

LINCOLN HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION
NEVADA CHAPTER MEETING
RENO, NEVADA,
January 30, 2016

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Cindy Ainsworth, President/State Director
Vacant, Vice President
Tom Davis, Treasurer
Connie Davis, Secretary

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Berg	Mike Miller
Julia Berg	Mike Mooney
Jim Bonar	Chester Ross
Philip Earl	Lee Schegg
Chad Hicks	Brian Suen
Anita Hicks	

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING REMARKS

Cindy Ainsworth, President, Lincoln Highway Association (LHA), Nevada Chapter, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. at Louis' Basque Corner, 301 E. 4th Street, Reno, Nevada.

Ms. Ainsworth expressed her thanks to the following members of the Chapter:

- a. the Mogul bridge railing repair and cleanup volunteers and Brian Suen, who organized and led the work party
- b. Warren White for the *Byways Newsletter*, which he agreed to produce quarterly – if members had information they wanted to include in the *Byways Newsletter*, it could be submitted to Ms. Ainsworth or directly to Warren White. The information would also be submitted to the National LHA on behalf of the Nevada Chapter.
- c. Tom Davis for handling the purchase of a 1928 Lincoln Highway concrete marker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MR. BONAR MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 18, 2015, MEETING MINUTES.

MR. SUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Prior to moving to the next agenda item, Mr. Bonar discussed the \$2,500 grant funding the Chapter received in 2008 from Foundation 36, which grants funds to nonprofit organizations dedicated to purposes of historic preservation and education. Mr. Bonar advised the grant was to be used to construct a replica of a LH concrete marker. Although he constructed a prototype, the production of additional LH markers “fell through.” Mr. Bonar suggested that the Chapter designate the \$1,300 used to purchase the recently acquired concrete marker as having come from the original grant funding, which would allow the Chapter to fulfill its mission to use the grant funds for purposes of historic preservation. The Chapter secretary was asked and agreed to send a letter to Foundation 36 informing them of the purchase of the marker using its funds.

MR. DAVIS MOVED TO DESIGNATE MONEY SPENT FOR THE
CONCRETE LH MARKER AS HAVING COME FROM
FOUNDATION 36 GRANT FUNDING IN 2008.

MS. BERG SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT

Tom Davis, Treasurer, read the Treasurer’s report, the ending balance of which amounted to \$5,430.56 after the purchase of the \$1,300 LH marker.

MR. BONAR MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRESURER’S
REPORT.

MR. MILLER SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NEVADA LH NEWS, EVENTS, PROJECTS

Mr. Suen discussed a meeting of the National Board of Directors in October 2015 where a discussion ensued concerning a proposal by a group called the George A. Wyman Memorial Project. The proposal asked for support from Local LH Chapters to erect markers commemorating George A. Wyman’s motorcycle rides across the country in 1902 and 1903.

Mr. Earl, a local Reno historian in attendance at the meeting, pointed out that Mr. Wyman rode only a portion of what would eventually become the Lincoln Highway in Nevada, between Donner Summit and Wadsworth. According to Mr. Earl, George Wyman’s route followed the Humboldt River route of the Emigrant Trail.

Mr. Suen advised that the National Board asked if there was any interest in supporting the George A. Wyman Memorial Project's proposal.

Ms. Berg expressed support for the proposal, but she said she would not support using Lincoln Highway markers for the Project's signage.

Ms. Ainsworth asked Mr. Suen to investigate whether the California Chapter intended to become involved with the Wyman Project.

Mr. Suen agreed to obtain additional information.

Mr. Schegg discussed his long-term goal to trace the Lincoln Highway across the Stampede Valley Reservoir at a time when the water level was low enough to allow him to do so. On November 14, 2015, and the last day the water level was low enough to allow access, he was able to trace the path of the Highway. Mr. Schegg passed around handouts that included GPS coordinates and photos of the site, and he said intended to write an article on the subject in the near future and perhaps provide a program presentation to the Chapter.

Ms. Ainsworth discussed the idea of placing a marker on the new Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway, which, she said, in some locations followed the Lincoln Highway.

Mr. Schegg asked whether the bike path builders intended to place interpretive panels along the trail.

Ms. Ainsworth said that she thought the builders did want to place interpretive panels on the bikeway.

Mr. Schegg commented that there was presently a bike trail from downtown Truckee to Glenshire that would eventually become a part of the project. Additionally, Mr. Schegg advised that there were currently interpretive panels in place on the Truckee-Glenshire section, one of which addressed the Lincoln Highway.

Ms. Berg advised that the Tahoe Pyramid Bikeway nearly two-thirds of the project had been completed although some land acquisition was still required.

Mr. Suen announced that he had been working with a member of the LH Chapter in Ohio concerning the annual LH Conference to be held in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in 2016. Mr. Suen had been assisting the Ohio Chapter in developing a list of sponsors for the various activities that would take place at the Conference as well as gathering materials for the Conference attendees' tote bags. Additional information, he said, would be provided in forthcoming issues of the *Forum*.

VOTE TO APPROVE JULIA BERG AS DIRECTOR AT LARGE

Ms. Ainsworth expressed her appreciation to Ms. Berg for volunteering to assume the post of Director at Large and asked for a motion for approval. A volunteer, she said, was still needed for the Vice President position.

Mr. Bonar asked for information on the role of the Director At Large.

Ms. Ainsworth responded that the position acted in much the same way as the Vice President.

Ms. Berg advised that she volunteered to serve as Director At Large because at a previous meeting there were not enough Board members present to vote on an important item.

MR. DAVIS MOVED TO APPROVE MS. BERG AS DIRECTOR AT LARGE

MR. BONAR SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Ainsworth advised that she had previously emailed a copy of the bylaws to Chapter members and suggested a review to remove verbiage no longer needed.

DISCUSS 2016 PROGRAMMING AND MEETINGS

Ms. Ainsworth advised of a tentative 2016 schedule for programming and meetings.

A program was scheduled for May 7, 2016, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center. The program would include a presentation by Julia Berg on a trip she and her husband took from Detroit to San Francisco in their 1956 Chevrolet keeping as much as possible to the 1915 route of the Lincoln Highway.

Ms. Ainsworth advised that a meeting was planned for July and a program in November, and dates and topics would be provided to the Chapter members at a later date.

DISCUSS 2016 ROAD TOURS

In response to Ms. Ainsworth's request for a volunteer to organize a tour, Mr. Suen said he would volunteer to assist a tour planner.

Mr. Bonar suggested a future tour tracing the route of the Lincoln Highway through Sparks, Nevada.

Mr. Mooney suggested a Dog Valley Tour, which sparked the interest of members of the Chapter.

Ms. Berg advised that she had a book entitled, *The Lincoln Highway in Nevada, Volume V*, by Greg Franzwa and Jesse Petersen. The book contained maps of Dog Valley, which she would provide to assist in planning the tour; however, Mr. Mooney said that he also had a copy of the book.

Mr. Bonar advised that the Nevada maps had been updated since the publication of the Franzwa-Petersen book, and those maps could be accessed on the National Lincoln Highway website.

A suggestion was also made to contact Paul Gilger of the LH California Chapter and the Chair of the Lincoln Highway Association National Mapping Committee.

Mr. Mooney and Mr. Hicks volunteered to research and plan the Dog Valley Tour and would be assisted by Mr. Suen. Discussion tended to favor late September as a target date for the tour.

Ms. Ainsworth asked to be “kept in the loop” concerning the planning process so that she could send information regarding the tour to Chapter members.

DISCUSS POSSIBLE LOCATION FOR THE LH MARKER

Ms. Ainsworth announced that the concrete LH marker had been purchased and could be viewed by the members since it currently resided in the bed of Mr. Davis’ pickup truck.

Mr. Davis advised that the anecdotal story concerning the marker was that it came from a group of markers in central Nevada that had not been erected by the Boy Scouts in 1928. Much later, he said, a farmer purchased the collection to use as fence posts after turning them upside down. Mr. Davis advised that the medallion on the purchased marker had been slightly scuffed, most likely, in attempts to move it. Additionally, Mr. Davis said the marker had age-related cracks, and, for that reason, every care should be taken in moving and transporting it. Mr. Davis explained that the marker posts came with an impressed line indicating the depth at which to bury the post.

Julia and Jim Berg volunteered their garage to store the marker until the Chapter decided where it should be placed. Additionally, Mr. Berg volunteered to construct an oblong box in which to store the marker until it could be moved to its permanent home.

In a discussion concerning whether to permanently place the marker inside a museum or outdoors, Mr. Suen discouraged placing the marker outdoors because of the possibility of theft or vandalism.

Mr. Bonar suggested offering to permanently place the marker at the Nevada Historical Society (NHS) provided they would agree to display it indoors. Mr. Bonar further stated that his suggestion was based on the fact that the NHS currently only had the head of a marker on loan from Neal Cobb, a local Reno historian.

Mr. Schegg asked whether a majority vote had been taken concerning the acquisition and whether the vote was contingent on the marker being placed inside a museum.

Ms. Ainsworth advised that the placement of the marker was not decided upon at the time of the acquisition.

Mr. Schegg suggested going off the record for a few minutes to look at the marker, which was in the bed of Mr. Davis' pickup truck in a nearby parking lot.

After returning from viewing the marker, Ms. Ainsworth suggested meeting with officials of the National Automobile Museum to determine whether they would be interested in displaying the marker indoors.

Mr. Bonar commented that the National Automobile Museum administrators did not appear, in his opinion, to hold the Nevada Chapter of the Lincoln Highway Association in high regard. He, therefore, suggested that the Automobile Museum might not be the best place for the marker.

Ms. Ainsworth advised that the Chapter should retain ownership of as well as maintenance of the marker, although it would be on perpetual loan to the recipient entity, subject to a vote by the membership.

Mr. Suen suggested considering a number of entities for placement of the marker rather than just the National Automobile Museum and the Nevada Historical Society.

Mr. Davis suggested a motion would be in order to place the marker indoors.

MR. DAVIS MOVED APPROVAL TO PLACE THE CONCRETE
LH MARKER INSIDE A YET-TO-BE- DETERMINED MUSEUM.

MR. SUEN SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

MR. SUEN MOVED APPROVAL TO INVESTIGATE ALL
POSSIBLE RECIPIENTS THAT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
WORKING WITH THE CHAPTER ON PLACEMENT OF THE
MARKER.

MR. ROSS SECONDED THE MOTION.

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Following the vote, Ms. Ainsworth noted that the Chapter should choose a recipient entity that would agree to both accept and display the marker.

After discussion concerning various recipient entities, it was pointed out that the Museums in Fallon, Sparks, Carson City, and a location near the Museum in Eureka already had complete markers.

Ms. Ainsworth commented that if the marker was placed on display at the National Automobile Museum, it should be in conjunction with another exhibit, such as its 1921 Model T “kampkar.”

Mr. Davis suggested a motion would be in order to reimburse Mr. Berg who volunteered to construct a storage box to hold the marker until it could be placed on display.

Mr. Berg offered to donate the cost of the materials.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Berg agreed to work together during the following month on transporting and storing the marker on Mr. Berg’s property in Reno.

Ms. Ainsworth reported reading a blog on the National LH website about the availability of another marker located on Mayberry Drive in Reno, which she said she would further investigate.

DISCUSS MOGUL LH BRIDGE OVERLOOK

Ms. Ainsworth reported that several Chapter members had visited the Mogul site since the last cleanup, and the guard poles, which protect the bridge abutments, had already been damaged. Dates for additional cleanup and repair were discussed. As there were no dates decided on, Ms. Ainsworth said she would advise members of possible cleanup dates later in the year.

Replacement of the interpretive sign at the Mogul site was the next item discussed.

Ms. Ainsworth reported that a 36” x 24” interpretive sign she had inquired about would be manufactured in New York and cost approximately \$3,000 including delivery. The sign, she said, came with a ten-year guarantee.

Mr. Bonar objected to the \$3,000 cost and the placing of such an expensive sign at the Mogul site, which he pointed out was used as a rest stop mostly by truckers and to a lesser degree by the general public. He implied that since the site was not monitored, the potential for vandalism was high.

Ms. Ainsworth advised that she would investigate the possibility of a more reasonably priced sign.

Mr. Bonar discussed having the Chapter adopt a corner of the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center and provide them with an exhibit for display.

Ms. Berg asked whether the Sparks Museum was in favor of the Chapter adopting a corner of the Museum, and Mr. Bonar responded that they were.

An ad hoc committee that included Mr. Bonar (Chair), Anita and Chad Hicks, Mike Mooney, and Julia Berg was formed to work on adoption of a corner of the Sparks Museum and the potential display. Note: The existence of the ad hoc committee and the arrangement with the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center was not voted upon during the January 30, 2016, meeting and would need to be formalized at a future meeting.

Additionally, Mr. Bonar advocated for Chapter members to become members of the Sparks Museum and Cultural Center.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting was scheduled for July; however, the date was not decided on. Ms. Ainsworth would advise the members of the date.

ADJOURNMENT

MR. BONAR MOVED TO ADJOURN.

MR. SUEN SECONDED THE MOTION

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Davis, Secretary
Nevada Chapter LHA