

Boots & Saddles New Mexico Foundation Board Meeting Minutes  
2nd Quarter Meeting: April 12, 2005

The Boots & Saddles New Mexico Foundation (B&SNM) second quarter meeting occurred April 12, 2005 at the El Camino Real International Heritage Center. Attendees included John Boretsky (president), John Pittsenbargar (vice-president), Tom Brunton (treasurer), Ed Whitted (secretary), Walter Pittman (board member), Ken Dusenberry (board member), and Marcia deChadenedes (board member).

President John Boretsky called the meeting to order at 1:00PM (MDT).

Old Business

First item of old business was discussion of the draft B&SNM By-Laws. Several clarification comments were made and discussed. Tom Brunton made a motion to accept the draft By-Laws and John Pittsenbargar seconded the motion; the draft By-Laws were unanimously approved by voice vote. Treasurer Tom Brunton agreed to forward copy(ies) of the approved By-Laws to the IRS and other organizations as appropriate.

Second item of old business was discussion of Articles of Incorporation required along with the By-Laws to establish a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Marcia deChadenedes agreed to draft Articles of Incorporation and Ed Whitted agreed to place these Articles on the B&SNM ftp website so that all board members could review and submit comments. It was agreed that there is some urgency in approving the Articles of Incorporation so that a 501(c)3 status could be approved as soon as possible.

Third item of old business was Tom Brunton's (treasurer) report. Tom reported a balance of \$65 -- all received from membership fees. Tom noted that until B&SNM is a recognized organization with a Federal tax ID, the funds can not be deposited in the name of B&SNM. Ed Whitted made a motion to accept Tom's report, it was seconded by John Pittsenbargar and unanimously approved by voice vote.

New Business

Ed Whitted discussed the cost of a B&SNM website -- the cost depending primarily on whether the B&SNM website posses a virtual domain web address (URL) and on the features desired within the website such as extensive cgi-bin scripting and password protection. It was agreed to table further discussion until the B&SNM is a recognized 501(c)3 organization and sufficient funds are available to pay for a website: minimum \$250.

Tom Brunton next stated that B&SNM members who are also members of living history and reenacting clubs, groups, etc. need to recruit within these clubs/groups to increase the B&SNM membership. All present agreed to recruit new members. However, it was recognized that recruiting will be slow until the B&SNM has a logo and paper handouts for potential new members to inspect.

John Boretsky agreed to take the lead in creating a draft B&SNM logo and Ed Whitted agreed to upload the draft logos onto the B&SNM ftp website for all to see.

Ed Whitted agreed to approach the NM Division of Sons of Confederate Veterans (NMSCV) for a monetary grant.

John Pittsenbargar agreed to keep copies of B&SNM board member resumes for inspection by interested organizations.

Tom Brunton stated that the B&SNM membership application form needs editing. Ed Whitted agreed to edit it to make it more explanatory to potential members.

It was unanimously agreed that the third B&SNM meeting will occur at Fort Stanton on August 13, 2005.

President John Boretsky adjourned the meeting at 2:15PM (MDT).