



Bleeding Kansas Heritage Area Meeting,  
Thursday, March 9, 2006,  
Atchison Visitor Center – Santa Fe Depot – Rail Museum

**Attendees:**

Ron Harris	Geary Co. Museum – 1 <sup>st</sup> Terr. Capital
Mary Asher	Mound City HS
Clif Gordon	Wakefield Museum
Tim Van Leer	Lawrence
Cheryl Collins	Riley Co. Museum
Tamra Scheid	Topeka CVB
Debbie Divine	KS Scenic Byways
Don & Susan Traub	Traub Design Assoc.
Tristan Smith	Johnson Co. Museum
Doug Jones	Shawnee Co. HS
Deborah Barker	Old Depot Museum, Ottawa
Sonia Smith	Franklin Co. CVB
Emma Crites	Fredonia Tourism
Elly McCoy	Chanute
Bill Freeman	LeRoy
Michael Stubbs	Wabaunsee Co. HS
Katie Carlgren	Wabaunsee Co. HS
Kerry Lippincott	Watkins Museum
Paul Bahnmaier	Lecompton HS
Peggy Stanton	Doniphan Co.
Megan Scheidt	City of Leavenworth
Wendy Scheidt	City of Bonner Springs
Jim McGrath	Jefferson Co. Econ. Dev.
Stan Lawson	Atchison Chamber
Bobbie Athon	KS State HS
Erin Jeschke	Pottawatomie Co. Econ. Dev.
Laura Phillippi	Lansing Museum
Alexis Radil	Mahaffie Stagecoach Stop & Farm
Kerry Altenbernd	Black Jack Battlefield Trust
Eileen Robertson	Humboldt Tourism
Judy Billings	Lawrence CVB
John Nichols	Miami Co. HS
Debbie White	Lawrence CVB
Diane Niehoff	Baldwin City Tourism
Chris Taylor	Atchison HS

**WELCOME:** Attendees were welcomed by Stan Lawson, Marketing Director for Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce. He then introduced Kris Taylor, Executive Director of the Atchison County Historical Society, who made clear the strong pro-slavery beginning of Atchison County with its early founding in June 1854 under David Atchison's leadership shortly after the Kansas Nebraska Act was passed. We were invited to visit the Rail Museum. Other attendees introduced themselves.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Judy Billings reminded Planning Committee members that the BKHA Steering Committee meets the Wednesday before each monthly meeting and asked that agenda items be submitted to her prior to the Steering Committee meeting. There being no additional items, the agenda was accepted.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY MINUTES:** Motion by Mary Asher. Seconded by Kerry Altenbernd. Motion carried.

**PLEASE NOTE FOLLOWING CORRECTION:** At the February 2006 Johnson County meeting, January minutes were approved by Clif Gordon and Amy Garton.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** In the absence of Martha Parker, report stands at \$1,379.78.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:** All Missouri counties have been contacted.

Judy reported that Jim Ryun has promised a "mark up" during present session February 28 – March 16<sup>th</sup>. This means that the House Bill will be changed to mirror the Bill passed by the Senate in July. The Bill will be passed out of the House back to the Senate where it will be removed from the package and passed again. Right now no need to keep contacting. All communications indicating our vigilance and interest have been helpful.

**Heritage Development Institute** sponsored by Alliance Associates will be held in Lawrence August or September.

**TRADEMARK:** No report

**COMMITTEES: TOURS:**

Don Traub - Chair  
Debbie White  
Diane Niehoff  
Jim McGrath  
Doug Jones  
Tristan Smith  
Deb Barker  
Susan Traub

**WEBSITE**

Tristan Smith  
Debbie White  
Kerry Altenbernd  
Sonia Smith (Ottawa)

## **MUSEUM RESEARCH**

Peggy Stanton  
Rebecca Phipps

## **PARTNER SITES – CRITERIA**

John Nichols - Chair  
Debbie White  
Paul Bahnmaier  
Emma Crites  
Ron Harris  
Tristan Smith

**RADIO NETWORKING** - Elly McCoy shared that she contacted the Kansas Association of Broadcasters (140 stations). She asked that they announce the need to contact Jim Ryn regarding designation of the Bleeding Kansas National Heritage Area.

On KKOY 1460 AM in Chanute, Elly's weekly Saturday Morning Travel/Tourism Show "Southeast Kansas Today!" covers historic attractions and events in various Kansas towns relating to Bleeding Kansas and the Enduring Struggle for Freedom. She and co-hostess Eileen Robertson discuss Kansas books, Kansas Historical Society and other publications, and interview librarians, museum and historic site directors. They also offer conducted tours of sites discussed on the show hosted by site directors.

### **PARTNER SITE DESIGNATION:**

John Nichols discussed **Draft Part I, 2.01.06 , 2006 Partner Site Designation Application:**

- Connect your stories to 6 themes.
- Willing partners.
- Visitor readiness = friendliness and availability
- Self assess: What can we do to make this site better? Seek ways to a higher level.
- Build connections within your story and to other stories at other sites.
- What experience(s) do you expect to convey to visitors?
- Taking a self-guided tour, will the visitor be able to understand your story?
- After designation, it could take up to three years to development a management plan.
- Ensure visitors have a positive experience

The language defining **Partnership Levels** was questioned by Debbie Devine. The Criteria Committee will review levels' definitions.

John requested that every Planning Committee member look up National Heritage Areas on the Internet.

Judy reinforced the necessity for visitors to be provided with an experience.

Judy announced a TIAK SEMINAR on April 13 in Salina regarding Developing Memorable Travel Experiences. She encouraged BKHA members to attend. Attendees agreed to move the April 13<sup>th</sup> Lecompton meeting to April 6 to accommodate our attending the TIAK Seminar.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHARED**

- Michael Stubbs, Wabaunsee County celebration, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Emma Crites, Fredonia will be a Great Race pit stop on June 30<sup>th</sup>
- Ottawa, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Pottawatomie Massacre
- Kerry Altenbernd, Black Jack Sesquicentennial, June 2, 3
- Tim Rues, Sesquicentennial Constitution Hall, Lecompton, and Battle of Fort Titus, April 22,23
- Alexis Radil. Mahaffie Stage Coach Stop, Olathe. Reenactments. DATE????
- Eileen Robertson, Humboldt’s Civil War Days, June 9-10-11 Go to website:  
[www.usd258.net/~humcivildays/](http://www.usd258.net/~humcivildays/)

**THANK YOU FOR BRINGING HARD COPY OF MARCH MINUTES AND APRIL AGENDA TO LECOMPTON BKHA MEETING, APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup>.**

**FUTURE MEETINGS:**

May 11, 2006	Mine Creek
June 8, 2006	Baldwin City
July 13, 2006	Clinton
August 10, 2006	Shawnee County
September 14, 2006	Jefferson County, Oskaloosa
October 12, 2006	Doniphan County
November 9, 2006	Neosho County, Chanute

Meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen Robertson, Explorer #1450