



Minutes

Annual Meeting

June 20, 2015

Slate Creek Community Hall

Marty Richardson, Executive Director welcomed the approximately 42 attendees

President Sam Kirk opened the meeting at 2:17 PM

Marty introduced, Karn Stiegelmeier, County Commissioner, Dave Parmley Lake Dillon Fire Chief, Kasey Provorst and Jeanne Bistrannin(absent) Summit foundation

John Hillman and Karn Stieglemeier presented Dave PArmley, retiring Lake Dillom Fire Chief with a special recognition award for service above and beyond duty for the Lower Blue River residents.

A quorum for voting was established by Marty Richardson

Marty Richardson read the minutes from the 4014 meeting

Don Ferguson presented the treasurer's report (included)

Sam Kirk presented the president's report (included)

The election of the officers was unanimous

The resignations from the board of Frank Isenhart and Myra Isenhart and Bob Sweet were noted

The motion to adjourn was presented by Sam Kirk and seconded by Jim Donlon

John Fielder presented an introduction to his new book on the Yampa River with a short slide show.

The ice cream social followed the meeting.

FOLBR ANNUAL MEETING

June 20, 2015

Slate Creek Community Hall

2:00-5:00

Business Meeting (2:00-2:30)

Welcome: Marty Richardson, Executive Director

Call to order: Sam Kirk, president

Introductions: Special Guests

Recognition of Fire Chief Dave Parmley, John Hillman, Karn Stiegelmeier

Determination of Quorum: 20%-sec7.6, Secretary, Sharon Sweet (Marty Richardson)

Outline Agenda: Sam Kirk, President

Minutes: Annual Meeting 2014, Secretary, Sharon Sweet (Marty Richardson)

Treasurer's Report: Signe Ferguson, Treasurer (Don Ferguson)

FOLBR Treasurer's Report

2015 Annual Meeting

Signe Ferguson, FOLBR's Treasurer, was unable to attend the 2015 FOLBR Annual Meeting. In her stead, Don Ferguson, her husband and FOLBR member, presented the following Treasurer's Report.

Regarding 2014, this was the year during which FOLBR acquired ownership of Slate Creek Hall and converted from a for-profit corporation to a 501(c)(3) public charity. Whereas FOLBR incurred expenses associated with the conversion and with the acquisition of Slate Creek Hall during 2014, significant fund-raising efforts to support the Slate Creek Hall acquisition and renovation were not begun until 2015. As a consequence, FOLBR's 2014 expenses exceeded revenues by approximately \$1,270. However, FOLBR retained significant case reserves through year's end and so remained financially strong. FOLBR's 2014 Profit & Loss statement is attached to this report.

Regarding the 2015 year to date, FOLBR's financial performance had been very positive.

Fundraising

efforts have resulted in dues and contributions totaling more than \$21,500 through May 31, and a deposit for an additional \$11,275 deposit was made on June 4. As of May 31, dues and contribution revenues exceeded expenses incurred to date by more than \$13,000. Don noted that some expenses associated with painting Slate Creek hall did remain to be paid. A copy of an Income & Expense Comparison Report covering 2015 and 2014 through May 31 is attached. On a final topic, Don reported on his experiences in preparing the appropriate Federal tax form for FOLBR for 2014. Starting with a 12 page Form 990, Don learned that FOLBR's revenues were small enough to qualify for a simpler form, Form 990EZ. After completing a portion of that four page form (with additional attachments), Don learned that FOLBR qualified to file Form 990-N, a very simple one page form. FOLBR will continue to be qualified to file Form 990-N so long as its revenues do not exceed \$50,000 annually.

Income/Expense Comparison by Category

1/1/2014 through 5/31/2015

6/9/2015

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Category	1/1/2014- 5/31/2014	1/1/2015- 5/31/2015	Amount Difference
INCOME			
Contribution Revenue			
General	1,023.25	6,617.57	5,594.32
Pete McBride Sponsor	882.14	0.00	-882.14
Roger Wegner Memorial	545.00	0.00	-545.00
Slate Creek Hall	0.00	12,200.00	12,200.00
TOTAL Contribution Revenue	2,450.39	18,817.57	16,367.18
Membership Dues Revenue	2,719.01	2,768.29	49.28
TOTAL INCOME	5,169.40	21,585.86	16,416.46
EXPENSES			
Board Meeting Expenses	51.35	0.00	51.35
Communication Expenses	201.56	374.97	-173.41
Executive Director Expenses			
Professional Fee	1,406.25	2,593.75	-1,187.50
Vehicle Mileage	-13.72	39.20	-52.92
TOTAL Executive Director Expenses	1,392.53	2,632.95	-1,240.42
Fees & Charges			
Late Fee	0.00	25.00	-25.00
Service Charges	15.00	0.00	15.00
TOTAL Fees & Charges	15.00	25.00	-10.00
Membership Fees	0.00	50.00	-50.00
Professional Services			
501(c)(3) Matters	489.00	0.00	489.00
TOTAL Professional Services	489.00	0.00	489.00
Registration Fees			
State Fees	0.00	10.00	-10.00
TOTAL Registration Fees	0.00	10.00	-10.00
Slate Creek Building Expenses			
Fees	400.00	0.00	400.00
Repair & Maintenance Expenses	0.00	3,770.00	-3,770.00
Utilities	0.00	645.00	-645.00
TOTAL Slate Creek Building Expenses	400.00	4,415.00	-4,015.00
Special Event Expenses	0.00	585.00	-585.00
Supplies	162.37	160.94	1.43
Tax			
Federal Income Tax	508.00	0.00	508.00
State Income Tax	162.00	0.00	162.00
TOTAL Tax	670.00	0.00	670.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	167.38	-167.38
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,381.81	8,421.24	-5,039.43
OVERALL TOTAL	1,787.59	13,164.62	11,377.03

President's Report: Sam Kirk, president

FOLBR ANNUAL REPORT, 2014-2015

MISSION

To sustain and protect the traditional agricultural and rural character, promote the safety of the residents, livestock and wildlife, and maintain the environmental integrity of the Lower Blue River Valley through collaboration and community involvement.

Non profit Organization

In June 2014 FOLBR was awarded the 501c3 status which allows exemptions to donors to FOLBR and allows us to avoid federal income taxes on the difference between revenues received vs expenses in our main operations. In 1976 Congress removed all doubt as to the legality of lobbying by non-profit tax-exempt organizations that come under the 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code by writing into the income tax laws authorization for each such organization to elect to spend a certain percentage of its income and time in lobbying

Because of the 501c3 status some grants have already been issued and others proposed.

The Summit Foundation was the first grant; it consisted of two parts: The first was an outright gift of \$1,000 from the Lenzmeier/ Williams trust which is part of the Summit Foundation. The second part was the challenge grant of \$10,000, which FOLBR met with two **anonymous** gifts from FOLBR members through the Piton Foundation

A future challenge is from the Paula and David Kraemer Trust Foundation of Madison, WI, (the Kraemers are FOLBR members and live part time at Pebble Creek Ranch). They proposed a \$10,000 matching grant to be fulfilled by board members by March 2016, which now stands at \$5,600.

And, of course, your membership donations are tax exempt.

Promote the safety of the residents, livestock and wildlife

FOLBR BOD members have worked with the LDFD specifically with Dave Parmley whom we recognize this afternoon and the newly appointed chief Jeff Berino to work toward broadening the reach of the department into the Lower Blue.

The cell tower, you might ask. At this moment we can report cautiously that the project which was on the eve of being cancelled was brought back to life by the diligent work of County Commissioner Karen Stiegelmeier, the county rep on the FOLBR BOD. The last we heard from ATT is that the cell tower installation will move forward next year.

Sustain and protect the traditional agricultural, rural and historical character

Slate Creek Community Hall

Since acquiring the Slate Creek Community Hall, in part to protect the historical and rural character of the Valley, a budget and restoration plan were put in place. Headed by the able Bob Sweet caulking of all the windows and painting the entire building were put into motion with completion last Monday. And a new transformer to fully service both SCCH and the next door neighbors the Andersons' residence connection to newer existing meter box and disconnect as well completion of hook up to newer existing panel under stage. And some misc. other electrical tidying up. If the county gives its OK, interior and exterior exit/safety lights may be added at a later date.

A recent on-site meeting with Kristi Roberts, *Historic Preservation Outreach and Technology Specialist* with the State Historical Fund, Frank Isenhardt and Executive Director Marty Richardson became acquainted with the steps to take in getting a Historical Designation for the Hall and in applying for a grant from the State Historical Fund.

You are sitting on one of the 80 chairs that were donated this May by the Breckenridge Backstage Theater or the 21 contributed by Silverthorne Recreation Center.

Maintain the environmental integrity

Weeds

Weed eradication has been a major objective of FOLBR over the years represented in collaborating with the Middle Park Conservation District and the Summit County Weed Management Program to educate Valley citizens and directly engage in spraying. Last July over 45 folk attended a seminar on weeds held here at SCCH. In late July several FOLBR members joined members of Pebble Creek Ranch and Summit Guest Ranch during their annual Weed Day to spray toxic weeds, especially the dreaded Oxeye Daisies.

Maryland Creek Development (south)

The FOLBR mission's charge to preserve the rural, historical, and environmental integrity in the Lower Blue River Valley was raised to higher level in February. Tom Everist proposed to the Town Council of Silverthorne of adding 157 more units to the originally accepted plan for 83 homes on 416 acres in South Maryland Creek. This would be 3 times the original density proposal, equaling 1 unit per 1.73 acres.

In the next five months the FOLBR BOD devoted considerable time, money and emotional energy in opposing any more development

- by meeting with the Maryland Creek Development staff, including Tom Everist;
- by developing and agreeing on a Position Statement that outlined FOLBR's opposition to the density increase and our concern about the loss of the transition zone from high-density urban to low-density rural, fearing that such high density in that gateway location will open the door for future annexation and high-density development north, down the Blue River Valley;
- by meetings with lawyers and land management personnel;
- by putting a Petition on the FOLBR web site, eliciting over 300 signatures;
- by running a paid ad in the Summit Daily News for two days to encourage readers to consider our concern about the proposed increased density in the Maryland Creek Development (south);
- by speaking before the Town Council members at two different meetings.

The outcomes were mixed: The council voted 3-1 in favor of the density increase for PUD request from Maryland Creek and Tom Everist. This wasn't unexpected as the Silverthorne Council was fairly set in their decision from the onset.

But certainly the attention brought to this issue helped to establish a deed restriction on the north acreage which is in the county. That will provide a buffer between the Town development and the County property.

And above all, we have learned, grown membership, and made progress toward making the public aware of land use issues. Education and working in collaboration with others are the strategic parts of our mission and they have been demonstrated as an organization.

On behalf of the Friends of the Lower Blue River I thank all of you who helped with all of the work that went into this effort, especially John Hillman and John Longhill. It has been quite a run this last 5 months.

This has been an active and intense year for your BOD. And the accomplishment and met challenges were supported in great part by you, the members, with your contributions, collaborative assistance, and moral support. And I encourage you to continue to be a part of the FOLBR mission:

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Questions from the floor: Sam Kirk

Announcements: Election of directors:

1. Introduce existing board members, new board member Bob Girvin
2. Nominations from floor: sec. 315 call for ayes and nays or election by proclamation.

Adjourn: Sam Kirk, President

Board Members:

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

Program

John Fielder: presents a preview of his new book on the Yampa River

Social

Ice Cream Social