

Eckley Miners' Village Board of Directors

May 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

In Attendance: Bob Palermo (President), Nicole Negron (Vice President), Lee Zink (Treasurer), Ron Korch (Secretary), Harold Aurand, Jr., Kevin O'Donnell. John Schwear, Jo Anna Shovlin.

Staff: Bode Morin (Site Director)

Absent: Tammy Ondeck, Barbara Tulanowski, Bob Yevak.

CALL TO ORDER:

- * Bob P. brought the meeting to order.
- * Bode read the updated mission statement; it will be inserted into the agenda for the June 8 meeting.

REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- * April 13, 2021 Minutes accepted.
- Motioned by John, 2nd by JoAnna. Motion passed, all in favor.**

FINANCIAL/TREASURER'S REPORT:

- * Zoe will be putting together a gift shop budget.
 - * Financial report accepted.
- Motioned by Ron, 2nd by John. Motion passed, all in favor.**

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- * The museum as been open for 2 weekends with modest attendance (15-20 per day). There have been no pandemic precaution issues with visitors.
- * Chris, the Strategic Plan Project Manager, is scheduled to begin living onsite May 12.
- * The Halloween program may be feasible, perhaps with some pandemic precautions.
- * There may be a Civil War encampment in 2022.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT:

- * There was discussion concerning the recruitment of an attorney as well as an assistant treasurer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

GOVERNANCE:

- * No discussion.

PROGRAM & EVENTS:

- * As mentioned above, the Halloween program may be feasible this year.
- * The Rotary dinner is still scheduled for October 20 at 5 PM.
- * The car show may be feasible if held in October. John will be working on this possibility.

FUNDRAISING: (Jo Anna Shovlin, Chair)

* There was discussion concerning the formation of a fundraising team for the remainder of this year.

PERSONNEL & VOLUNTEERS: (Bob Palermo, Chair)

* No discussion other than the educational needs mentioned below.

EDUCATION: (Harold Aurand, Jr., Chair)

* There was discussion concerning the need for a museum educator as well as educational assistants when the museum resumes events.

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

* The importance of signage was once again emphasized by JoAnna who plans to speak with State Senator Yudichak to discuss signage ideas.

* It was emphasized that signage needs to have PennDOT approval and that PennDOT will approve signage approved by the municipality in which the signage is to be placed.

OLD BUSINESS:

* No discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

* There was discussion about resuming in-person board meetings, possibly as early as June.

* Since Nicole works in Scranton until 5 PM, there was general agreement that postponement of in-person meeting to 6 PM was acceptable.

* Lee mentioned the desirability of input to his finalization of the budget at the end of June.

NEXT MEETING:

* June 8, 2021, time and location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED:

* Bob P. called for meeting adjournment.

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