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President's Message

By Rob Dotson

The national association has requested of our chapter to nominate someone for the position of secretary of the National Association. Can you pass this notice onto the members to see if someone is able and willing. The duties would be:

1. Attend all board meetings. We generally meet in January (somewhere fairly central to the trail) and again in June in conjunction with the annual conference. Board meetings usually take place on a Friday and Saturday, allowing for some field trips or other general socializing.
2. Preparation and distribution of the agenda by email with input from the rest of the board members.
3. Take minutes at all national board meetings. Also take minutes at the general membership meeting following the annual symposium in June. Minutes may be taped for later transcription. Final minutes are emailed to the board members and chapter presidents.
4. Email votes. Occasionally during the year between board meetings the President authorizes a board vote on a motion. This request for an email vote is prepared, distributed, received and counted by the secretary.
5. Maintain a notebook of all past board meeting minutes. Also keep the signed original of the bylaws and other official records of the organization. The secretary also keeps the corporate seal, which is applied to the original copy of the minutes.
6. Computer requirements: Proficiency with computer with word processing ability; printer; email capability. A portable copier is provided for bringing to the board meetings.

Thanks, Rob Dotson

Meeting Schedule

Meetings are generally held at 7PM on the second Wednesday of each month in the Enoch City Office Building, 900 East Midvalley Road, Enoch, UT. The next meeting will be on 13 December.

In addition, the chapter plans regular fieldtrips to Old Spanish Trail sites. These field trips will be announced at the chapter meetings, local newspapers, and this website. See the chapter website for dates and times.

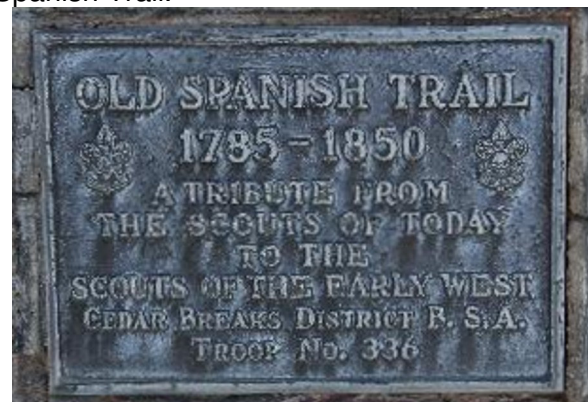
November Meeting Report

Chapter meeting agenda included planning of a field trip to be held on 18 November.

November Field Trip Report

By Blaine Nay

We met at the Rock Church in Cedar City. Al Matheson led a caravan of members to several historical sites in the Enoch, Utah area. Sites visited included a visit to the site of Johnson's Springs which was an important layover point on the Old Spanish Trail. We then visited a monument erected by Boy Scout Troop 336 on Enoch Road in 1936 to commemorate the Old Spanish Trail.





A short distance west of the monument, we stopped at the site of the old foundry where our pioneer ancestors fashioned locally-produced iron into tools. The foundry's blast furnace was made from a steam boiler that had burst.



Blast Furnace

Our guide then led the caravan northwest of Enoch to a site with caves and many ancient petroglyphs chiseled into the volcanic rock.



Shelby and Blaine

The patina of the petroglyphs showed various stages of weathering indicating that this site had been in use by former inhabitants for perhaps thousands of years.



6-toed Bear Paw

Some petroglyphs are off by themselves while others are part of panels a dozen feet high.

Some members of the group wished we had a time machine so we could go back and talk to the artists who left their marks here. How did they live? What do these symbols mean? Why was this site so special? Nobody alive today knows.





The caves all showed evidence of having been lived in. The ceilings are still stained with soot from cooking and warming fires.



We look forward to our next field trip. We invite all who are interested in the history of this part of the Old Spanish Trail to join us.