

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

Minutes

February 2, 2018

BUSINESS MEETING: 1:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome and Introductions (1:00 pm) Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Commissioners & Staff: Charlotte Lehan, Mike Leamy, Bev Power, Diane Elder, Milo Reed, Mark Petrie; Matt Diederich, Steve Sprenger
 - b. Public: Steve Sprenger, Cricket Soules
- II. Approval of Minutes Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Approved with no objections or changes.
- III. Public Comment (1:05 pm) Comment limited to 5 minutes
 - a. Cricket Soules – 4:30 today going to Coos History museum to attend a grant funded project from Coos County Cultural Coalition, where there will be a monument to a major ship wreck. A school bus jumped the curb and took out nine sections of the fence panel at Marshfield Cemetery.
- IV. Recent Cemetery Inquiries (1:10 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Thomas Cemetery, Coos County
 - i. Shared information about request for comments.
 - b. Mater Dolorosa, Marion County
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- V. Cemetery Permit Program (1:15 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Update on status, will likely be an April approval
- VI. Statewide Cemetery Clean-up days (1:25 pm) Kuri Gill
- VII. Sally Donovan Award & Grant applications (1:40 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Diane willing to serve and it is wonderful education.
 - b. Mark is interested.
 - c. Bev is interested.
- VIII. Upcoming cemetery legislation (1:45 pm) Kuri Gill
 - a. Law to allow temporary permit for burials.
- IX. Cemetery care & authority Bulletin (1:50 pm) Charlotte Lehan
 - a. Elder – What are the protection options?
 - b. This will just be a handout for the OCHC coordinator to share, possibly added to the website with the permit information.
 - c. Leamy - If you wanted to go to a lot of work you could find all of the links and click on it to get at the more detail.
- X. Irrigation in historic cemeteries bulletin/position paper (2:10) Diane Elder
 - a. Edits or additions, tone, etc.
 - i. Power, Leamy – it was comprehensive, great job

- b. Sprenger – we remind them that they don't water the cemetery, encourage cemeteries to include this in their rules.
 - c. It would be nice to have seasonal photos from around the state. Email photos to Kuri.
 - d. Do we want to have photos of damaged cemeteries, then how?
 - e. Add some detail about how to do the education, like incorporating it into the rules of the cemetery.
 - f. Moved: Adopt this as a position paper with adjustments to be made and photographs included. Mike Leamy. Second: Bev Power Discussion: None Vote: All approved.
- XI. Abandoned Cemeteries (2:25 pm) Kuri Gill
- XII. Oregon Heritage Conference (2:30 pm) Kuri Gill
- XIII. Commissioner Comments/Reports (2:35 pm) All
- a. Elder – helped other people find their ancestors in other cemeteries around the country.
 - b. Leamy – Talking tombstones in October, took part of the master of the steamship Iowa, who was in a shipwreck. They have two of the crew members buried in the cemetery in unmarked graves. Considering putting a stone reference the wreck on that site. Had contact from a man who's father owned Greenwood Cemetery before Mike. Mike got some of the historical information. A student at UO did a final paper on Lone Fir Cemetery.
 - c. Bev – Met with Monica regarding SOLVE. Will be contacting folks to get together again. IOOF cemetery shed was broken into. Simply safe alarm system, which is affordable.
 - d. Mark – not much activity with tribal cemeteries. Worked a bit with Cricket Soules. The Confederated Tribes got land back with a federal bill.
 - e. Milo Reed – tabled a Lone Fir around Halloween, gave away a bunch of cards, planning to meet with Stan Clarke.
 - f. Charlotte – cemetery has set out the calendar of cemetery clean-up events. Discussion of pets buried in the cemetery.
- XIV. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (2:55 pm)
 April 11, 2018 9:00-12:00 Bend
 July 27, 2018 - Dayton
 October 12, 2018 - ???
- XV. Meeting Adjourned (2:37 pm)