



The meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Friends of Mildred Kanipe Memorial Park Association, Inc.*) was called to order at 10:20 a.m., October 29, 2010 in the Lane House Annex. Present were board members John Robertson, Midge McGinnis, Karen Roberson and Leslye Wing. Absent board members were Jannelle Wild, Debbie Levings and Deb Gray. Also present were: Steve Kennerly, Celia Scott and Mike Burke.

## **AGENDA ITEMS – OLD BUSINESS**

### **Adopt-A-Highway Signs**

Group was in agreement that it would be beneficial to sign up for ‘Adopt-A-Highway’. It was agreed that we need to find a ‘project coordinator’ from our membership to oversee the project. Midge will send an email to the current membership to explain the project and request a volunteer. Leslye will also post the request on our web site. Coordinator would have to organize at least three ‘clean ups’ per year. We would adopt the highway between the Day Use Area and the English Settlement School.

### **Dairy Barn**

Not much update on this. Have not heard when the Park Department will ‘tear it down’. We’re still hoping to be able to save the milking shed and foundation. Eventually hope that we can put some ‘picture/signs’ up. John said he’d found some old dairy barn pictures at the museum and will try and get us some copies of them for us.

Leslye proposed that perhaps the tin from the roof and some of those logs we had donated to us could be used to build a horse shelter up in the day use area for the caretaker, so that his horses would not be so close to the building in case it falls. Also going forward a nice thing for any future caretaker that might have horses. Nothing to do on this until the barn is down and we can get the tin roof materials.

### **T-Posts/Downed Fence Line**

Leslye volunteered to ‘host’ a work party on November 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) to pull up a number of old metal posts and gather up wire that is running along side a trail behind the Underwood Barn. Midge will send an email to the membership asking for any volunteers and to have them contact Leslye with questions. Midge to send Leslye a copy of the ‘Work Party’ release forms and sign in sheet.

Leslye also mentioned that she is going to try and attend some local OET meetings. We're going to give it another stab at joining forces with them.

### **Pay Pal**

Board agreed that Pay Pal is a good option to put on our web site for membership renewals and sign up for next year's Trail Dash. Leslye will work on it over the next few months.

### **Hiking Trails**

Ray Jensen was not present so not much discussion on this. Mike Burke will continue to be working with Ray on clearing the existing Nature trail and Hiking Trail. Ray has walked a proposed hiking trail from the Day Use Area to the English Settlement School. Board does not think there would be an issue with posting a 'Hikers Only' sign on this trail. Equestrians rarely use part of the park and they would probably be more likely to go 'cross-country' vs. alongside of the fence line. Bigger issue for Ray's concerns about the trail being destroyed is the cattle. Can't keep those guys off it ☺.

As side note, the cattle agreement is still in effect. No word back from the Parks department as to why we didn't see many cattle this year. No plans to stop putting cattle at the park.

Hiking trail signs are being made by the Parks Department for Ray. Ray will install them once they are made (sometime this winter).

### **Bricks**

Steve managed to get about 200 exterior bricks for the English Settlement School chimney! They will need to be cleaned up prior to being used. Work Party to be scheduled for a nice day to bring hammers and chisels and clean the bricks. Karen recommended that as the bricks are cleaned up they be moved to a less visible spot behind the school and covered up. Apparently, used bricks of this type are in demand. Date not set.

### **Parks Department Meeting**

Midge was able to attend the October 21<sup>st</sup> Park meeting. Meeting focused on the coast. Only mention of park was that the county pays about \$900 in property taxes and it was suggested by the park board that maybe the cattle lease should have that fee included in his lease agreement. Midge gave park board an update on our grants and what we are doing. Good response back from them. They still seem to be pleased with what we are doing. Midge gets feeling that they probably are going to be appreciative of updates on our progress and they would love to see lots of publicity about our restoration work. (Hey, can't argue with them there, can we!!)

## **Premier West Bank Account – Savings Account?**

Midge asked the board how they felt about pursuing putting some of our grant money in a savings account or a very short term (10 day) certificate. Interest would only be about .2% on the savings and .4% on a certificate. Feeling was that the additional work to keep tabs on these, set them up, etc. is not worth it for the very few dollars we'd make between now and when the money is spent. Will leave it as is.

## **Grant Updates and English Settlement School Updates**

We discussed the forthcoming \$5,000 grant from Kinsman! Yippee. Should receive this by the end of November. John gave Midge the letter from them for the files.

**Note:** on this letter there was some mention of IRS impact and rules governing these types of grants. Midge has ordered some IRS publications to read thru carefully so that we do not run into any difficulties with the IRS and our non-profit status.

Steve continues to work the English Settlement/Grant project. He will be putting together some letters to local establishments requesting their help/support/donations for the work/materials that will be needed for the School house. He will send the template and names/addresses to Midge, who will print them up and get them signed and sent out.

Steve has been in contact with Drew Munson regarding doors and windows.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mildred's Trail Dash – 2011**

Leslye is already planning for the 2011 Dash. She will be contacting Janelle regarding publicity. Leslye would like to see us get 3 sponsors (at the \$100 level) that would be included on any posters, flyers, etc. Karen said she might be able to get a sponsorship from the organization she works for. Perhaps Premier West would like to be a sponsor.

### **Orchard**

Celia has volunteered to be Project Leader for a project to obtain some grafts from the old trees in the orchard at the day use area. She has been in contact with Lois Eagleton and Gregory Flick (antique trees). Proposal is that in conjunction with the Master Gardeners, a clinic could be held on grafting trees. Proceeds would benefit the park and we would also obtain some trees from the original stock to replace some of the trees that are just about gone in the orchard. There are some pictures on CD's of the Orchard trees. (I'm fuzzy on who has them currently...Lois or Leslye and I'm also fuzzy on who's to get them...I think Midge.) Celia, if you could give me an update on this. I'll incorporate it into the minutes.

As we need approval from Jim Dowd on this project, Karen Roberson made a motion that Celia go ahead and contact Jim, seconded by all of the board.

### **CD's/Photos/Display Boards**

Midge has finally installed a copy of Photo Shop on her laptop that will open all the photos and Photo Shop projects that Lois gave her on CD's. Her 'winter' job will be to go thru all of them...make a back up in .jpg. Leslye suggested that this winter might also be a good time to get some nice replacements for the display boards that Lois did years ago that are disappearing and falling apart. We'd like to do something that would last longer than Lois' but not as permanent (and EXPENSIVE) as the permanent maps were. Midge will try and get some of the display board's on the CD's printed out for the next board meeting and we can decide next steps. (project leader, research on best type of display board, which ones, work party to mount, etc.).

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Next Meeting will be on **December 10, 2010** at Lane County House Annex in Roseburg at 10:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 a.m.