

**Boots & Saddles New Mexico Foundation Board CY2006 2nd Quarter Meeting
Minutes
April 29, 2006**

The Boots & Saddles New Mexico Foundation (B&SNM) CY2006 second quarter board meeting occurred April 29, 2006 at the Socorro Public Library; Socorro, NM. Board members in attendance included John Boretsky (president), Tom Brunton (treasurer) Ed Whitted (secretary), Ken Dusenberry (board member), Earl Pittman (board member), and Cheryl Tuttle (board member).

President John Boretsky called the meeting to order at 2:30PM (MDT) and determined that a quorum was present.

Ed Whitted read the draft minutes of the CY2006 1st quarter board meeting (2/18/2006). No corrections were needed, Ken Dusenberry made a motion to approve the 1st quarter board meeting minutes, Cheryl Tuttle seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.

Tom Brunton presented the financial report and stated the financial status is unchanged from that presented in the minutes of the CY2006 1st quarter board meeting (2/18/2006);i.e., a balance of \$35.

Ken Dusenberry made a motion to accept the treasurer's financial report, Earl Pittman seconded the motion, no discussion of the report was proffered, and the report was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Old Business

Earl Pittman reported on the Boots & Saddles Agencies Group (B&SAG) meeting of February 22, 2006 at Lake Valley, NM. He stated that B&SAG asked about the status of B&SNM IRS 501 (c)3 application and brochure publication. He also stated that the next B&SAG meeting is scheduled for Fort Bayard either on May 12 or 13. John Boretsky stated that he plans to attend the B&SAG meeting and further stated that the Fort Bayard hospital is not participating in B&SAG meetings and that it's important that the hospital participate because it controls Fort Bayard. John also stated that Cecelia Bell, Friends of Fort Bayard representative to B&SNM, has not responded to his e-mails regarding the situation at Fort Bayard and his invitation to her to attend the B&SNM meetings.

Since John Pittsenbargar's resignation as B&SNM vice-president -- that position has been vacant. Ed Whitted nominated Earl Pittman as vice-president and Earl was elected by acclamation.

John Boretsky reported on the pending B&SNM IRS 501 (c)3 application. John reported that he and Ed Whitted met on April 20 at Keleher & McLeod law firm to sign slightly amended B&SNM Articles of Incorporation to satisfy the IRS. As soon as the amended Articles are approved by the NM state PRC then the IRS will expedite approval and B&SNM will be a 501(c)3 entity. Ken Dusenberry made a motion to allow John Boretsky to make minor changes in the B&SNM Articles of Incorporation without a priori B&SNM board approval. Earl Pittman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Earl Pittman passed out a draft copy of the B&SNM brochure for inspection. John Boretsky observed that the brochure needs (1) the NM Dept of Tourism logo, (2) the B&SNM logo,

and (3) an explanation of B&SNM. John stated that as soon as B&SNM is conferred IRS 501(c)3 status, \$6000 will be available to finance final design and publication of the B&SNM brochure. Also, John stated that again pending B&SNM IRS 501(c)3 approval, \$2000 will be available for design and publication of a B&SNM website. John noted that time is of the essence in that these funds need to be spent by June 30, 2006.

Regarding the design and publication of a B&SNM website, John Boretsky asked Ed Whitted to take the lead to query 2-3 web design businesses for info regarding the cost, etc. Ed agreed to accept the task provided John participated in the task and John agreed.

John Boretsky passed out a draft format for a B&SNM newsletter for inspection. John said that it will cost about \$25 per 100 copies of a newsletter and that he desires that a B&SNM newsletter be published by June 30, 2006. John asked Earl Pittman to be the newsletter editor and Earl agreed.

John Boretsky then passed out copies of the B&SNM Conflict of Interest policy and asked each board member to sign a separate copy; all board members signed a copy.

New Business

John Boretsky proposed that B&SNM apply for a NM Dept of Tourism grant to publish a CD to complement the B&SNM brochure. Ken Dusenberry made a motion to accept John's proposal and Earl Pittman seconded the motion, the proposal was approved unanimously by voice vote.

John Boretsky proposed that B&SNM apply for a grant, again to the NM Dept of Tourism, to construct a trunk as a means to educate school children and the general public regarding NM military history and that NM military forts were integral to that history. Ken Dusenberry made a motion to accept John's proposal and Earl Pittman seconded the motion, the proposal was approved unanimously by voice vote.

John Boretsky briefed regarding Preserve America Foundation grant and that it is too late to meet the May 16, 2006 grant application deadline for this year but that B&SNM needs to start planning to apply for a CY2007 grant.

Cheryl Tuttle briefed regarding the Friends of Fort Craig (FOFC). She stated FOFC now has a website (http://www.geocities.com/friends_of_fort_craig/) and that Old Fort Craig Days will occur Oct 27-29, 2006 at the Fort Craig historical site located a few miles south of the Bosque del Apache bird sanctuary.

Last item of business was a discussion of the date and location of the B&SNM 3rd quarter meeting. It was unanimously agreed that it will occur August 12, 2006 at Fort Stanton, NM.

John Boretsky adjourned the meeting at 4:00PM (MDT).