

Cherokee County Historical Society

Advisory Board of Directors Meeting: May 24, 2005

Meeting Minutes

On May 24, 2005, the Advisory Board of Directors held a scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. on the grounds of the Historic Courthouse. In attendance were President Kathy Day, Vice President Peggy Corbett, Treasurer Judson Roberts, Directors Charlotte Land and Carol Lavoie, Executive Director Stefanie Joyner and Committee Member Jack Richardson.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kathy Day.

Old Business

- Report of upkeep at Rock Barn

Kathy Day reported that the floor had been painted as per agreed at last meeting and that the project was completed by May 7 (Derby Day). However, during an event on May 14, some tape was placed on the floor, and when it was removed, the paint underneath came off as well. Subsequently, moving of the display table and pew had the same result. The painter did repaint the damaged area, but remarked that due to the nature of the prior finish, that a similar result may be likely in the future. Kathy Day also mentioned that the sealer on the doors, arranged by Charlotte Land, looks great, and Stefanie Joyner noted that George Davis had replaced the missing lattice. Some of the old pews in the Rock Barn have been donated to the City of Ball Ground, but the original pews from the historic courthouse have remained in place. Kathy Day did confirm that Skip Spears was asked to make arrangements to bolt the furniture, etc. in place to prevent further damage to the walls and furniture during events. Kathy Day will ask John Carver if he would be willing to make another rolling base for the historic marble podium, as the existing one is very difficult to manage. Ms. Joyner noted that the lighting of the RB façade was on hold until the landscaping/drainage issues were addressed.

- Polishing of Trophies for Canton High School

Kathy Day and Peggy Corbett noted that the new cabinets at CHS are ready to receive the trophies currently stored on the fourth floor. It was decided that Kathy Day, Stefanie Joyner, Carol Lavoie & Charlotte Land would investigate the condition of the trophies and arrange for their polishing and return to CHS.

It was noted that the future status of the Canton Elementary building is uncertain, Kathy Day will follow up with Letitia Cline to offer to claim any unwanted artifacts and to photograph the mural at Canton Elementary.

- “Discover Cherokee” Weekend

Because there were no visitors during the 6 hours the Rock Barn was open during “Discover Cherokee” weekend, Kathy Day asked if it was worthwhile for CCHS to continue to participate in this event. It was decided that Stefanie Joyner contact Pam at the Chamber to express our disappointment and likelihood that we would not participate next year.

New Business

- Ball Ground Heritage Festival

Kathy Day, Stefanie Joyner & Carol Lavoie manned a CCHS booth at Ball Ground’s Heritage Festival. All reported that it was an enjoyable event, and that many membership brochures were discussed and distributed. Sale total for cookbooks, ornaments, books, etc. was \$165.00

- Other New Business

Charlotte Land noted that she was recently asked to give a history lesson, and may make use of the completed presentation backboard. Peggy Corbett also mentioned that she will be doing a presentation at the American Folklore Society Conference in October. A general discussion ensued about retaining younger members, and Charlotte Land noted that increasing membership should be a goal for us all. A pressing need for volunteers was voiced by Ms. Joyner, asking the board members for any suggestions about possible volunteers to contact.

Jack Richardson donated various items to CCHS from the North Canton Store, including an inventory & ledger. Other items include a reverse glass plate from the National Monument Company found at Town Creek. Mr. Richardson will continue to write history articles for the newsletters, with topics including the Foster/King’s Mill & Toonigh.

Peggy Corbett donated a power point presentation completed by her class on the Riverview Cemetery.

- Outbuildings

Stefanie Joyner delivered the survey map with the proposed location of the corn crib to Benny Carter, the City Manager. Mr. Carter indicated that he would follow up and find out what permits were necessary, and get a recommendation on the location. He will also notify the new owner of our desire to move the building. Ms. Joyner noted that since the City is intending to vacate the property next week, follow up by CCHS may be necessary to receive a response. Per

information gathered by Mrs. Day, the foundation/ground prep was originally proposed for \$3,000, and Ms. Joyner noted that the fee to move the corn crib is \$4,000.

- Update on Max Forester – Website Manager

Stefanie Joyner noted that the website manager, Max Forester, has been very responsive to making changes and updates to the CCHS website. Board members were encouraged to explore the site and make suggestions/corrections to ED.

- Derby Day Report

Judson Roberts reported that the Derby Day was a success this year, raising over \$12,000. All who attended agreed that it was a very positive event for CCHS, and that we are learning more each year, making each subsequent event more successful. Mr. Roberts noted that some of the proceeds from the event will need to be used for operating expenses, since membership income is down over 40% from 3 years ago.

Peggy Corbett suggested posting the pictures from the Derby party online.

- Rock Barn Improvements

Kathy Day wondered if was the responsibility of CCHS or the Rock Barn Project to arrange for paving and drainage improvements at the site. Mr. Roberts indicated that the responsibility ultimately lies upon CCHS.

Mr. Richardson noted again his desire to see a horse apple tree placed back on the site, replacing one that was previously there. All agreed that the improvements and outbuildings need to be taken care of before a final decision is made on the apple tree.

Ms. Joyner met with a stone mason about the repairs to the RB, and he suggested that anyone could repoint the masonry with concrete, but that the underlying drainage issues needed to be resolved first. He suggested placing a drain at the corner, with pipes leading out to the ditch/swale next to the road, and grading the slope away from the building.

- June & August Meetings

The June meeting will be held at the new Woodstock Library on June 21, with a presentation by Juanita Hughes (or another appropriate person) about the history of Woodstock. Judson Roberts suggested that we ask Bill Johnston to speak, and it was mentioned that the men at Dean's Store might also make appropriate commentators. Upon Ms. Joyner's request for other possible programs, it was agreed by all that CCHS find diverse, interesting programs to entice the various

age groups and interests of our members – and that one type of program may not entertain all. The August meeting/picnic will be on August 12th at the Sosebees hangar.

- Rock Barn Centennial

It was suggested to celebrate the Rock Barn's centennial that we look into hosting a program or open house (& showcase the video). This could also be combined with a meeting in the fall.

- Celebrate Etowah

Stefanie Joyner noted that Candace Stoughton requested CCHS host an event for Celebrate Etowah this fall. Due to the busy summer already planned, it was decided to let the Celebrate Etowah committee use the Rock Barn free of charge for their kickoff program in place of our participation.

- Financial Report

The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed, as well as the 12/31/04 Financial Statement, and 2005 Operating Budget as of May 24, 2005 (Please see attached). The need for CCHS to focus on and improve membership income was discussed and ED and Board were encouraged to find methods for recruitment, and asked to consider appropriate candidates for a membership committee.

- Other New Business

Charlotte Land reported that the Photography Club is looking for places to hang photos, and wondered if the Rock Barn would be appropriate. Ms. Joyner pointed out that she would be concerned from a liability standpoint, because they could be moved or damaged during a non-CCHS event, and during the summer there is not a lot of traffic, except for weddings. Kathy Day did mention that it was requested of CCHS to print historic site postcards for vendors to sell, and that it may be a good project for a Photography Club/CCHS alliance.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. by President Kathy Day.

Respectfully submitted by Executive Director Stefanie Joyner
Attachments: Treasurer's Report

Liquid Assets

Cash

Cherokee Bank

Operating Account	\$14,434.14
Escrow Account	\$1,052.40
Director's Fund	\$7,583.08

Edward Jones

Stock Deposit Acct.	\$21.20
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Certificates of Deposit

Regions Bank: Marker Fund	\$2,892.62
Cherokee Bank: Director's Fund	\$25,263.91
1st Cherokee State: Director's Fund	\$25,209.95

Stock Account

Edward Jones	\$2,196.00
Exxon Stock (40 @ \$54.90)	

Total Liquid Funds

\$78,653.30

Liabilities

Cherokee Bank: \$25,000 Line of Credit	\$0.00
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American Express: \$30,000 Line of Credit	\$0.00
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Total Liabilities

\$0.00

2005 Pledges & Commitments

Individual Members	\$2,500.00
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Cherokee County Commission	\$25,000.00
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National Trust for Hist. Pres. Grant	2005 Draw	\$20,000.00
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AASLH Grant	\$3,000.00
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Total 2005 Pledges & Commit.	\$50,500.00
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Total 2005 Pledges & Commit. & Liquidity

\$129,153.30

Net Earnings 2005 Derby Day	\$12,486.85
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Judson W. Roberts
Treasurer