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John Daly, President
Tami Bishop, Vice-President
Sherry Lowell, Secretary-Treasurer
Rita Cossitt Mueller
Kelcie Hughes

A. Call To Order And Introductions

I. Roll Call

Members and guests are encouraged to share a historical story or object.

B. Approval Of Agenda

C. Approval Of Minutes

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[ROCKPILE MUSEUM BOARD MINUTES APR2018.PDF](#)

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[ROCKPILE MUSEUM EXPENSE REPORT MAY2018.PDF](#)

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[COLLECTIONS REPORT MAY2018.PDF](#)

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**Minutes for the Campbell County Rockpile Museum Board
Regular Monthly Meeting – April 17, 2018**
Rockpile Museum, 6:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order, Introductions and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President John Daly, presiding officer. Secretary Sherry Lowell took the minutes.

Present: Museum Board Members: John Daly, Sherry Lowell and Kelcie Hughes. Staff: Museum Director Robert Henning.

Absent: Tami Bishop and Rita Cossitt Mueller

Guests: None

Roll Call – During the roll call of the Rockpile Museum each member presented a brief historical story, object, or memory for the group. Sherry Lowell talked about Gillette’s Western Motel during the 1950’s which was owned by Glenn & Merle Lowery—the museum has a horse displayed outdoors which is said to have come from that motel. Kelcie Hughes shared history of Twin Spruce Junior High School located near downtown Gillette which is still occupying and using parts of the old Campbell County High School, i.e., 1954 Gym; 1964 Math Wing. CCHS moved in 1972. John Daly spoke about “tip-up guns” built by Stevens Arms which began operation in 1866. Beautiful examples of a Bicycle Gun and an intricately engraved single-shot handgun were shown. Stevens Arms later merged to become Savage & Stevens Arms—Massachusetts. Director Henning gave a report on what will become Wyoming’s newest historic site: He toured the Air Force Command Module site for the Quebec I missile which is north of Cheyenne. This site is underground and behind approximately 30-inch thick doors where military personnel are part of 10 different Peace Keeper Missile Bases. Tami Bishop reported by email about her father-in-law, Jim Bishop, who was born in Rm # 101 of The Goings Hotel. It was a wet spring so his mother came to town early to ensure his delivery wasn’t at the ranch. Maggie Goings was her close friend. Jim won the Wyoming State Golf Championship in 1959. He taught himself at the ranch! He was one of the founders of The Rockpile Museum and reminisced hanging ceiling tiles just this morning. He celebrates his 90th birthday this week.

B. Approval of Agenda

Board reviewed agenda and John Daly called for changes or corrections. No changes or additional items were presented and the board approved the agenda by unanimous consent.

C. Approval of Minutes

The March 27, 2018, regular board meeting minutes were presented for review and approval.

DISCUSSION:

The minutes of the March 27, 2018, meeting was corrected to read: D.II. Expense Report: "A motion was made by Kelci(e)" An "e" would need to added.

Sherry Lowell moved to approve as corrected the March 2018 board meeting minutes; seconded by Kelcie Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

D. Expense Report

As of April 16th, there are 12 purchase orders from the regular budget to be approved and paid totaling \$4,217.37 and four invoices for 1% requests totaling \$730.13. There are at least six outstanding invoices from the general museum accounts totaling \$1971.03 and three outstanding invoices from 1% funds totaling \$331.45.

For the month of March, there were 15 vouchers from our regular accounts totaling \$5,129.94 and 2 vouchers from the 1% accounts totaling \$2,403.59.

Kelcie Hughes moved to approve the April 2018 purchase orders as presented; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Collections Report

There were 4 donations for the board to evaluate this month:

1. Piano- reportedly came from Cowboy Ranch brothel in Recluse area Source: Tony and Pat Chambers – Gillette, WY. Square footage of storage space required: Recommendation: Decline

Sherry Lowell moved to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donation; seconded by Kelcie Hughes Motion passed unanimously.

2. Digital scans of 1970's and 1980's photographs of oil rigs and drilling taken by donor or rig hand working with donor. Black and white photograph is 1960's. Source: Eugene Junker – Gillette, WY. Square footage of storage space required: 0 Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

Kelcie Hughes moved to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donation; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

3. May 1943 Grade School Attendance Certificate of Award for Carroll Miller; May 1944 Grade School Attendance Certificate of Award for Carroll Miller. Source: Ken Geer – Gillette, WY. Square footage of storage space required: 0.38 sq ft Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

Kelcie Hughes moved to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donation; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Alaskan grizzly bear mount Source: Todd Gentzler – Sundance, WY Square footage of storage space required: 0 Recommendation: Decline

Sherry Lowell moved to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donation; seconded by Kelcie Hughes. Discussion: John Daly asked whether this was a top 10 animal, what was its skull measurement, where was the bear taken, when was it taken, what was its score, shot by whom and who was(were) the guide(s). Down the road, a wildlife wing could be useful. Sherry Lowell requested to withdraw her motion and it was withdrawn by unanimous consent. John Daly moved to table the motion pending more information; seconded by Kelcie Hughes. Motion passed unanimously.

5. FROM MARCH: 1984 Calendar featuring Stockmens Bank and various local businesses; 1963 Murphey's Gillette Drug veterinary calendar; 1986 & 1971 Saunders Lumber Co. calendar; 1959 Stockmens Bank grand opening booklet; 1965 Wyoming 75 Anniversary event handout featuring Paul Harvey biography; 2004 Campbell County Senior Center calendar; 1984 & 1985 Stockmens Bank and Trust Company calendars; 1984 Decker's Pharmacy calendar; 1986 Coast to Coast calendar; 1957 News-Record featuring Stockmens Bank 50th anniversary; 1975/1919 Gene's Furniture calendar; Sears, Roebuck and Co. ladies glove measuring tape; R.A. "Dick" Mader keychain. Source: Diann Avery – Gillette, WY. Square footage of storage space required: 1.67 sq ft Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

DISCUSSION: Kelcie Hughes does not see the research benefit from these calendars. A motion was made by Sherry Lowell to approve the staff recommendations regarding the donation; seconded by John Daly. The motion passed with John Daly and Sherry Lowell voting in favor, and Kelcie Hughes voting against.

F. Education Report

- I. Visitation Report – The total number of patrons served in March was down from 1,926 last year to 1,329 this year for a decrease of 597 or 31%. The big decrease was in outreach where last year we had a Skype program with 6th graders and this year we did not. Regular visitation was also down 91. For the year we are down 135 visitors or 4.5% over last year at 2,874 total residents and visitors served.

II. WWII Day Report

DISCUSSION: Director Henning spoke with several teachers who missed the Skype component this year and he will have further discussions with the Education Department about a Pre-WWII day kickoff event for future years. 684 6th grade students and their teachers, along with 30 volunteers, were present at this second year of the program. They saw improvements over the program launch last year. John Daly

commented on the excellent WWII museum in Fredericksburg, TX, which also provided ride-on carts for visitors with mobility issues.

III. CWAM Conference Report

DISCUSSION: Staff members, Robert Henning and Cara Reeves, attended. There were good Collections sessions, as well as, Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) which will assist our museum's PastPerfect Online. The 2019 CWAM Conference will be in Gillette, WY, on May 23-25. Director Henning and Terry Sjolin from the CCCVB presented information publicity at this year's conference and are hoping for 150-200 attendees.

IV. *The Way We Worked* Exhibition and Program Update

DISCUSSION: Director Henning presented the poster advertising this exhibit and an itinerant schedule of related events which will be presented throughout the Gillette community, May – July 2018.

G. Schedule

Now – May 11: Pioneer School
April 19: RMA Board Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
April 26 – May 10: Director Henning on Vacation
April 30 – Filming for Chamber of Commerce Business Spotlight
May 11 – Coffee with the Director, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
May 15 – CCRM Board Meeting
May 16 – GALI visits Rockpile Museum – 8:00 a.m.
May 17 – RMA Board Meeting – 2:30 p.m.
May 19 – Smithsonian exhibit *The Way We Worked* opens.

H. Old Business

I. Final Museum Board Budget Approval

DISCUSSION: John Daly commented that with oil at \$65 per barrel and oil production increasing, the county commissioners may gain funds to help with their county budget process.

Kelcie Hughes moved to approve the Rockpile Museum's budget request for fiscal year 2018-2019 as submitted to the County Clerk's Office; seconded by Sherry Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

II. Strategic Planning

a. Compiled Survey Results

DISCUSSION: The “Unsure” response to survey question may mean that it was unclear. Kelcie Hughes questioned the meaning of “poor leadership” to one of the survey questions.

b. Second Survey Questions

DISCUSSION: Robert Henning asked that the board start reforming questions for use in the 2nd Survey. Run the computer survey longer than 3 weeks to allow more people to participate. Kelcie Hughes mentioned improved ways to set-up the computer survey responses. A committee meeting was set for Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at the museum.

c. Schedule/Plan Moving Forward

DISCUSSION: Director Henning would like to see the Strategic Plan completed as soon as possible.

III. Highway Crossing Safety Letter

DISCUSSION: John Daly asked Director Henning to write this letter soon.

I. New Business

I. Board Goals

DISCUSSION: Kelcie Hughes: Make public more aware of the museum—better publicity. Sherry Lowell: Continue the roll call—historical tidbits. John Daly: Schedule board education (He knows speakers for this); Tour neighboring museum as a group and ask questions about their operation and meet with their boards; Have a vehicle for use by the museum with the Rockpile Museum Name on it for publicity; Provide electric scooters for visitors with mobility issues; and Write job description for museum board members. Tami Bishop(via email):: Visit at least 3 museums a year that I’ve not seen; Research current trends of successful museums; Continue engaging the youth through programming and exhibits; Cultivate relationships with 2 or 3 community members that could help our museum financially.

J. General Discussion: John Daly asked board to consider touring Petroglyphs in June which would require 3 hours minimum—possibly Saturday or Sunday.

K. Adjourn

There being no further business. Kelcie Hughes moved to adjourn the meeting; Sherry Lowell seconded the motion, meeting was adjourned by Board President Daly at 8:08 p.m.

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for May 15th with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m.

April 2018 Board Minutes submitted by Board Secretary Sherry Lowell.

CCRM Board Member

Date

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VOUCHER PAYMENT
Campbell County Rockpile Museum

**Claims for the Month of May 2018,
as of May 12th**

PURCHASE ORDERS

Certified Folder Display Service, Inc.	\$1,347.71
Slattery Enterprises, Inc.	\$82.50
Campbell County Historical Society	\$40.00
Mileage Reimbursement - Henning (MAR/APR)	\$41.37
Powder River Office Supply	\$229.99
Campbell County Convention and Visitors Bur.	\$127.50
Gaylord Archival	\$2,317.37
Collins Communications	\$100.00
Vista Leasing Company	\$98.00
City of Gillette	\$668.83
AASLH - institutional membership	\$155.00
TOTAL:	\$5,208.27

Collections Report

Campbell County Rockpile Museum – May 2018

1. Kodak Instamatic F 6.3 camera

Square footage of storage space required: 0.16 sq ft

According to the donor: This camera belonged to Oscar Lander Fred of Lewiston/Clarkston Washington. It was passed down to Earl Whipple of Gillette, WY. There are no other connections to the Powder River Basin.

Recommendation: Decline – Fair condition – Limited connection to the Powder River Basin – Limited storage space

2. 2 – 1975 Elks Lodge Plates

Square footage of storage space required: 1.09 sq ft

According to the donor: These plates were found by Dennis Stodola in approximately 1980 when he was in the process of remodeling the building that housed the Elks Club and was changing to High Plains Supper Club.

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

3. Section of track from Peerless Mine

Square footage of storage space required: 0.10 sq ft

According to the donor: He was the Safety Director for Wyodak at the time Peerless was uncovered, late 1990's - at least 2005. The rail was from tracks used for the ore cars. Sections of the Peerless rail were cut up, sandblasted by L&H, and given to some employees.

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection

4. City of Gillette National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation

Square footage of storage space required: 0.12 sq ft

Recommendation: Accession into Permanent Collection