was seconded by Paul Matney and passed unanimously.

Discussion to add additional types of merchandise was accepted by members. Further research will be done on types and costs of merchandise.

WHA update – Kent and Cheryl McInnis, Bonney Macdonald:

Panel for 2018 WHA in San Antonio will be put together by Tim Bowman.

Bonney MacDonald noted a possible joint-sponsorship of WI reception for 2018 or 2019

WI's reestablished organizational membership in WHA will give WI sponsorship status in WI. WI's logo will appear on the WHA homepage.

There was brief discussion of how to encourage attendance at of WI members at WHA

Discussion of ideas for WI Outreach (between corrals and to generate new members)

The following were discussed:

Facebook page.

Quarterly email from Chairman to all posse/corral sheriffs.

Canyon gather in 2018 or Spring 2019.

Ad in *True West* – Bonney is working with Stan Moore on this; will get ad quote. Bonney proposed an ad image; discussion suggested that the image could be varied, depending on magazine venue. Bonney will look into this possibility.

WI will be putting together a new brochure in Dec 2017 – Jan 2018.

WI info will now appear in WHA publication and program

WI logo (noted above) will now appear on WHA web-page, per offer from new WHA Executive Director

Rodney Goddard made the suggestion that we should offer a scholarship for graduate and doctoral students focusing on the American West. He suggested WI consider working up a “welcome package” to offer students entering graduate school and volunteered his time as traveling representative. It was agreed that this plan would take several years to put into place.

Notice of upcoming meetings:

Board of Directors Meeting, WHA, San Diego, Nov 1-4, Day/time TBA

Executive Committee Meeting: Feb 2018, day/time TBA

Executive Committee Meeting: April 2018, day/time TBA

Board of Directors Meeting: Aug 2018, day/time TBA

Meeting adjourned, 2:00 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Delinda King, Secretary, Westerners International