

# **El Camino Real de los Tejas National Historic Trail Association**

## **Quarterly Board Meeting**

**Thursday, April 18, 2013**

**Apache Pass, Milam County TX**

Quorum was verified and the meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Lucile Estell.

Members Present: Irene Ramos, Chief Davis, Joy Graham, Chris Talbot, Gary Dunnam, Lucile Estell, John Kisalus, Henry Mayo, Carl Mica, Maureen Winn, and Mo Brown.

Members absent: Duke Lyons, Linda Curtis Sparks, Christopher Rincon, and George Altgelt

Also in attendance: Sharon Brown and Ann Davis

Dr. Estell then extended a welcome to everyone and recommended a moment of silence in memory of Richard Santos. It was recommended that a resolution be drafted in gratitude for Richard's service on the board of directors and for his years of work preserving Texas' history, and presented to his wife, Sally.

Minutes of the October 2012 meeting were re-presented to the board and approved – Cal Mica so moved, John Kisalus seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Minutes of January 2013 meeting were presented and approved with the acknowledgement that a modification showing Irene Ramos as absent. Henry Mayo motioned to accept, Carl Mica seconded, and the motion was unanimously accepted.

The Treasurer's report was presented and discussed at length. A motion was made by Gary Dunnam and seconded by John Kisalus that the vote to approve the Treasurer's report not be taken until corrections are made to the format. Motion passed unanimously.

The revised budget for 2013 was discussed. Henry Mayo moved to accept – Carl Mica seconded. Passed unanimously.

The proposed budget for 2014 was discussed and it was decided to vote on the adoption of the NPS portion of the budget only, with the remainder of the overall budget to be approved in July. Vote will be taken on entire 2014 budget at the July meeting. Carl Mica so moved, Joy Graham seconded. Passed unanimously.

Former association president Andrew Sansom was recommended as an associate member of the association. Joy Graham motioned to approve, Gary Dunnam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

The association's new map was discussed and it was decided that "customers" purchasing the maps should pay the shipping costs in addition to the cost of \$185 for 1,000 maps. Chris Talbot suggested contacting Lone Star Overnight regarding shipping.

The executive director's report was given by Steven Gonzales. Points included:

1. Update on the 2013 Hike The Hill
2. Update on Preservation Day at the Capitol in Austin
3. Seeking a \$15,000 grant from Summerlee Foundation for creation of 4<sup>th</sup> grade curriculum regarding our national historic trail for an annual videoconference.
4. New interns are being sought
5. 2014 is the Tenth Anniversary of El Camino Real de los Tejas being designated as a National Historic Trail. Steven suggests that we schedule the 2014 Annual Meeting in San Antonio to coincide with the anniversary.

The annual evaluation of the executive director should be completed prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>. The evaluation form will be provided at the July meeting.

Sharon Brown then spoke for the NPS Office. She has crafted a five year commitment agreement which will take effect in September 2013. She then discussed the new Trail Map and the Strategic Plan. Emphasis was placed on utilizing the Multiple Property Documentation Form provided by National Register of Historic Places to have high priority sites along the El Camino Real National Historic Trail be included on the National Register, thereby offering a degree of protection for these valuable resources.

Reports were then given by:

Irene Ramos – Southern Region – noting the passing of board member, Richard G. Santos; progress on Poteet's Middle Camino Real Trail; and a welcome to our new board member from Laredo TX, George Altgelt.

John Kisalus – San Antonio-Goliad Region – reported on the arrival of signage for Victoria County, which has not yet been installed.

Joy Graham – Brazos Region – reporting that Henry Mayo was working on plans for the annual meeting; NPS trail signs installed on Milam County roads during February; NLINE has obtained NPS signs which are to be installed during April; Milam County and the city of Cameron will install three signs during the week of April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Duke Lyons – Though absent, previously submitted a report on the Lobanillo Swales.

Linda Curtis Sparks – submitted a report on the Model Trail Program with the recommendation that the program be studied and discussed at the next board meeting, with the possibility of presenting this for approval by members at the annual meeting.

Plans for the 2013 Annual Meeting were discussed by Henry Mayo. The meeting will be held at the historic La Salle Hotel in downtown Bryan TX. Henry said that Brazos County may be able to donate money toward the meeting and assist with the tour and sponsorship.

The board retreat scheduled for the next day, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> was discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Dunnam, Secretary