

**NATIONAL PONY EXPRESS ASSOCIATION, INC.
NEVADA DIVISION**

Minutes of the Pony Express Board meeting, April 7, 2009

The meeting was brought to order at 7:17 PM.

A quorum was present with: Steve Notterman, Gary Nezos, David Kittle, Dawn Nenzel, Keith Anderson, and Mary Kuckenmeister.

Pledge of Allegiance: Gary Nezos

Steve Notterman read the agenda.

David Kittle read the minutes from the February meeting.

Mary Kuckenmeister made a motion to except the minutes, seconded by Gary Nezos. Accepted.

Introduction of visitors:

Chuck Millikan
Aaron Mars

Aaron Mars spoke on the trails. He is planning on attending the Nation Trails Meeting at Fort Kearney in June. There was \$2 million increase in trails money and it was divided equally among the different trails. There was an increase to the National Pony Express Historic Trail of \$25,000. The National Pony Express Historic Trail now will receive \$250,000 as the base operating budget for maintaining the National Pony Express Historic Trail. He said that he was not looking for any increase next year.

Chuck Millikan spoke on the Auto Tour Route through Nevada. The Auto Tour Route that is being developed will not only cover things along the highway but things that can be reached on either side of the highway. He will work with Nevada to find the points of interest along the trail and where to put signs up. Nevada XP may be asked to check on the signs and help with replacement as needed.

Charles Wolle gave an update on the Kingsbury Grade along with information from Mike Kuckenmeister on the same subject. Mary Kuckenmeister suggested that we get with other trail clubs and form a coalition to fight for the Kingsbury Grade.

Mary made a motion to consider Mike Kuckenmeister to take the lead on this project; motion was seconded by Steve Notterman; carried.

Steve Notterman said that we have Bibles on order and that we have patches and national pins on order.

Kathy Davis spoke on the 150 Celebrations and suggested that we have a big color ad put in the papers. She knows some semi-pro photographers to do pictures for us. Mary Kuckenmeister made a motion that Kathy was given permission to check this out for publishing in magazines and will come back to the board in August; seconded by Gary Nezos; passed.

David Kittle asked permission from the Board to do a mail exchange between two schools in Fallon either in the spring or in the fall; permission was granted.

David also gave a report on the Mochilas for 2010. One has been paid for and will be put in the Alexander Majors Historical House. The Pony Express Territory has asked if they could pay for the second Mochila and place it in the museum in Fallon, Nevada. Chuck suggested that David get an invoice from Mr. Buckmaster and submit it to Ken Martin.

A discussion of what activities can be included on the insurance that is provided by the NPEA.

David Kittle made a motion that Debi Royer be in charge of the Newsletter; seconded by Steve Notterman; passed.

A Ride Captains meeting was held to make sure that everyone had enough riders assigned to complete the Re-ride.

The next Board Meeting will be held on August 11, 2009 at Grandma Hattie's in Carson City at 7:00 PM.

Adjourned at 8:55 PM