

MINUTES FROM
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TRANSPORT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
MARCH 4, 2008

Meeting was called to order by Terral at 1:44 p.m. with the following members present: Culpepper, Tolar, Jones, Carpenter, Pepper, Gresham, Cox and Terral. Broomfield was absent.

Opening prayer by Gresham. Membership minutes from May 2008 were read. Motion for approval by Culpepper; seconded by Tolar. Minutes approved. Minutes from May 2008 annual board meeting read. Motion for approval by Tolar; seconded by Cox. Minutes approved.

Review of up-to-date financial information and statements was had.

First topic of discussion was the use of Mt. Grace for some manual labor around the cemetery – hand leveling tombstones, leveling low spots in ground, marking new cemetery plots and cleaning tombstones. Terral will provide contact information to board attorney so a release of liability can be signed by Mt. Grace prior to any work being done. Culpepper mentioned liability concerns with possible damage to headstones in the cleaning process. NEWSLETTER: cleaning of the tombstones will be contracted out with families responsible for costs incurred and waiver of liability needed; families to send written notice to the board authorizing the cleaning; will need to follow up in NEWSLETTER for headstones that we don't know current family members. Terral was authorized to proceed.

Next topic of discussion was tree removal. Terral reported that no one wants to address cutting the dead trees because of the dangerous nature of the work. He suggested trimming in the summer or fall and recommended that board members look at the trees in question at the annual meeting.

Terral reported that the web site (www.transportcemetery.com) looks great and encouraged board members to check it out. We need photographs, old newsletters and listing of burials for the web site. Question raised as to cost of the web site which needs to be addressed with Sherri Schrat. NEWSLETTER: Thank you to Sherri Schrat for taking on this process.

Other information for NEWSLETTER discussed. Need to thank Will Edd Sanders and Paul Peters for their many years of dedicated service to the board. Articles/letters from board members were requested by mid-April to put in the newsletter. It was also suggested that we encourage individuals to make special bequests to the cemetery in the wills. Put special thanks for large donations to the cemetery.

New board members discussed. All three up for re-election (Gresham, Terral and Culpepper) are willing to continue to serve.

Terral mentioned the need for a road through the double gate of the cemetery to run from the front to the back. It would effectively divide the old and new parts of the cemetery. 4 x 9 plots need to be marked off in the new part. Board discussed doing same on a work day and possibly having Mr. Grace make the markers for us. Terral and Gresham will follow up on this and see if we could possibly have for the annual meeting.

The sign in down in Dodson and Gresham suggested getting Mt. Grace to help with resetting it.

Reminder that annual meeting in May 24.

Tolar made motion and Carpenter seconded for meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Teresa Culpepper Carroll
Secretary/treasurer