Kansas Post Rock Limestone Coalition Meeting Minutes May 29, 2024 at 10 a.m. Lucas, KS

Members and Guests Present: Brad Penka, Charma Craven, Neil Unrein, Kris Heinze, Kelli Orender, Lisa Goodheart, Rosslyn Schultz, Chandler Reich-Sellens, Jeannie Stramel, and Janet Kuhn by zoom. Guests included Robert Lindsay from Lucas, and Emily Navis with World Pest Control.

Call to order: President Brad Penka called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m. Introductions were made around the table following approval of the minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Neil moved to accept the January meeting minutes with corrections. Rosslyn seconded, motion carried.

Jeannie moved to approve the April meeting minutes, with corrections. Neil seconded, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jean reviewed the treasurer's report with a checking account balance of \$38,121.22, and a balance sheet showing \$40,075.50, which is the known \$2,000 difference yet to be resolved in software. The Profit/Loss report showed \$1,485 in membership for the year so far. Charma moved to approve the financials as presented, Kelli seconded, motion carried.

Chairman's Report: Brad reported on the recent problem with the website, where the domain expired and was found to still be registered to JenRus Freelance. The domain was able to be renewed and the website was back up at the time of the meeting. JenRus will assist with transferring the domain registration to our Wix account. Charma made a motion to move the website domain registration to Wix. Lisa seconded, motion carried.

Brad also reported he is doing a presentation at the Dream Theatre in Russell July 11 at 7 p.m. As a reminder, KPRLC previously voted to sponsor the venue for \$155.

Committee Reports:

Marketing/Events:

Dorrance Decoration Day: Brad reported the crowd was down and there were no sales, but it was still good for interest and awareness purposes.

Bells/Whistles Bus Tour: Neil shared tour information being added to a program. Chandler is helping with design. Registrations sit at 38/40. Because of road construction, the route has been altered slightly near Victoria, and also between Russell

and Lucas. Several board members suggested the Bunker Hill road might offer the best views of outcroppings.

Jean moved to have Rita Sharp with Lucas Publishing Co. print and staple 56 copies of the program, Charma seconded. Motion carried.

Big Kansas Road Trip: Kris reported good attendance at the Vonada quarry demonstrations. Kris also reported that the videographer was able to attend, and thanked Rosslyn for helping with sponsorship for that project. Jean and Charma were able to set up the table near Jon Pancost's demonstration and Q&A. Overall great attendance in the area for this event.

Bison History Day: This event will be Sunday, June 16 in Rush County. Neil will be demonstration limestone dressing.

<u>Agritourism/Landowners:</u> Kelli reported there is a new BARN grant to help with preservation of barn structures, specifically for agritourism purposes.

<u>Education/Preservation:</u> Lucas Grassroots Arts Center recently completed a tuckpointing/repair project. This could be an opportunity to educate on that process, especially with the "L" shaped capstone feature of that building.

<u>Preservation Award</u>: We are expecting a couple of applications soon for the Preservation Award and need to continue to share this opportunity with local organizations that might be able to identify potential applicants.

<u>Grants</u>: KPRLC submitted an application for KCAIC Operating Support, but we won't hear back for a little while.

Break for lunch at 11:57 a.m. Resumed meeting at 12:45 p.m.

<u>Membership/Networking:</u> We received payment for 4 tickets for the bus tour through PayPal. The email list includes approximately 550.

Unfinished Business:

<u>Gift items:</u> Still in demand with no supply. The group will explore the possibility of buying the equipment needed to craft them from a local individual. Robert Lindsay volunteered to help with this process. Charma moved to purchase equipment and tools to create souvenirs for retail sales, up to \$1,500, and upon inspection. Lisa seconded. Motion carried.

<u>Marketing materials:</u> More of the field guide/maps requested in various places. The stock is running low. The group discussed the possibility of printing a rack card that would be cheaper than reprinting the entire field guide/map. Some updates to include might be the phone number and special events like the bus tours.

<u>Video Production:</u> Videographer Curtis Busker sent along a trailer video to share with the group with footage gathered from the BKRT demonstrations. Finished video products could be tailored for various purposes.

New Business:

<u>Administrative Assistant:</u> Jean proposed hiring an Administrative Assistant to help with tasks that might include membership, ticket sales, data entry, emails. Charma moved to form a committee to develop a job description, list of tasks, possible hourly contractual wage, and meet via zoom to bring a proposal back to the board. Chandler seconded, motion carried.

<u>Committee Appointments:</u> The group discussed individuals that would be good fits for the various committees. Marketing: Brad, Rosslyn, Chandler, Neil, Kris. Membership: Christina, Jean. Education: Lisa, Jean, Charma. Grants: Rosslyn, Brad. Agritourism will be dropped for now. Preservation and Preservation Award will be reworked later.

<u>Election of Officers:</u> Lisa moved for unanimous ballot to retain Brad, Megan and Neil for another 3-year term. Kris seconded, motion carried. Lisa called for a unanimous ballot for officers as they stand currently, for a 1-year term, Neil seconded. Motion carried.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m. The next meeting will be July 18 at La Crosse.