

The Heritage Network  
Board of Directors  
August 18, 2014

PRESENT: Karen Struve, Bill Sebright, De Pelan, Jackie Franks, Sue Richart, Kathy Berrigan, Russ Larsen, Joe Barreca, and Janet Thomas

The meeting was called to order by President Joe at 9:29 AM, at the Learning Center of the Museum in Colville.

**Location of the next meeting:** The Old School House at Loon Lake will be the place for the September Meeting.

**Minutes of the last meeting:** Patricia EWERS not Swers. Military Road – needs to be changed to *will end ON*. Page 2 Paragraph 1 there are two periods after the word archive also add s to archive. Clayton Deer Park has two periods after it. And Beardslee should end in a Y. Sue moved and Karen seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

**Military Road:** Don is in the final days of the project. A group will work proofing it at the last minute. Sue has been working on the photographs and Jan Bodie has been clearing photos we want to use as to copyrights.

There is plenty more to be done regarding the road and could be done in a future project. The last required item to be done is to make a recommendation regarding a signage plan

**Cabin:** The much awaited DAHP application is now submitted. The heavy lifting was done by James Harrison. He worked with DAHP staff at every turn so it should be good.

Notice on the grant was received. SCHS made the cut and is ranked 15<sup>th</sup> out of 39. It is a little unclear if the funds must be approved by the legislature or just the ranking of the projects, or both.

**State Archives:** Nettie sent Joe to the County Tech guy. The county has now signed the transmittal agreement, but now the county has a civil attorney that is looking at it for any residual liability for the county. He is also looking to see if they can turn over the website to THN. So it has moved some, but still not finalized.

**NEWGS:** The mystery monument – the article in the Statesman Examiner is still being researched. NEWGS hopes that someone will come forward with information. Janet will ask Katie if there is anything in the SCHS collection about the Women's Relief Corp.

The green urns at Evergreen Cemetery were removed this year because they were crumbling and dangerous. Nobody seems to know their origin. NEWGS continues to research Evergreen and anything that has to do with it.

**Valley:** Jackie is not doing anything historical right now due to the Fair in Valley which was held last weekend.

**Loon Lake:** De has a history dollar. She showed the latest copy of Colville Collection 5 that is just finished and available for purchase/sale. Pat is working a book about prohibition. A fun discussion of the subject ensued.

Visitor count is down and De is worried that the historical society is in danger of disbanding. They are thinking of having a community meeting in spring on the subject to try to generate some interest.

**Clayton Deer Park:** Settler's Day was a success in Deer Park. Lots book were sold. Brickyard days went well in Clayton also. Some new people got involved. Next year is the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Clayton School and activities are being planned. The Historical Society will have a display at the Clayton Fair this coming weekend.

**Kettle Falls:** The Historical Center is still dealing with reduced hours and reduced visitation.

**City of Colville:** The Historic Preservation Commission has not met for a while. The Planning Director vacated the position and the city is in the process of hiring someone to fill the position. There is no staff at all in the planning department.

**Post Office:** The Colville Post Office is on the National Register of Historic Places and has removed the original tables from the lobby in favor of lockers. THN is authorized to send a letter or contact Kathy McMorris and see if there is something to do to at least keep the tables at least in the area.

**SCHS:** Janet has kept a notebook from the beginning of THN and asked if it (3 volumes) could go to THN cabinet upstairs as a long term record of THN's history and activities.

The Military Road is in its last days. Don is working full time on writing. Next Monday a group will gather to "read" the final report with a critical eye looking for typos, errors, grammar, etc. The final report will be submitted the end of next week. Don estimates the report to be about 100 pages or so, including photographs. There will be some material that will stay in the archive that doesn't seem necessary to the report including such things as extra photographs.

SCHS still has a greeter crisis but what appears to be an increased number of visitors. The website is being worked on and updated. The project of digitizing the Assessor's building sheets is back on track. The equipment is on site and the procedures have been written and the lead volunteer has been named. As soon as Sue gets training done, scanning will begin in earnest.

**Library District:** Wash State Rural Heritage Network has provided a grant to the USFS to digitize some of their files. Sue will be working on it.

**Barreca Vineyard:** Joe announced that his vineyard is now open by appointment.