

**MONUMENT RESTORATION COMMITTEE (MRC) MINUTES - SPRINGDALE CEMETERY**  
**August 24, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chair Bob Meals called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Jeanette Hillyer, Al Andrews, Bob Meals, Jon Austin, Carolyn Kraft, George Kottemann, and Jack Gove arrived at 12:20 P.M.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Minutes of the August 3, 2010, were corrected as follows:

- Page 1, fourth paragraph, third line: June 17 should be June 18.
- Pages 1, 2 and 3: Mr. Kottemann's name was changed to Dr. Kottemann.
- Seventh paragraph, tenth line, after roll call: add Mr. Meals no, Mr. Gove no, Ms. Kraft no, Dr. Kottemann no; Ms. Hillyer yes, Mr. Austin yes, Mr. Andrews, yes.
- Eleventh line, after roll call: add Mr. Meals yes, Mr. Gove yes, Ms. Kraft yes, Dr. Kottemann yes; Ms. Hillyer no, Mr. Austin no, Mr. Andrews no.
- Twelfth paragraph: delete the last two sentences.

Dr. Kottemann motioned and Ms. Hillyer seconded that the August 3, 2010 be approved as corrected. Passed.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:**

Chairman's Report: Financial Report - Chair Gove reported that no additional funds were spent since the last meeting, so the total spent from the 2010 Budget remained at \$5,382.96, which leaves a balance of \$58,167.04.

Committee on Bases and Foundations: Report on proposed new specifications for bases and foundations (Al Andrews) - Mr. Andrews handed out a chart showing the many variables and said that the "Engineering" and "Historic" columns need to be better defined.

By consensus, the MRC agreed to eliminate the columns "descriptions to be developed" and "description to be"; add a category "S" that would stand for "Being Studied"; then all "?" would be changed to "S." The group thought after voting on this chart at the next MRC meeting, it would be presented to the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation (SHPF) and Springdale Cemetery Management Association (SCMA) for their consideration and adoption.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Status of the storage shed: Mr. Meals said that a meeting had been scheduled to include himself, Mr. Austin and Mr. Riggerbach, but Mr. Riggerbach cancelled it and has not rescheduled it. Mr. Austin agreed to follow up with Mr. Riggerbach to see if this project can get moving again. Mr. Gove noted that at the August 17, 2010 Board Meeting, the SCMA had voted to approve the offer from the SHPF to not have to pay any of the cost of the storage shed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Where does the MRC go from here?: Mr. Gove mentioned that the SCMA voted not to accept the Plan to Resume Restoration at their August 17, 2010 Board meeting and the Sunderland Tool Co. proposal was not acted upon.

Ms. Hillyer started the conversation by saying—No Program—No MRC. Mr. Andrews said the MRC should offer assistance to Mr. Austin as he develops his restoration program.

Dr. Kottemann said he came on the SCMA and MRC because he was interested in seeing Springdale Cemetery get restored and that he knew the expert consultant who was the Program Manager - Nita Sunderland. He went on to say that he was planning to resign from the SCMA effective September 15, 2010, for three reasons:

- 1) Nita is no longer welcome to do restoration.
- 2) When Mr. Rotherham steps down as Chairman of the SCMA, he does not want to become the SCMA Chairman.
- 3) Personal reasons.

Mr. Gove complimented Dr. Kottemann for his willingness to help with the restoration process, his ability and willingness to speak his mind, and for his ideas to improve the restoration of Springdale.

Mr. Austin said the cemetery has a clear charter to do restoration, and that he could see the possibility of a restoration committee. Mr. Meals said that in the beginning, the MRC was giving the directions on restoration. At the last MRC meeting, Ms. Polk said that the MRC is a committee of the SCMA, and they have to approve all of the action of the MRC. Ms. Hillyer said that is correct. Mr. Gove said when the MRC was reformed mid-last year, the SHPF and the MRC understood it was a joint committee. Mr. Gove suggested we report the situation to our respective groups (SHPF and SCMA) at their next board meetings.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** The next scheduled meeting is for September 14, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. and would probably be cancelled because of no significant items need to be discussed. Then a meeting on September 28, 2010, at 12:00 P.M. would be scheduled.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Mr. Meals moved and Dr. Kottemann seconded the motion to adjourn; passed. The meeting adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Jack Gove, MRC Chair