

ALMA FOUNDATION

Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2014

1. Call to Order: At 6:04 by Tim Zingler. Other board members present include Matt May and Megan Potter. Twelve other people attended the meeting.
2. Approval of Agenda: Tim changes the agenda to include items 10a (Top Down, Blow Down, Show Down) and 12 (Update on Buckskin Park). Also, item 7 is now Nancy's update on the Braden Properties.
3. Approval of Last Month's Minutes: Motion made by Matt, seconded by Tim.
4. Treasurer's Report: Mark Bond requests (by email) that he be permitted to use the e-banking reports to update the rest of the Board. Motion to accept made by Tim, seconded by Megan.
5. Phone Messages (from Town Hall): none.
6. Community Comment: Tim Balough relays an email message from Dean Hudson (blacksmith vendor at Festival) to thank the foundation and town for a great event for him to show his work.
7. Braden Properties: Per Nancy, these are 5 town lots that could possibly be donated with the payment of approximately \$5500 in back taxes. Claim & title commitment could be about \$200. However, there could be possible reimbursement by the Land Trust. A motion to approve the funds is made by Tim, seconded by Megan. All ayes.
8. Cemetery Information: Per Ellen, the historical archives of the Alma Cemetery are complete. She brings up the idea of getting someone to map the area. Board supports (especially Tim).
9. Festival Recap: Per Tim, the event was a success. A couple hundred of tshirts remain. The "bottom line" of profit is not ready, but it looks like about the same amount as last year. Per Dave Aceto, the race went well and there were 31 participants. Money was saved by doing the timing themselves. Nancy reviews the vendor surveys - mostly positive. Styrofoam and outside alcohol were frowned upon. Chip recommends more defined artwork rules. He is ready to pass on his festival duties of music coordinator. There is discussion about raising the food vendor fee to \$200, and possible bringing in "security."
10. Ed Snell Run: Per Beth, the 34th year of the race will take place on August 16th. She also has provided posters. The Burro Days book selling discussed at the previous meeting went really well — additionally, the author will be at the race this year - and is still giving 20% of his book proceeds to the Ed Snell fund. Beth allows the board to view the form used for any requested funds.
11. Clesson, Ladies' Aid: Jeremiah does not seem to have started on the Clesson Cabin project yet. The Ladies' Aid Hall is officially on the HistoriCorps schedule for September.
12. Buckskin Park: Per Jara, this could easily be GOCO land. Herzog was considered for the appraisal, but Ebert offers to do commercial appraisal for \$1000. Tim makes a motion to approve these funds; it is seconded by Megan. Ayes from Mark, Matt. Nay from Remington. MRHI has agreed to be the park stewards, and may even have money for park signage.
13. Officers' Reports: none.
14. Adjournment: At 8:20 by Tim Zingler.