

Minutes from TKHA/BKNHA Meeting, July 14, 2005, at The Lodge, Baldwin City

Attendees:

Hazel May Fackler	Leavenworth
Debbie White	Lawrence CVB
Teri Pickering	Lawrence Public Schools
Martha Parker	Clinton Lake Museum
Julie Mulvihill	Kansas Humanities Council
Jason Camis	Franklin County CVB
Deb Barker	Franklin County Historical Society
Emma Crites	Fredonia Tourism
Sue Gervasini	Leavenworth
Sally Hatcher	Leavenworth
Kerry Lippincott	Watkins Museum
Alexis Radil	Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop
Amy Garton	Olathe Chamber
Rebecca Phipps	Watkins Museum
Dale Nimz	Lawrence
Andrea Renick Bell	Osawatomie
Diane Niehoff	Baldwin City CVB
John Nichols	Miami County Historical Society
Judy Billings	Lawrence CVB
Ron Harris	Geary County & 1 <sup>st</sup> Territorial Capital
Clif Gordon	Wakefield Museum
Paul Bahnmaier	Lecompton Historical Society
Eileen Robertson	Humboldt Tourism
Carol Van Tersch	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Kerry Altenbernd	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Kelly Pearl	Pottawatomie County Economic Development
Ken & Mary Asher	Mound City Historical Society

Prior to the 10 AM meeting in town, Kerry Altenbernd presented, at 9:15 AM at Black Jack Battlefield, plans for its development and summarized the significant John Brown event that had occurred at the site.

Judy Billings opened the meeting at The Lodge by explaining the TKHA/BKNHA mix *for the record* and for the benefit of new attendees: TKHA, a grass roots 501 (c) (3) organization, serves management, organization, and activities of BKNHA. Even though we are providing criteria info, we will need to hire a consultant to write the Management Plan.

Dianne Niehoff, Baldwin City CVB, and Linda Ford Ballinger, Baldwin City Community Theatre, welcomed everyone to Baldwin City. Other **attendees introduced themselves.**

There being no additions to the **Agenda**, the membership approved it.

Eileen Robertson made a motion to approve the **June minutes.** Kelly Pearl seconded. **Motion carried.**

Martha Parker gave **Financial Report:** balance of \$1, 113.64. (Interest 64 cents).

Motion to approve by Diane Niehoff. Seconded by Dale Nimz. **Motion carried.**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UGRR brochure project:** Chris Meinhardt and Martha reported that the brochure will be narrative but not interpretive. Judith Wellman of New York, V.P. of Friends of the UGRR, has edited. It will be sent to designer Jason Rincker. Hope to have something to present to attendees by August or September. A reminder to us: this brochure will let people know that there *are* UGRR sites in Kansas; important, since previous UGRR publications led people to believe we have none. Through Judy, we thanked Chris and Martha for their steadfast attention to and hard work in developing the brochure.

**MARKETING:** Brochure, to define National Heritage Areas and explain Bleeding Kansas NHA to funding sources, was distributed among attendees for final proofing and approval.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT:** Change of language in the brochure reflects negotiation with Missouri: Additional counties in Missouri or Kansas *may* be added (rather than "shall" be). Judy sees this as a positive and strengthening change.

**Attendees were asked: "Do we want to continue "as is" in negotiation or stop the Bill?"**

Motion by Kerry Altenbernd: "I move that we move ahead and get what we can out of it ."  
Seconded by Ron Harris. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **PARTNERSHIP AND SITE DESIGNATION**

John Nichols distributed a CRITERIA COMMITTEE UPDATE. We were encouraged to let other partners know what is going on REGARDING COMPLETION OF CRITERIA FORMS. If we know people who are confused or not fully involved, encourage them. Have Judy and Management Committee members come.

Include value added sites on criteria worksheets. Don't forget to include churches and cemeteries.

**Please refer to "Partnerships and Criteria" in June 9<sup>th</sup> minutes** for additional information.

Information regarding cultural landscapes as well as natural landscapes will be discussed at Leavenworth meeting in August.

## **DEADLINE FOR CRITERIA WORKSHEETS EXTENDED TO SEPTEMBER 1**

### **REQUEST FOR USE OF JOHN BROWN BROCHURE BY NPS:**

NPS wants to link our John Brown brochure, including our map, to their website. This collaboration will link browsers to historic info in Kansas. We would have final say on the link. Group consensus was yes. No objections.

### **NEW BUSINESS: Website development**

Judy pointed out that our present BKNHA website informs us; we need a website for visitors. We need to look at other websites.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Judy said there will be a Bike Trail (200 bikers) next year. Their journey will include Bleeding Kansas.

Judy also announced that BKNHA participant, Coach Bill Freeman, Mayor of LeRoy, has been elected to the Kansas Hall of Fame by the Kansas State High School Activities Association.

Check with Julie Mulvihill regarding a \$2000 grant being offered by the Kansas Humanities Council.

Bloomington, Kansas, will celebrate her Territorial Sesquicentennial July 16<sup>th</sup>. Reenactment and Civil War music.

Sally Hatcher announced that the Kansas Preservation Association is gathering a list of statewide barns and farmsteads.

Martha Parker let us know the Monarch butterflies have arrived at the new butterfly garden at Clinton Lake.

Chris Meinhardt reported that a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom program grant of \$25,000 will be used in the restoration of Constitution Hall – Topeka.

Future meetings: August 11, 2005, Leavenworth  
September 8, 2005, Ottawa  
October 13, 2005, LeRoy

**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HARD COPY OF July minutes and August Agenda to the August 11, 2005, meeting at Leavenworth.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Robertson, Explorer #1450