

# California Historical Radio Society

## Minutes of Board Meeting

February 7, 2015

Meeting held at Radio Central Kitchen

### Board Members Present:

Philip Monego, Director at Large

Richard Watts, Treasurer

Steve Kushman, President (Presiding)

Jaime Arbona (recording)

Tom Bonomo, Name Badges

Mike Adams present via speaker phone

Scott Robinson

Denny Monticelli

### Also Present

Bart Lee, Counsel

John Stuart

John Staples

Seth Arp

Walter

other members

Called to Order at 11:30 AM

1. Treasurer's & Membership report – Richard Watts.
  - a. Report for 2014 has been submitted to our accountant for tax preparation.
  - b. Discussion of what Barrie needs for our prop.tax status.
  - c. Explanation by Richard on various reports. Mobile storage fund completely funded with thanks to the large donors.
  - d. Explanation that our desired projects exceed our funds by some \$14,000 and there is need for continued fund-raising.
  - e. Discussion of operating needs; CHRS has a \$20,000 annual 'nut to crack' before all other projects though we are not in danger of not being able to make this nut at this point.
  - f. Analysis of Yasme Foundation's donation.
  - g. Membership Report: 2015 off to a decent start. Journal went out a month early so that helped. 126 renewals so far. Richard anticipates doldrums this time of year. Another Journal coming soon and should be combined with annual event schedule and a membership list.
    - i. Richard says there's been requests for a 'Members Only' section of the website that would include a membership list and possibly some other services. Discussion of security and privacy issues and increasing the 'value' of membership. Bart suggests that there be an 'opt in' and 'opt out' to publishing membership list on website. Mike Adams mentions our changing status from a collecting group to a museum. Philip willing to draft and fund a post-card asking members what they'd opt to (re publishing on line) what they are interested in and what they're willing to be a resource for.

## 2. Post Auction Sales - eBay – Philip

- a. Philip says we've had some \$5,300 in revenues before ebay and paypal costs so a probably net of \$5K. This just for December. Most of the sales are of stereo gear. Sales vary from \$50 - \$1,400. Probably some \$10K (gross) since July. All this to be shared with Ms. Quon (percentages not discussed).

## 3. Credit Card System – Philip and Richard Watt.

- a. Philip's banker says there's a broker who matches customer like us with banks who handle credit card transactions. He refers to Richard Watts who looked into the matter further. Richard distributes a detailed report on needs and capabilities of 'Square' system vs a standard credit card system. We would need a merchant services account with a bank. There was general discussion of security vs portability. We defer questions to broker that Philip is in touch with who will advise us on a bank's particular merchant services.
- b. Richard presents options on taking remote bids on our auctions. He presents detailed report on cloud-based vs PC based software. Richard and Philip will follow up (possibly with Richard Look's input) with broker who will recommend a Merchant Service provider bank.
  - i. General discussion of taking remote bids at our 'test' March auction; Jaime volunteers to handle emailed 'registrations' for remote bidding status. Remote Bidders (RB's) will have to register and pay a \$10 reg fee (\$5 to members). Steve to build registration page on the website. We'll need one dedicated person to handle proxie (remote) bids as in Butterfields' example suggested by Scott.

## 4. Building Projects Update – Steve

- a. Library: Kevin is doing electrical for overhead lighting. Most materials on – site but installation is necessary. Continued work to be done on baseboards, painting and schedule a final electrical inspection. Then Bookcases can be placed and filled (freeing other storage space in building). Maybe another month to be required.
- b. Shop Seismic Project: Architect Vincent is waiting for John Stuart to supply as-is drawing of what's been done so far so Vincent can notate and suggests upgrades. John to redraw and then we can begin. Another month estimated.
- c. Back Fence Relocation: in good progress. Neighbor Cara is moving plants out of the way for us. Steve suggests we schedule our new fence installation for a particular weekend so yard is not open for any long period of time. Discussion of moving poles and installing concrete.
- d. Shed: Permit application submitted next week. We have the drawing for permits and we're in a ten day waiting period. No neighbors commented so far. Then we will apply for building permit and then concrete guys to be invited back to give us an estimate on new pad for shed. Discussion of electifying the shed. We will use extension cords until after shed constructed then considered longer-term formal electrification.

- e. Electrical: Kevin continues his work on various works. There'll be wall washer lights in library on 'window wall' as well as flourescents. Everything to code and with an eye to expandability.
- f. Sumps; Groundwater has risen but all sumps work as needed. Robert and Walter are adding battery back up pumps for our sumps. Thus there will be two pumps on each sump. A double sump in both shack and boiler room. Discussion of how often to rotate gel cells in battery pumps. Walter is investigating installing a \$75 device that will auto dial us if power fails.
- g. Flash Water Heater: board had decided to go for one of these but now we find we can purchase an exterior unit (gas fired) which will supply kitchen and downstairs bathroom. Benefit of outside unit is (1) ventilation as an interior unit requies a special flue that we currently don't have and (2) since it's a gas appliance in case of leaks or explosions. Also we'll have more interior space. It will be protected by existing stanchions from cars and we may want to build additional shelter protection. Vote taken and it passed to purchase this unit. Original interior unit estimated \$4,600 but this unit expected to be less expensive. Denny has family friend plumber who could submit a free bid; Denny to investigate. Steve thinks all told this should costs us \$1,000 - \$1,200.

5. Compact Mobile Storage – Tom Bonomo reports.

- a. Tom sets up Skype call with Joe, the rep selling the mobile storage systems. The thing we need to look at is risk. Core must be cored and tested; it is possible that system is unfeasible. This is unlikely though. Cost of test is the \$1200 Coring Charge. Process should take 8 – 12 weeks from coring to installation. Sesimic engineers to comment on report of coring; each step taking about a week. Need for rebar to be determined and its' design. Coring device must be against our concrete slab; rooms must be cleared and flooring cut through. General discussion of how and where we'll move items from the kitchen, library and other rooms that will have its' floors cored. Joe feels that our building's slab will be acceptable for the task.
- b. Skype session with Joe: Shelves are 36" square without partitions. Questions from Walt and others to Joe re details of system's capacities. No 'front or back' to shelves; strictly pass though. Panels to be added to front and back of each shelf and was not included in Joe's original estimate but additional cost to be 'negligiable'. Discussion of levelling non-shrink grout used to fill spaces in floor where shelves are anchored to accommodate rolling dollies; end product installation should provide for a flush surface with floor. Discussion of flexibility of shelves; even consoles can be stored in them. Joe to send a new quotation which will include the end panels which he'd neglected to add in our current proposal.
- c. Vote on compact mobile storage. Passed by acclimation.

Break for Lunch at 1:30 PM

Reconvene 2:00 PM

6. Classes to Restart – Denny Monticelli reports

- a. Denny's spoken with Jim and Cliff regarding starting up refinishing/restoration classes to be held outdoors. Three steps to process and in each case it is necessary to determine whether restoration vs. preservation is desired and with all cabinet types (wood, metal, plastic, etc). Denny suggests that first classes be sort of exploratory and future classes can be fine-tuned as to type of cabinet, who instructors are, etc. Workshops involve consumption of materials; members to bring certain materials or make contributions to make classes cost-neutral. Should take a whole morning and may include a lunch break (not discussed if sponsored or not). Thrown open for discussion; Richard to give Denny class list from database of what members have expressed interest in. Steve to email blast to membership promoting classes. First class to be unlimited in attendance and be an 'overview' of restoration process. Jim Bradt to be primary instructor. Jim to address all types of cabinets with more specialized classes to follow. Bart suggests that everything we do emphasize safety first. Bart suggests that every attendant sign off on the release on the back of the form available at Radio Central's middle door. Suggestion that we erect our 10' x 10' awning to protect from sunlight damage to cabinets. First class tentatively scheduled for April 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - i. John Staples offers to re-offer his All American Five class. Limiting to five students. Steve to add this to list of what email blast will promote. Suggested that RF alignment also be included though no determination made on this.

7. New funding sources – GrantStation

<http://www.grantstation.com/public/about.asp>

- a. Steve discusses what grantstation.com does and wants Board Members to investigate this site to see what's available. Steve to follow up.

8. Library Layout Committee – Bart, Scott, Denny

Steve says layout to be discussed between above committee (Bart, Scott, Denny).

Richard Watts leaves 3:00 PM.

Philip departs at 3:11 PM

9. Set up simple criteria for items to be accessioned later. Some suggestions from Scott were offered:

General discussion of how to start determining what to keep and what to save. Bart suggests that we only warrant anything 'for display only'. Should even be such waivers signed by buyers at flea market, or CHRS store, or even visiting the museum. General agreement that buyers sign off on waiver just to enter the flea market or CHRS store. Verbiage can also be on a sandwich board or posted on the wall.

Motion to Adjourn 3:24 PM. Passed.

Points below not discussed.

- 1) Historical interest, including illustrates a historical narrative;
- 2) Visual aesthetic interest;
- 3) Technical interest--novel circuits, for instance;
- 4) Local (SF or California) manufacture;
- 5) To keep the building from flying away in a strong wind. We're past the gentle breeze stage...

Jaime Arbona, Reporting Secretary.