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Minutes of BRHS Annual Meeting May 15, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday

May 15, 2006. Present were board members: Janice Duroux and Diana CordovaElliott. BRHS members Dick Merritt and the public was represented by David Fiore. Absent was board member Nancy Maurin. The following was discussed and approved by the present board and BRHS members.

New Business:

Casino Game Lending: Since purchasing the casino tables and equipment for our Saloon Night there have been requests to borrow said equipment. It was decided that a damage deposit would be collected at time of lending. We would not charge a nonprofit organization for use of the equipment but would ask for a donation. If a private entity would like to use the equipment we would charge an amount between \$400.00 and \$500.00.

4th of July Picnic: Since the past two years have showed little or no interest in the 4th Of July Picnic by the Basalt community it was decided that we would cancel the event for this year. If we should have input from the Basalt community that they would be interested in this event then it will be reinstated for 2007.

Holiday Tea: It was undecided whether we would renew this for 2007. While the concept was good, the general feeling was that we needed to move it beyond a tea and possibly make it more of a Holiday Cheer party. This was tabled until more input could be gathered from our members.

Old Business:

Saloon Night Fund raiser: The turnout for this year's Saloon Night was smaller than in previous years, however we did manage to make \$2000.00. The small turnout was due to the time of year and the numerous activities that are going on in out valley such as, the state basketball finals, HBO comedy series, great snow, etc. It was decided to move the event to either the first or second week of October for 2007.

Ticket prices were lowered as this was also mentioned by several people who did not attend. Prices for 2007 will be: \$35. for BRHS Members, \$40. single for public and \$60.00 per couple. We will not have a silent auction but instead will have a raffle. Raffle tickets will be \$5.00 per ticket.

We will also extend the hours which will be 6:30 - 11 p.m. and we will have live music in addition to Doc Eason's Magic and our gaming tables. The volunteer dealers were great and added to Saloon Night as they were members from our own community. Thank you very much for your participation.

Flag Day Fund raiser: We are staging this event on Wednesday June 14, 2006 at 5:30 p.m.. The Frying Pan Blue Grass band will be playing and we will sell our Mother Blair's fried chicken dinner for \$5.00 per person including pie and home-made ice cream. We will also have a downtown narrative walking tour by Earl Elmont and a Fairview narrative tour by Caley and Liz Gredig.

Retired Lt. Colonel Dick Merritt will present the lowering of the Flay assisted by the Basalt Girl Scouts and Pan and Fork 4-H Club Members.

Rick of Two Rivers Cafe will provide the chicken as we want to use local business when ever we can. We need volunteers to serve and clean up.

Arbaney Barn Restoration: The cost for the restoration of the Arbaney Barn will be \$207,000.00. We will be applying to the Colorado Historical Society for a grant. We need to have a cash match of 25% which means we will need to raise \$50,000. In our coffers we currently have \$8,000 and the Town of Basalt has budgeted \$10,000. towards this. This leaves us with a remaining balance of \$32,000. to raise. Several fund raising ideas were discussed such as: selling a log for \$5000.00 and having a plaque that lists these donors, meeting with Holy Cross Electric, Ackereman Log and Home and other Basalt businesses for sponsorship at different levels. Diana will design a brochure for this specific fund raising endeavor.

Mr. William Bailey will be our log expert in restoring the barn and we will need to provide meals and housing for him while he is here. It was also mentioned that we would like this to be a old fashioned barn raising where the community will help with the building. The Lion's club has expressed an interest in doing this and we will be approaching other groups as well.

Fireside Chat Fall: Ideas for the fall include: Earl Elmont's chat on his latest book the Woody Creek area, Linda Nelson and Mrs. Darien on schools of the west and the Ute Indians.

Appointment of Officers: Dick Merritt was appointed to the office of Communications for the BRHS. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm on May 15, 2006.

THE FLAG by Baxter Black

*Ladies and gentlemen, I give you the flag
That flew over Valley Forge
Was torn in two by the gray and the blue
And bled through two world wars.*

*I give you the flag that burned in the street
In protest, in anger and shame,
The very same flag that covered the men
Who died defending her name.*

*We now stand together, Americans all,
Either by choice or by birth
To honor the flag that's flown on the moon
And changed the face of the earth.*

*History will show this flag stood a friend
To the hungry, the homeless and lost
That a mixture of men as common as clay
Valued one thing beyond cost.*

*And they've signed it in blood from Bunker Hill
To Saigon, Kuwait and Toko Ri.*

*I give you the flag that says to the world
Each man has a right to be free.*