



General Membership Minutes Thursday, January 28th at Noon at GN Lodge Room

Present: Ashley Stuart, Sharon Kindle, Karl Rude, Gary Howell, Mike Rappold, Marko Manoukian, Anne Booth, Leslie Robinson, Jake Stuart, Ken Wiederrick and Van Savage.

Call to Order & Welcome at 1:00 p.m. by President Mike Rappold

- **Review Minutes/Financial Transactions:** Review/approve minutes from November 19, 2015 and financial transactions as presented; moved by Gary Howell and seconded by Marko Manoukian to accept the minutes and financials as presented, motion passed.
- **Administrative Report and Project Updates:**
- **Projected Budget for 2016:** The budget was reviewed and Gary Howell moved to accept the offset from checking in to the budget with second by Anne Booth and motion passed.
- **Meetings/Webinars**
 - Bear Paw Development: attended a meeting and next one is Feb 18, 2016. Missouri River Country; not large attendance as some doing trade shows
 - USDA Grant Writing Webinar/The Great Plains Webinar Series: Ashley Stuart participated in the USDA session; more will be offered and in library basement.
- **Grants:** Malta Chamber/City **Awarded \$2,500** Triangle Connected Community Challenge – Ashley is a member of the Stakeholder Committee. The meeting Feb. 15 will have criteria/guidelines for this and it has a three month completion date.
- **Malta Parks & Recreation-** New organization/board member; Laura Pankratz is leader and next meeting is Feb 8 at the City Hall. Short and long term goals will be addressed.
- **Old Business/Ongoing Business:**
 - **MBIDD:** Former Malta Airport Cleanup Update- Marko had maps showing where drilling sites are, then the hauling of contaminated soil. Still not sure if a ‘green’ light will be given.
 - **MBIDD:** Attend City Council meeting Feb.9th as there are concerns on usage of area. Quonset leaks and electrical issues was addressed by PCMS personnel Kindle: several leaks in the Quonset roof; wires hanging from ceiling; breaker box needs to be removed. [note: MEC had hours worked on electrical issues and asked PhillCo to deduct from his rent; didn’t perform any work]. Spencer Electric and Clausen Construction will be contacted.
 - **Website Update** The mock-up page was shown and Stuart scrolled down the pages. Community calendar will be on Chamber site with a link to PhillCo. PhillCo has a Facebook page and we are encouraged to “Like” it and share.
 - **PhillCo Bylaw Amendments** – Review Draft; action will be taken at annual meeting; notices have to be sent/published six weeks prior to annual meeting. Suggested inserting “PhillCo federally recognized non-profit” in bylaws. A term: the composition of members of this committee outlined in community fund guidelines, was suggested as an addition.
- **New Business:**
 - **MEDA Return Celebration & MT Department of Commerce Office of Tourism and Business Development Training**

-February 10th with the designated leaders of each group and 11th beginning at 8 a.m. till 3 p.m. with lunch and materials provided at GN Lodge Room.

Information is forthcoming.

- **Malta Trails** – Need for written agreement w/PhillCo and fence maintenance; it was not determined who was responsible for fence. Note: Lyle Stewart constructed the original fence.
- **Annual Meeting – April 14, Thursday at the GN Lodge.**
- **Next Meeting:** March 31st at noon @ GN Lodge Room
- **Other**
- **WHAT'S NEW IN AND AROUND PHILLIPS COUNTY:**
 - **Jason Mitchell Outdoors** – coming to Malta/Nelson Reservoir the first week of February for an ice fishing tour with Malta Walleye's members
 - **Karl Rude, Interim Director of Hi Line Retirement Center** – will give an update on the Hi Line Retirement Center; CNA, LPN and other course/classes offered and much of the expense would be offset.
 - **The Ranchers Stewardship Alliance- workshop “Business Succession and Estate Planning- With a Montana Ranching Flavor” on February 6, 2016 starting at 10:00 at the Malta Business Center.**
 - **Malta to host Class C Boys/Girls Basketball Tournament Feb.18-20**
 - **Malta to host Class B Boys Divisional Basketball Tournament Feb. 25-27**
- **Adjournment at 1:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Kindle, secretary