

## Minutes of the Patagonia Museum Board Meeting

- PLACE:** Home Plate Restaurant, Patagonia, Arizona
- DATE:** October 1, 2009
- TIME:** 6:34 p.m.
- MEMBERS PRESENT:** German Quiroga, President  
Ralph Schmitt, Vice-President  
Ramon Quiroga, Treasurer  
Bobbi Leon, Secretary  
Elena Quiroga, Member at Large
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Alex Leon  
Rose Quiroga  
Bryce Waddell  
Julie Quiroz  
Cristal Rivera  
Abbie Zeltzer  
Terry Rodriguez  
Enrique Rodriguez  
Jacques Sennyey
- OPENING OF THE MEETING:** German Quiroga called for the start of the meeting. He inquired if everyone had read the September 3 minutes that were emailed to everyone. Everyone was asked if any corrections needed to be made to the September 3 Minutes.
- MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER:** All present indicated that he/she had read the minutes. No one responded to changes/corrections and/or deletions.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **Julie Quiroz moved, seconded by Ralph Schmitt, to approve the Minutes as submitted. Motion carried.**
- TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ramon Quiroga reported that as of August 31 balance on the account was \$337 and with the additional new members end of September brought the balance to \$372 for a total of 14 members. The newest member is Kelly Fleming.
- HONORARY MEMBER:** Abbie Zeltzer suggested that Gary Gay (former Patagonia Mayor) be granted honorary membership to the Patagonia Museum in recognition of his \$500 donation for The Patagonia Museum to qualify for 501c(3) status.
- Abbie Zeltzer moved, seconded by Elena Quiroga to make Gary Gay an honorary member for a period of 5 years.**

**PO BOX  
1302**

Clarification was made that the PO Box for the organization is P O Box 1302, Patagonia Arizona 85624 and that the former PO Box used by the organization could not be utilized.

**RESEARCH:**

German suggested that further research be made on the Lochiel Schoolhouse in regards to the origination year of the schoolhouse. Some findings indicate that the year was 1918 and others indicate 1905. A definite year is desired before we move forward to fill out paperwork which is a long process to register it as a historical site.

**ORAL HISTORY  
PROJECT:**

Ralph Schmitt and German have completed nine oral histories. Latest to be interviewed is 91 year old George Proctor. Interviews will continue and upon completion, three copies of the tapes will be made. One copy will be provided for each of the following: Patagonia Museum, the Patagonia Library and the person who was interviewed.

The oral history project is part of our mission – and one step closer towards our vision.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

German addressed the audience on the initiation of the following funds: Lochiel Schoolhouse Preservation, Patagonia Museum Building, Lochiel Schoolhouse Scholarship and the Patagonia High School Scholarship.

The example he cited was that if for some reason the preservation of the Lochiel Schoolhouse does not materialize then the funds would go to the Lochiel Schoolhouse Scholarship Fund. In checking with the bank, \$100 is needed to open an account. By-laws will clarify the fund distribution process.

**PATAGONIA  
MUSEUM SITE:**

Terry Rodriguez inquired if perhaps we can explore the possibility of a building or an existing home being donated and turning it into the museum. Information was provided that currently we have the possibility of a caboose which is approximately 40 ft long plus a rail car approximately 85 ft long and currently located in Tucson that could serve as a Visitor Center and Museum. Ralph Schmitt has met with Bob Hutchins to discuss the possibilities. The relocation of caboose and rail car would be costly. Ramon Quiroga suggested moving it by rail to Nogales and then by truck from Nogales to Patagonia.

**T-SHIRTS:**

Judith Andrew designed the shirts and Darrell's Designs did the modifications. Shirts are available in white or black with the museum logo in orange. Suggestions to sell the shirts at \$12 for the short sleeve and \$15 for the long sleeve were approved.

**BROCHURE:** Work is underway to create a brochure with a membership application included. Individual dues \$35 (which would entitle 1-vote) or a \$45 Family fee (which would entitle 2 votes) and different levels for founding members. Suggestion was made to use Zopilote information as a filler on the brochure. Brochure will be ready to have on hand at festival.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** More photos are needed for booth. The rotation for manning the booth is as follows:

Friday, Oct 9	Elena and Ramon Quiroga
Saturday, Oct 10	Ramon Quiroga and Crystal Rivera (10-2)
Saturday, Oct 10	Elena and German Quiroga (2-till closing)
Sunday, Oct 11	Rose Quiroga and Bobbi Leon

Ralph Schmitt will stop by periodically to relieve individuals if needed.

**OTHER** German emailed members of the DeLaOssa family, earlier this year, asking them to record their memories of the Lochiel Schoolhouse( typical day, chores etc.).

**BUSINESS:** Elena Quiroga inquired as to the status of the School Board in relation to the Lochiel Schoolhouse. The school district is checking with their legal counsel.

Mrs. Rodriguez requested that we pursue the Historical status grants; suggestion for a wall calendar to place organizations and meetings for the region; length of membership yearly versus pro-rated (January-December); membership dues will not include a T-shirt. T-shirt will be purchased separately.

Talking points for our next meeting: Fund raiser; community awareness; membership drive.

**Julie Quiroz moved, seconded by Ralph Schmitt, to adjourn the meeting.**

**AJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**