

# Eckley Miners' Village Associates Board Meeting

March 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes

## Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Bob Palermo (President), Nicole Negron (Vice President), Lee Zink (Treasurer), Ron Korch (Secretary), John Schwear, Jo Anna Shovlin.

**Staff:** Bode Morin (Site Director).

**Absent:** Harold Aurand, Jr., Barbara Tulanowski, Bob Yevak.

### CALL TO ORDER:

\* President Bob Palermo brought the meeting to order.

### REVIEW OF MINUTES:

\* February 9, 2021 Minutes accepted with one correction: there will not be a St. Patrick's Day program. There will be a Welsh and Irish music program March 27 as a Zoom webinar.

**Motioned by John, 2nd by Lee. Motion passed, all in favor.**

### FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT:

\* Financial report accepted.

**Motioned by Ron, 2nd by John. Motion passed, all in favor.**

\* There are currently no signers for the BBT CD. Lee would like to be listed as a signer for this CD.

**Motioned by John, 2nd by JoAnna. Motion passed, all in favor.**

\* In order to become a signer Lee must present documentation that he was elected as Treasurer for 2021. **See Addendum.**

### DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

\* Site reopening will probably be early in May. The current plan is for staff to return on site 2 weeks before opening and the volunteers to be allowed on site 1 week after opening.

\* Virtual Charter Day attracted 20 viewers..

\* Strategic Plan Project Manager began working remotely March 1 and will be working on site after reopening.

\* Work on Educational Building (house 66/68) on hold for electrical work. The building should be completed before the end of Summer.

### BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

\* No discussion.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### GOVERNANCE:

\* No discussion.

**PROGRAM & EVENTS:**

- \* It is anticipated that programming/events may be permitted 2 months after reopening.
- \* Current COVID-19 precautions may remain in place regardless of vaccination status but may be altered at some point for those who have been vaccinated.
- \* The only program which does not require a Museum Educator is the Halloween program.
- \* The Museum Gift Shop might not open during the first two months of reopening and might then only be open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In the interim, items for sale can be transferred from the Gift Shop to the Museum Lobby. Perhaps Zoe's schedule may include 1 hour per day dedicated to Gift Shop activities.
- \* It appears that there will be no school tours during 2021.

**FUNDRAISING: (Jo Anna Shovlin, Chair)**

- \* There is concern about dwindling assets. EMVA cannot easily financially survive another year with no fundraising. The need to explore the PPP grant as well as private grants was discussed.
- \* There was discussion concerning the need for experienced grant writers, possibly even paying a successful writer on a percentage basis.

**PERSONNEL & VOLUNTEERS: (Bob Palermo, Chair)**

- \* No discussion.

**EDUCATION: (Harold Aurand, Jr., Chair)**

- \* No discussion.

**MARKETING/MEDIA/PUBLIC RELATIONS: (Bob Palermo, Chair)**

- \* The Rotary meeting, currently scheduled for May 19 might need to be postponed until June or maybe even until early Autumn.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- \* No discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \* It was decided that at this time there would be no advantage, either to the Board or the Project Manager, to have him attend Board meetings.
- \* There will be a filming project at the end of May to promote the site. Volunteers will be needed, and may include the Eckley Players in costume. Board members may also be needed for this project.

**NEXT MEETING:**

- \* April 13, 2021 at 5:00 PM virtually, via Zoom.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:**

- \* Bob P. called for meeting adjournment.

**Motioned by John, 2nd by Lee. Motion passed, all in favor.**

## **ADDENDUM**

On March 12, 2021, Ron sent a email to Lee that contained a revision of the January 2021 EMVA Minutes. The revised Minutes contained the following information:

### **Election of Officers for 2021**

**President; Bob Palermo; Vice President: Nicole Negron; Treasurer: Lee Zink;  
Secretary: Ron Korch.**

\* Barbara Tulanwski (former Vice President] will remain a signatory.

**Motioned by Lee, 2nd by Harold. Motion passed, all in favor.**

In the original Minutes, the above information was expressed as follows:

\* The only change of officers for 2021 will be the replacing of Barb T. at Vice President with Nicole N. Barb will remain a signatory.

**Motioned by Lee, 2nd by Harold. Motion passed, all in favor.**