

Grand Canyon Historical Society, Inc.

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Time to Renew

Membership is on an annual basis with dues payable on the 1st of January. **A Membership Renewal Notice is included with this Bulletin.** Please return it at your earliest convenience. You can also renew and/or donate to the scholarship fund via PayPal using the link at:

<http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/membership.html>

Board Election Results

GCHS members have elected four new/continuing board members. They are: **Howard Asaki** (2nd term), **Karen Greig** (2nd term), **Beth Hickey**, and **Carol Naille** (2nd term). Congratulations!

Board Officers are:

President – Wayne Ranney

Vice President - John Azar

Secretary - Tom Martin

Treasurer – Amy Horn

Hall of Fame Award/Scholarship - Al Richmond

Pioneer Award Chair – Lee Albertson

Outings Chair – Erik Berg

Continuing board members not previously mentioned are:

Ellen Brennan, Kathy Farretta and Keith Green. Special thanks go to Erik and Keith for their service on the Board!

And thank you outgoing board members **Mona McCroskey and Paul Schnur.** Thank you Paul for so ably maintaining the membership list.

Strategic Planning Session Feb 1st

On February 1, 2013 your Board will meet in Sedona to conduct a Strategic Planning Session to address the direction of the Society for the next couple of years. Topics will include the future of the outings program and/or a lecture series; discussion of how to publish the 3rd Symposium volume (whether by On Demand print or the old fashioned way with printing); ideas on how to generate more articles for the *Ol' Pioneer* and *The Bulletin*; and, the possible initiation of a GCHS Oral History Project. The meeting will commence at 9:30 AM and conclude by the end of the day. Lee Albertson will be staying that week at a local Sedona resort and has agreed to serve as host for the meeting. If you have any other topic you would like the Board to address, please write to GCHS President Wayne Ranney at wayneranney@earthlink.net.

GCHS Annual Board Meeting Minutes

The Grand Canyon Historical Society Annual Board Meeting was held Saturday, Nov 17, 2012, 9:30AM to 12:30PM at the East Flagstaff Public Library.

Attendees: Erik Berg, Keith Green, Amy Horn, Don Lago, Tom Martin, Mary Williams, Beth Hickey, Lee Albertson, Richard

Quartaroli, Carol Naille, Paul Schnur, Wayne Ranney, Hazel Clark, Ellen Brennan, Howard Asaki, and Kathy Farretta

Welcome and Introduction - (Erik)

Treasurer's Report - (Keith) Motion to approve treasurer's report, Amy moved, Eric seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Scholarship Status Update - Discussion on scholarships:

There was discussion that the scholarship award is limited to graduate students only. There is broad consensus that a "research grant" could also be allowed, to include anyone doing research on Grand Canyon history. Tom will let Suzan Pearce and Lori Rommel at the GC school know about this.

Motion: Scholarship Awards will now include one research grant and one scholarship grant, with potential to roll one to the other depending on applications received, for \$1,500 each. Winners of the award will receive the second half of the Research award after completion of a written article for the *Ol' Pioneer*. Scholarship awards will require a written article for the *Ol' Pioneer* from the person awarded the scholarship at the end of the school year or a presentation at a GCHS outing. Amy moved, Wayne seconded. Motion carried unanimously. Al Richmond is the Chair of this committee,

Membership Update - Paul noted that we were up 30 folks over last year, and that 10 members dropped out. Amy suggested using Mail Chimp for renewal reminders. Paul requested to step down as membership chair, and Amy agreed to add the membership duties back into the treasurer's duties (membership had been included in the treasurer's duties until recently) . Hazel suggested someone might like to write an article for the GC News, which could include an update on the scholarship and research grant, and Keith volunteered to draft that.

Bulletin Status Update - Keith moved for a \$150 stipend to both Diane Cassidy for web work and Karen Greig for Bulletin work, Eric seconded, motion carried unanimously. Discussion also touched on including color photos in the PDF Bulletin and how nice it is to have color photos there. Mention was made that the printed Bulletin has B&W only photos, and folks were fine with that.

Ol' Pioneer Status Update - Mary noted that there is lots of content available, and discussion included continued need to look for diversity. There was general consensus to continue with 12 pages increasing to 16 pages twice a year. Earle Spamer has supplied a lot of content and is willing to cover the additional printing costs to cover an article he would like to submit. Topics of articles include everything anyone sends, Don Lago's work, book reviews, human interest stories (one pager with a photo), Paul recommends we consider reprinting favorite articles (from Journal of AZ History) might be a good idea to note recent articles in other journals. Wayne asked about color on front sheet, and Keith noted this would increase cost by \$300 per

issue. Discussion of changing *Ol' Pioneer* name to *Grand Canyon Pioneer*. Discussion about including new logo in banner, and slowly transition to new design. Mary Williams agreed to investigate price differences for color frontpage/backsheet, plus come up with new name/masthead ideas/transition options to be reported back to the Board.

Website Status Update - It was noted that the website had 100 visits/day in 2012, doubled hits each year, design has been updated and it looks good.

Facebook/Awards Update - Amy noted there are 287 fans on Facebook, getting good engagement (Likes, comments). All Board members and Society members are encouraged to submit items for the Facebook page - or post items directly.

Symposium Proceedings Update - Richard Q. noted that indexing and proofing is happening now Discussion included note that print on demand needs final pdf once it is done. There was discussion about the possibility of doing a small print run or full print run (2,000). Beth suggests we send the manuscript draft to GCA quickly to see if we can get NPS approval. Beth/Q will ask GCA if they are willing to publish/print, warehouse, order fulfill and sell the book, OR have GCA warehouse, order fulfill and sell the book. Lee mentioned the Department of Corrections in Tucson might be able to help with printing. Tom noted he will be in Tucson next week and asked Lee for that contact so he could try to visit with these folks. Tom noted he will also pull together quotes from printers to publish the manuscript, and will put together a Vishnu Temple Press bid to produce, warehouse, order fulfill and sell the book, and get quote for print on demand. Richard reviews who should get courtesy copies of the proceedings.

Motion to have Richard use the list he has pulled together, after clearance from the GCHS board, so that GCHS can send courtesy copies to folks he has identified, and will include a cover letter encouraging recipients to consider joining GCHS and encourage purchase of additional books. Tom motions, Amy seconds, motion carries unanimously

Board Election Results - Tom received 42 ballots for board members for the 2013-2015 time period. All 4 candidates have so far received 100% approval in all 42 ballots, with a unanimous win to Howard Asaki, Karen Greig, Beth Hickey and Carol Naille.

Election of Officers - The following slate of officers was drawn up:

President: Wayne Ranney

Vice-President: John Azar

Treasurer: Amy Horn (with assist from Beth Hickey & Erik Berg

Secretary: Tom Martin

Outings Chair: Erik Berg

Discussion of Board Insurance to cover outings/symposium, and Beth and Amy will look into this. Tom reminds folks to look out for other board members. Awards Committee: Lee will continue to do the Pioneer Award. Erik moved for Lee to be the Pioneer Award coordinator, Paul seconded, motion carried unanimously.

Society plans for 2013 - There was discussion and agreement about having a Board meeting for strategic planning in early 2013. There was also discussion of the need look at future major funding needs and how we will document those

things. Erik suggested a possible phone meeting on this, and Amy said she would help, as did Beth. Wayne will put up a Doodle poll for dates for the strategic planning session, and for a second Board meeting to possibly take place in conjunction with the annual picnic.

Amy discussed Story Corps at South Rim with GCHS involvement – possibly in February 2013.

Erik moved to adjourn, Keith seconded, and motion carried.

Submitted by Tom Martin

Book Review: “Big Water, Little Boats”

Big Water, Little Boats: Moulty Fulmer and the First Grand Canyon Dory on the Last of the Wild Colorado River By Tom Martin.

Late fall is the time when commercial river trips wind down and pull their boats out of the river. So, what better time to enjoy a river trip from the comfort of your couch at home. I found this book is the perfect way to do it. Tom has done a truly superb job of spotlighting this pivotal time in river history from post World War II until the doors of doom closed on Glen Canyon. Capturing a time that can never be recreated, it helped Tom’s cause to have such a large cast of characters of river running pioneers to write about. Reading like a Who’s Who of Early River Runners, it includes Nevills, Marston, Loper, White, Litton, Mortenson and Reilly. What a wild bunch were those early river runners! (Hmmm – perhaps not that much has actually changed in the river community today!) Throwing a wide net, Tom shows connections to river history with Walt Disney, Harry Aleson, Dave Rust and Barry Goldwater. But, this story is about Moulty Fulmer, and his penchant for building his own boats and running big water. The first boat he built looked like a barely floating brick. Tom dug deep, finding out such river history trivia as Norm Nevills building boats out of lumber salvaged from an outhouse and a cattle trough. And, how Moulty Fulmer brought the dory design of riverboat to Grand Canyon. Getting to read the complete story of the Esmeralda II – you just can’t make this stuff up. All that description of lining – for a minute there I had to be sure I wasn’t reading about the Powell expedition. In 1954, PT Reilly and Moulty nixed a river trip because the flow was only 9000cfs; geez, today that would be considered average flow. Choosing outstanding photos to accompany these amazing tales was surely a labor of love for Tom, as this collection is phenomenal. The armrest gripping part of the book is the retelling of the incredible 1957 flood with a cfs flow of 126,000. Imagine the ride going from Lees Ferry to the Navajo Bridge in only 20 minutes! For those of us who have only witnessed the 1983 flood, it is staggering to think of the muscular power of water at that high of a flow. Besides recounting the tales, Tom also produced good writing, such as a great description of Lava Falls at its gnarly best, and this thought for musing: “Desire and motivation are the key to success in a lot of life.” I hope reading this snippet will give you the desire and motivation to pick up this excellent book.

By Nancy Rivest Green

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Membership Renewal

Membership in the Society is open to any person interested in the historical, educational, and charitable purposes of the Society. Membership is on an annual basis using the standard calendar; and dues are payable on the 1st of January of each year.

PayPal renewal option. Renew/donate at the GCHS home page <http://www.grandcanyonhistory.org/membership.html>

To renew by mail please complete this form and your check for the Membership amount plus any additional donation you wish to contribute.

Mail your check and this form to:

Grand Canyon Historical Society, P.O. Box 31405, Flagstaff AZ 86003-1405

Thank you!

- Yes, I want to renew my **MEMBERSHIP** in the Grand Canyon Historical Society at the current dues of: \$25
- Yes, I want to make a donation toward the **ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND** to help a graduate student at Northern Arizona University in his/her research of the Grand Canyon area. \$ _____
- Total enclosed to be used as indicated above: \$ _____
- Continue sending me a print copy of GCHS *Bulletin* (If not checked, email is the default. *Ol' Pioneer* will continue in print.)

NAME		EMAIL ADDRESS	
MAILING ADDRESS			
CITY		STATE	ZIP

Note: If you became a new member of GCHS after July 1, 2012, you are paid through December 2013.

Renew today by mail or PayPal

Remember, your photos and stories of your Grand Canyon experience are always welcome for publication in the *Ol' Pioneer*.

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Membership Benefits:

- Annual subscription to the triannual magazine *The Ol' Pioneer!*
- Annual subscription to the newsletter *The Bulletin*.
- Free admission to all GCHS programs and outings, including an annual picnic on the edge of the Canyon.
- Participation in the annual GCHS membership meeting and the election of Board Members

Scholarship:

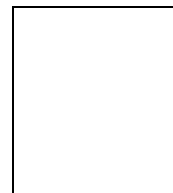
The Grand Canyon Historical Society's scholarship supports research that involves history, historic or environmental preservation in the Grand Canyon region.

Any Northern Arizona University graduate student doing work in the above fields of research is eligible. Eligible projects include any work that results in original research concerning historical individuals, events, sites, organizations, businesses or environmental issues in the Grand Canyon region; or any work that results in original research that supports or leads to historical preservation of any historical site, photographs, documents, or diaries with origins in the Grand Canyon region.

Papers and/or items submitted resulting from the research becomes a part of the GCHS Collection in the Special Collections and Archives at NAU's Cline Library for use by anyone doing research in those subjects involving the Grand Canyon region.

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Submit Your Stories for OI' Pioneer

The *OI' Pioneer* is the Society's magazine featuring stories, photos, and letters of historical relevance to the Grand Canyon. Submit your stories, photos, etc to the editor, Mary Williams at:

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Outings/Programs: If you have a suggestion for a future outing/program or a question about an upcoming event, contact the **Outings Coordinator** Erik Berg at coberg@cox.net.

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