

Historical Society report for February 2004 FRRS Board meeting

The WPRRHS set a new record – sort of. Three issues of the Headlight magazine were generated in the calendar year 2003, Issues 20, 21 and 22. Issue 22 was actually mailed by AgPress in January, however I count it as a 2003 issue. The next issue is in the works, with plans to have it at the press in March so it will be in members' hands before the convention in Reno in April. Credit for this goes to Production Manager Bruce Petty and Headlight Editor Dave Pires.

Frank Beavers is progressing with plans for the Reno convention. He has arranged for Ernie and Cathy vonIbsch to be the banquet speakers. Cathy is trying to arrange for a couple of other Zephyrettes to be in attendance as well. He has arranged for several presentations, not all of which were listed in a recent e-mail. Responses to publicity so far have been good. We will have attendees from as far away as Australia this year.

No significant progress has been made determining the circulation of the SPTHS magazine or their current advertising rates. Inquiries to SPTHS thus far have not been answered.

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Re: Problem with Library Funding

Hello,

In a recent discussion with Susan Scarlett, our book keeper, I learned that no WPRRHS convention proceeds, sales of surplus items or donations have been applied to the Library/Archives fund!

To refresh everyone's memory, when the WPRRHS was formed we said that we would pay our own way from our own fundraising (except for the Headlight magazine which is paid for by the FRRS and keeps all the profits). Originally, \$5.00 from every WPRRHS membership was suppose to go to a Library/Archives Fund. In addition, then President Steve Habeck established a policy of putting all profits from WPRRHS conventions into this fund. Over the last year, we have sold many surplus items and have collected numerous donations specifically for this fund.

Now Susan is telling me that there is no Library/Archives fund, she does not know where to put the money and has no record of how much is supposed to be in this account. Naturally, when I heard this, I almost lost my temper. But this is not Susan's fault. Someone on the board of directors never set up the account like they were supposed to or, Dan Brady has rearranged things and the account was lumped into something else by mistake.

I asked Susan from which account does she draw money to pay for expenses I have submitted for the Archives/Library over the years and she said it came out of some General Expense account and not from a restricted fund specifically for the Library/Archives.

I explained the situation to Susan and she said she would talk to Dan and try to back track through some records but she said that would only encompass the last few years.

My immediate concern is that I believed that there was some \$4-5K in this account that I could use this year to overhaul the display room and other areas of the museum. The WPRRHS has worked hard for years to raise this money and now when we finally have enough to do something significant with the Display room, the money has disappeared or been misplaced.

I will continue to work with Susan and Dan to straighten this out. I notify you to let you know about the situation and will keep you updated.

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