

FOLBR Annual Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2014

Held at Slate Creek Community Hall

2:30 – 3:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm by Sam Kirk, president.

Marty Richardson gave a brief presentation about Slate Creek Community Hall, it's history and future.

We lost 2 members this past year – Frank Isenhart gave a remembrance for Roger Wegner and Currie Craven remembered Rick Warren.

Sharon Sweet, secretary confirmed that we do have a quorum for this meeting.

Sam Kirk briefly outlined the agenda.

Sharon Sweet delivered a précis of the 2013 minutes and Signe Ferguson gave the treasure's report. She would like to thank Don Ferguson for his help with preparing the report. It was moved and seconded to accept both reports with unanimous approval.

Sam Kirk gave his President's report – The mission of FOLBR is to sustain and protect the traditional agricultural character, promote the safety of the residents, livestock and wildlife, and maintain the environmental and historical integrity of the Lower Blue River Valley through collaboration and community involvement.

Each January the FOLBR BOD holds a 4 hour session developing plans for the new year: objectives and strategies that fall within the boundaries of the FOLBR Mission. The prioritized directives for the year fall into the hands of the various committees for execution: Water, Safety, Rural, Weed and Admin Committees. Briefly here are the actions that the BOD has taken on the behalf of the members of the Friends of the Lower Blue River:

Rural Committee

The major contribution of this stalwart committee of John Longhill, Bob Sweet, John LeCoq and former member Perry Handyside is the acquisition of this Slate Creek Community Hall.

Safety Committee

- Wildfire Educational Meeting held at the Heeney Firehouse last July educating representatives from the Lower Blue River on the nature of wildfire and the steps to be taken to be prepared in the event of a wildfire.
- The Livestock Emergency Preparedness program continues as we move into another wildfire season with seven Lower Blue River Valley neighbors once again making their properties available to accommodate livestock when wildfire threatens their safety.

Under the persistent and occasionally patient efforts of John Hillman the construction of a cell tower in the Lower Blue may begin in mid-August. A location has been determined. The planning commission has okayed the location. A legal-real-estate is being worked out, but lost time is delaying the construction. “Stay tuned”

Water Committee

- BOD member and member of the water committee Frank Isenhart was the primary mover in organizing the Peter McBride event, working with our partners on the program, namely, Continental Divide Land Trust and the Blue River Watershed Group. It was titled Colorado and Blue Rivers: Source to Sea. The event was held at the Silverthorne Pavilion and attracted approximately 100 people. Each of the sponsoring groups realized \$800.00.

Weed Committee

- Recognizing the drastic impact of noxious weeds on the environment of the Lower Blue River Valley, FOLBR under the active guidance of BOD member John Taylor has collaborated with Summit County Weed Program, the USFS and the Middle Park Conservation District to educate and advocate for more involvement by LBRV residents in the eradication of noxious weeds.

Administration Committee

The accomplishments of this committee, especially of our esteemed Executive Director Marty Richardson, are to innumerable to mention now. Here are however a few highlights.

- I strongly suggest that you visit the FOLBR web site, folbr.org. Under the tutelage of Marty, Katlin Miller of the Middle Park Conservation District freely and creatively made the web site come alive, outlining the mission, introducing the BOD Members, storing minutes of previous meetings and giving the reader the ability to renew their membership or become a new member supporting the efforts of your BOD.

- In order to acquire the Hall, and to make contributions tax free, an application has been submitted to change FOLBR's non profit status to a 501c3. John Longhill carried the heaviest load toward designation with John Taylor's assistance.

Other

Maintaining the environmental integrity is enacted in big and public ways and in smaller, less portentous ways. The Highway 9 clean up project has been quietly and efficiently organized over the years by BOD member Lynn Amstutz. Again this spring Lynn was joined by 8 volunteers to clean our section of Highway 9. (Sometimes there are profitable benefits, Marty found \$1.00 this year and Barney White found a \$100.00 bill in the recent past.)

Conclusion

Time does not permit to thank each of the BOD members for their contributions of time, energy and money to creatively and successfully fulfill the FOLBR mission.

Also our appreciation to the partners with whom we've collaborated to accomplish many of FOLBR's efforts, including Middle Park Conservation District, Continental Divide Land Trust, Commissioners of Summit County, Blue River Watershed group, Summit Weed Advisory Board, Friends of the Eagles Nest Wilderness Area and Friends of the Dillon Ranger District. Above all stands our Executive Director, Marty Richardson, who has cajoled, motivated, picked up dropped pieces, organized and administered throughout the year with patience, determination and Competence. Thank you, Marty!

Announcements

John Hillman reported on the cell tower. He also discussed joining the fire district if one is not in the district for fire safety. Street address signs are now available at a very reasonable cost and slash chipping is available.

Lisa Taylor spoke briefly about noxious weeds and the upcoming seminar to be held July 17 at the Slate Creek Community Hall.

John Longhill welcomed us to FOLBR's new home, the Slate Creek Community Hall. He gave a brief history of the building. He also addressed the need for volunteers to give of their time as we begin the projects needed for the building as well as financial backing. One of our Ranch Neighbors has already pledged \$5000.00.

The existing board members were introduced and the now retired Perry Handyside was recognized for his valuable service on the Board.

Board Members are:

Sam Kirk, President	Bob Sweet	John Longhill
John Fielder, Vice President	Currie Craven	Sher Steuben
Sharon Sweet, Secretary	John Taylor	John LeCoq
Signe Ferguson, Treasure	John Hillman	Pam Beardsley, emerita
Frank Isenhardt	Myra Isenhardt	

The Directors were unanimously re-elected.

It was moved and seconded and unanimously approved that we adjourn at 3:07 pm.

Bob Sweet introduced Kerry Grombacher, who is a Western Music singer/songwriter. We all enjoyed the music for about an hour and then adjourned outside for the Ice Cream Social with Grilled Bananas.