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2019 PIKE ANNUAL MEETING

The PIKE NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETING was held at the BIGHORN LODGE, ROYAL GORGE BRIDGE AND PARK on May 18, 2019.



Ten folks were in attendance. We enjoyed the comments and company of 3 guests.

This year we added: Pledging Allegiance to our Flag and an Invocation.

We had reason to celebrate because President Trump's signed the Federal Feasibility Study legislation into law March 12, 2019. This moves us closer to accomplishing one of our missions- the Establishment of the Pike National Historic Trail as the 20th National Historic Trail.

The Officer, Board, Advisors and State Coordinators Slate was unanimously agreed upon. Clifford Pike (Life member) was elected as 'Communications Director' and at the end of the meeting PNHTA Chaplin.

Holly Nelson, our Website designer, was given honorary life membership and given a budget along with a list of desired work on the website and other projects.

We are now engaged with the National Park Service - Long Distance Trails in Santa Fe, NM on the Feasibility Study for the Pike National Historic Trail. Work begins in earnest in October.

Brian Pike, our membership chairman, announced that we now have 12 life members. He also noted that the Feasibility Study Celebration dinner last night in Cañon City and our offer to reimburse for lodging was successfully enjoyed by the attendees. The Bighorn Lodge was full together with part of a motel.

Organizational responsibilities were discussed in length.

The newly appointed Membership Committee Chairman is Brian Pike. Committee members are Holly Nelson, Harv, Clifford Pike, Joanne Pike, Stacey Pike and Mike Bandera.

The newly appointed Communications Committee include Clifford Pike (Director), Linda Balough, Holly Nelson and Mike Bandera. This committee will begin work on press releases.

The Marketing Committee are Ed French, chairperson, Mike Bandera, Linda Balough and Erwin Young.

Harv is working with the Federal government on the Feasibility Study.

Stacey Pike will update our Facebook Page and if necessary begin a new Facebook page.

Ed French completed the Pike painting "Republican Pawnee Council" earlier this year, has just completed "Pike's Men Cotopaxi" and is currently completing "St. Anthony Falls MN." He intends to produce a total of 35 original paintings in the next 2.5 years.

We discussed incentives for folks to join as members. The word "free" is rather an incentive, an appreciation from us for joining. The incentives for each membership level was discussed briefly.

Budgetary motions were made authorizing spending money in various areas. —Included was an incentive map entitled "I Hiked the Pike"— now in design. We would enjoy people hiking, biking, driving their car (or jeep) where Pike was. This piece has three maps of the segments of Pike's life and meant for people to record their memories of their Pike trips. It is 18" x 27.5" printed paper item which folds up to fit in a glove compartment & meant to allow people to record their memories of visiting various Pike sites- to see what Pike and his men saw.

A word of caution to us— It was asserted that we should continue to look back to the mission of the organization and be careful to stay within the parameters of the mission. The mission being: **Establish a National Trail.** This includes-

- Successfully completing the Feasibility Study
- Getting information out to the National Park Service
- Not building a retail operation
- Not sure we need to be a marketing organization

General discussion about not losing sight of the mission followed. **All felt this is very important.**

The meeting was very productive.

PRESS RELEASE: Pike National Historic Trail Association

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New Milestone Reached in National Designation of Zebulon Pike National Historic Trail.

The National Park Service has been authorized by Congress and President Trump to begin a feasibility study as a first step toward an official designation of the early 1800s explorations of the Zebulon Pike Expedition as a National Historic Trail.

An intrepid expedition led by young Lt. Zebulon Pike earned a place in the history of the western expansion of the United States beyond the Mississippi River. Following President Jefferson's acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, and as the Lewis and Clark Expedition set out to track the headwaters of the Missouri River, Pike and his party of 20 men explored, first the upper Mississippi River, and then lands and rivers of the Southwest portion of the Louisiana Purchase.

The 1805-6 exploration of the upper Mississippi River included the river borders of Missouri, Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin and Minnesota to the headwaters of the Mississippi, while the more ambitious 1806-7 Southwest Route included pressing into the heartland of the wild territories of the southwest and into Mexico. The party's adventures and travails were carefully recorded in Pike's Journals which have guided the non-profit Pike National Historic Trail Association's tracking the original route, leading to current maps along modern roads and trails that follow the group's travels, allowing for both auto and hiking/biking travelers to explore the same landscapes seen by the expedition.

The Pike National Historic Trail Association was formed in 2007 to help move the work of Pike into a more prominent place in popular understanding of the expansion of the West. While many local areas along the routes used by Pike and his men have erected monuments and memorials, the Association has been working to pull together the story and the importance of the Pike's work for educators, students, adventurers and history buffs from all over the world. The state legislators of Colorado have been at the forefront of recognition for the trail through that state and local, grassroots efforts to promote it have proven very successful. In Colorado, 15 of the 17 counties through which the trail passes have officially recognized the trail as a historic Pike Historic Trail in Colorado. ~~Historic Trail~~ as a way to work with the Pike National Historic Trail Association to assist with educational, promotional and recreational efforts.

To learn more about Zebulon Pike, his expeditions, his life and accomplishments go to the Association website, www.zebulonpike.org

LIFE MEMBERS We are reminded of those who support the Pike National Historic Trail Association with their membership and donations. It indeed would be difficult to accomplish our mission without the generous gifts from our members. We thank our thoughtful Life Members- John Patrick Michael Murphy, Harv Hisgen, Evelyn Hisgen (deceased), Marshall Pike, Brian Pike, Linda Balough, Kendall Pike- Kruse, Karsen Pike, Stacey Pike, Zebulon Montgomery Pike Jr. Salida (Honorary), Kathy McCoy (Honorary), and Holly Nelson (Honorary)

CORPORATE SPONSORS We are also grateful for the support of our Corporate Sponsors.



THE NEWEST ZEBULON MONTGOMERY PIKE PAINTINGS by Ed French

Ed French completed in late February (2019) "Republican Pawnee Council" (left) and on April 12th "Pike's Men Cotopaxi". (right)



The original paintings, canvas prints, posters and note cards will soon be available for purchase on our website- zebulonpike.org .

Ed has completed: 1. Pike's Christmas 1806, 2. "New Animal" Bighorn, 3. A Small Blue Cloud, 4. Glory, Battle at York, 5. Up Out of the Gorge, 6. Climbing Up Pike's Gulch- the Royal Ravine- Royal Gorge, Colorado, 7. Greetings from New Spain Conejos River Stockade June 2017, 8. Pikes Peak - Turning Back About Final - Mt. Rosa, 9. Stockade on the Arkansas (Cañon City), 10. Medano Pass- Sand Dunes, 11. Frozen feet after crossing Grape Creek, Wet Mtn. Val., CO, 12. Top of the Arkansas River- Mounts Elbert and Massive, 13. Hunting Camp on the Mississippi, 14. General Pike (4 portraits in pastel and acrylic are available), 15. Mississippi Headwaters- Notice to the British. The original painting, canvas prints, posters and note cards are now available on our website- zebulonpike.org for purchase.

They are well researched (most with site visits) and created to show what Pike and his men witnessed- for YOU.

Our Purpose: To Establish federal designation of the
Pike National Historic Trail

We are a Charitable nonprofit organization

Our website is www.zebulonpike.org

"Zebulon Pike was an American hero, a patriot who lived and died for his country." -Thomas Jefferson

Won't you join our Association also!

We need you to renew your membership or join for the first time. Click here for a membership form: <https://www.zebulonpike.org/product-category/pnht-association-materials/membership/> or complete and mail the membership form below.

Contact us: 303/816-7424 harv.pike@gmail.com Additional gifts are tax deductible.

Make checks payable to: Pike National Historic Trail Association

Mail membership and donation checks to:

Pike National Historic Trail Association, c/o Brian Pike, Membership Chair, 5357 Bristol; Arvada, CO 80002

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We are a tax exempt not-for profit Association under Section 501 (c) (3) IRC. Your contributions are deductible under section 170 of the Code.

Our Vision is **TO PROVIDE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PIKE AND CELEBRATE HIS MEMORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

Membership Form

Join Now! Please consider membership in our organization

<i>Level</i>	<i>Amt.</i>	<i>Level Name</i>	<i>Level</i>	<i>Amt.</i>	<i>Level Name</i>
Student	\$15	Corporal Jackson	Small Business	\$75	Robinson-Brown-Miller
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Family	\$35	Menaugh-Stout	Benefactor	\$500	Sparks-Daugherty
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I will be able to help with:

- The Pike Assoc. website
- Historic/heritage investigation
- Providing educational opportunities
- Producing educational materials

I /we will personally contact legislators for legislative support

I /we will write letters of legislative support

I/we would like to help in any way (Assoc. will contact)