



MINUTES

HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION

GLENN COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

Thursday, August 21, 2008



1. **Convene Meeting and Introductions**

Chairman Keith Hansen convened the meeting at 1:32 p.m., with the following members present – Sandy Soeth, Doris Cooper, Donna Benson and Keith Hansen.

2. **Hold discussion regarding quote received for Glass Display Case**

Sandy advised that she spoke with Jim at Hardwood Creations and questioned if the Commission were to purchase two cases if the cost could be lowered, and he stated that both cases could be made for \$10,000. Keith stated that he wants to donate the money for the second case.

Discussion was held regarding the quote received on the case and the various options, which included having wood framed glass shelves versus having all glass allowing for better visibility of items that may be placed in the case; and the option of having a wood plate holder to either slide the plates in or a grooved bottom to set plaques on. Members discussed the idea of having individual plate holders that can be set anywhere on the shelves (i.e. under the sponsorship levels) and decided that those could be purchased at a low cost, however, Sandy offered to ask Hardwood Creations the cost of him making them. Donna Benson made a motion to have the case made with all glass shelves, seconded by Keith Hansen, motion passed unanimously.

3. **Continued discussion on the following matters:**

a. **Draft Press Release** – Sandy advised that she and Doris will work on the Press Release using the basic language from the flyer provided to David Vodden at Thunderhill for their Open House. It was consensus to forward a draft to members for review and then place in the paper in hopes to get some community interest in the Commission’s preservation project. Sandy also advised that David Vodden will be holding another fundraiser (dinner) and donate \$1,000 to be used towards the display case.

b. **Draft Language for Glenn Dinner Ranch Bell plaque** – Sandy read what was written in the June 26th Minutes and Doris read what Joanne had presented in a recent email. Discussion was held regarding the amount of wording that could be placed on the plaque, whereby it was decided that information on the acreage and location of Hugh Glenn’s ranch was not necessary. It was general consensus for the plaque to read as follows:

 *“Erected 1989 - The Dinner Bell came from the ranch of Glenn County founder Dr. Hugh James Glenn, known as the “King of Wheat”. The Bell was used from 1868-1883 at his ranch in Jacinto.* 

Keith also suggested having a stem of wheat engraved on each side of the plaque.

4. **Unscheduled Matters & Public comment**

Sandy advised that #26 (1931), #27 (1932) and #28 (1933) of the old newspapers were sold to a couple in Sacramento for \$180 and they picked them up on Tuesday August 12th, and then called at the end of the week to say he thought that they were the Willows Journal rather than the Glenn Transcript, and wanted to possibly return them and would call by the end of the week. Discussion was held and it was decided that this point forward the Commission will not allow any returns.

(Note: No call received by 8/22 and assuming papers will not be returned, the check was deposited into the Commission's Trust Fund on 8/25).

Sandy also advised she met Mr. Han from Stanford University on Saturday to give him the 1921 newspaper that he purchased, and he advised that he would be back, as they are going to make a documentary and write a book. He claimed that he is very interested in further research regarding the aviation training school and wishes to have the years 1919 – 1920 researched for further information. Sandy and Doris agreed to research those years at the Willows Library and contact him with the information.

Further discussion was held regarding the case and assuming that Harwood Creations may possibly need a down payment for materials, Keith suggested the Sandy contact him to see if he would like a down and the amount. Keith offered to put a down payment of \$2,500 so Jim could get started on the cases. It was questioned if the Vodden family would be donating the remaining funds, assuming that the Commission will receive \$1,000 from the dinner fundraiser through Thunderhill, leaving a balance of \$4,000. Members expressed concern of having the cases made and not having the complete balance. Sandy advised that by getting the Press Release out, there is much more of a chance in striking the public's interest in the project, and in hopes of receiving further donations.

5. **Next meeting** – To be determined at a later date.
6. **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Members: Vince Minto, Keith Hansen, Joanne Overton, Sandy Soeth, Donna Benson, Doris Cooper, Susie Alves