

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting, Cottonwood Crossing Chapter SFTA Thursday, April 28, 2011 7:00 pm

Location: Steve and Glenda Schmidt, 1120 Cobblestone Court, McPherson, KS 67460

Present: Vernon Lohrentz, Bobby Gibson, Sharron Schutte, Jim and Debi Owens, Steve Schmidt, Bill Silverstrand, Doug Sharp. Absent Rod Penner and Kent Becker.

1 Reading of Feb 17, 2011 BOD minutes. Bobby moved, Bill seconded. Unanimous to approve minutes. Reading of March 17, 2011 Chapter meeting minutes. Debi moved, Vernon seconded. Unanimous to officially approve minutes.

2 Treasurer's report, Debi Owens. Current balance is \$1,622.82 Bill moved, Vernon seconded. Report approved unanimously.

3 Review of membership roster/ mailing list. Inactive members were purged.

4 Planning for May 19 Chapter meeting. Mike Olsen will be the speaker. Confirm reservations for Galva Community Center. Meal of pulled pork will be provided by the Christian Church ladies "Disciple Women". \$11 per person.

5 Review Chapter Calendar:

BOD Meetings: June 16 at Sharron's
Aug 18 at Doug's office in Hillsboro with Kent as alternate
Oct 20 at Bobby's with Rod as alternate

Chapter Meetings: July 23 field trip – Bobby coordinating this
Nov 17 David Clapsaddle will be the speaker
It was decided against having an August meeting

6 Planning for July 23 Chapter meeting -- Bobby Gibson reported on a planned combined meeting with the Quivera Chapter that will include a tour of SF trail sites as well as other important archeological sites in the McPherson county area.

7 SFTA Hall of Fame Nominations -- Vernon Lohrentz reported several individuals were selected by the National board, including William Becknell, and local figure, A. A. Moore. Our Board suggested "French Frank" Laloge, Zebulon Pike, Ed Miller, Jack Costello, A.A. Moore, Susan Magoffin for nomination.

8 Report on status of Chapter Library --- Vernon informed us that the Galva City Library will be the caretaker of our SF Trail library. Books will be available for checkout there.

9 Report on improvements at Lost Spring --- Doug Sharp reported that Jeff Deines agreed to spray the circular drive into the monument area with soil sterilant provided by Doug. The county will then spread rock on the same area so that we will have an all weather drive.

8 Status of New Auto Tour (Local Tour) Sign Project. George has received the signs. Steve will organize work days/crews for installation.

9 Other Business—Bobby agreed to serve as our Wagon Tracks correspondent, Debi as backup.

10 Adjourn—9:00 p.m.

**Cottonwood Crossing Chapter
Santa Fe Trail Association
Chapter Minutes
May 19, 2011**

Location: Galva Community Building, Galva, Kansas 6:00 p.m. dinner, 7:00 meeting.

If you had a meal tonight, please be sure you have paid Debi Owens \$11.00 per person.

Welcome and Introduction of Visitors.

If you are not already a member, please join. Dues are \$15.00 per year, single or family. Most of this goes for our meeting notice and activity update mailings. We don't mind sending you Chapter information for awhile, but we do delete names from the mailing list from time to time if dues become delinquent. So, please see Debi Owens our Treasurer.

Please consider joining the national SFTA. The Wagon Tracks periodical is easily worth the dues. Membership brochures are available tonight. Don't forget to check out our Chapter's website --- www.santafetrail.org.

Anyone need more Auto Tour brochures to distribute? We also have SFT maps and National Historic Trails maps if you want a copy. Also a limited number of Quivira tour guides and Location of SFT in Marion County booklets.

Reports: We have received the new signs for the Marion County auto (local) tour and the signs to mark the Cottonwood Crossing and the Lost Spring Station. We are working with the County and the KSDOT to get the signs installed this summer. All costs are being covered by National Park Service grant money through the SFTA. Total cost will be on the order of \$8,000.

Doug reported that the driveway into the relocated Lost Spring Monument area was sprayed with a soil sterilant. We are now waiting on Marion County to rock the lane in and out where it was sprayed.

Our next meeting will be July 23 and will be a field trip and a joint meeting with Quivira Chapter. Bobby Gibson reported that the trip will include the stone corral and other sites in that area on the Santa Fe Trail. It will also include visiting the Serpent Intaglio, Peverly Petrographs & Hayes Pit House. Travel will be by caravan. If you need a ride, let us know. If it rains, there will be NO ACCESS to sites, and the tour will be rescheduled. Lunch is on your own in Lyons, tour Quivira Museum in Lyons after lunch.

The Chapter library is now being housed by the Galva Historical Society. Linda Anderson and Vernon Lohrentz provided details. Please return any books you have checked out.

Don't forget the SFTA Symposium in Dodge City Sept. 22-25, 2011. Handout provided.

John Wiebe shared some Santa Fe Trail pictures.

Program: The program was titled "Do You Know The Way to Santa Fe?" and was provided by Mike Olsen. Dr. Olsen has a B.A. in History from St. Olaf College and an M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Washington. He is retired as a professor of history from New Mexico Highlands University where he taught for 30 years. He is a past president of the Smoky Hill Trail Association. His program focused on how the Santa Fe Trail has been kept alive both immediately following its end of use through today, and prospects for continuing remembrances.

Meeting Adjourned—8:30 p.m.

Doug and Pauline Sharp, Secs.