

The Patagonia Museum
March 18 Minutes
Patagonia Town Council Chambers

- ❖ Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m.
- ❖ Officers present: German Quiroga, President, Ramon Quiroga, Treasurer, Bobbi Leon, Secretary, Elena Quiroga, Member at Large.
- ❖ Members and guests present: Rose Quiroga, Jeffrey Cooper, Murphy Musick, Walter Andrew, Kiki and Terry Rodriguez, Alex Leon
- ❖ Minutes were read. Motion to approve minutes by Rose Quiroga, seconded by Terry Rodriguez. Motion carried.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report: Balance end of February - \$1026.93

Members joined in March: Mr. & Mrs. Musick and Mountain Empire Rotary Club bringing a balance of \$1116.93.

- ❖ Report on Lochiel Schoolhouse
It was learned that the school board was going to confer with their attorney. The District superintendent had previously set June 30 as the deadline for the School Board to come up with a resolution of the Lochiel Schoolhouse.

Amber Segura, a Cal Poly landscape architect student, produced a 4 minute and 40 second DVD on the Lochiel Schoolhouse. The Patagonia Museum has a copy. Her intent is to put the information on the internet so more people would be aware of the Lochiel Schoolhouse. German assisted in the production of the project by narrating information as he drove to Lochiel and highlighted points of interest.

- ❖ Website
The museum currently has a web page on the Patagonia Public Library website but is in need of someone to develop a website that has knowledge of computers.
- ❖ Report on Museum Facility
German spoke to David Budde about his idea of having small museums instead of one big one. George Proctor has one on his property established. Idea to turn Lopez pool hall into a museum. There are numerous places for sale but the museum does not have enough revenue to make an offer on any real estate but no decision has been made yet on the square footage.
- ❖ Report on Patagonia Trails Day Events, April 24
Birria and bean burros and biscochuelos will be sold by the museum; a historical walking tour hosted by the museum will begin at 1:30 p.m.; the Council

- Chambers will open in order for the museum to display historical photos. Events such as hikes, native plant sale, water harvesting, Saddle Up to a good book, library dedication, Christmas in April and others will be taking place.
- ❖ Report on Little Outfit Ranch Dedication, May 1
The Little Outfit Ranch qualified as natural historical building and we have been invited to the dedication and to partner with them in our mission to preserve the history of eastern Santa Cruz County.
 - ❖ Other Business:
Museum is close to 30 members.
Historical Society in Nogales is having their annual home tour on April 11. Members were invited to attend. Tickets are \$30.
Suggestion for Patagonia Museum to look into this type of tour in the Patagonia area.
German spoke on the condition of the cemetery and his goal to maintain and partner with other groups to get the Gatlin cemetery and town cemetery in better shape.
 - ❖ Guest speaker Jeffrey Cooper, Naturalist
Mr. Cooper gave a narrative of the natural history of Sonoita Valley. He began at the period of the onset of the civil war and also touched on the richness of land, railroad construction, the catastrophic drought, settlement of natives and many other topics.
 - ❖ Motion to adjourn meeting by Rose Quiroga, seconded by Elena Quiroga. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Bobbi Leon, Secretary.