MINUTES OF THE BENTON COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING, 8 Mar 2003

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a m. by President Danell Aukerman. About 38 members were present.

Minutes — Jim Russell:

The minutes of the general meeting of 8 Feb2003 were read and approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report - Gene Newcomb:

For February: Income

\$ 189.94

Expenses

\$ 224.66

Programs – Bill Gleaves:

Apr Lorna Scott

Native American (with emphasis on the Siletz tribe) genealogy

May

Genealogy Book Fair (No business meeting)

Jun

Picnic.

Hostess - Margaret Hayes:

All assignments have been made.

Librarian — Ken Bielman

Damaris Reynolds and Jean Grube volunteered to reorganize and inventory the vertical file. They are also reorganizing the periodicals file.

Library Schedule - Lee Rudisil wants to be replaced...

Publishing – Lee Gentemann

We will need to print more of our books for the Book Fair in May.

The Board needs to decide if we want to exchange books with other societies, rather than requiring money transactions.

Book Committee - Damaris Reynolds

No new actions, but we have information on some new books we will probably buy.

Queries – Maybelle Martsching:

Received a new query on Starr.

Membership - Tonya Rawie

We have about 127 members \\ipsi\psi

Newsletter - Terry Green

Nothing new.

Service Projects -

WPA: Nothing new.

The Pioneer Database is on the web, and is expanding.

GT Obituaries: Addendum 4 is ready to publish, but the number of addenda now may be clumsy to use.

Pedigree file: Still working, but nothing new to report.

Old Business -

In May we will have our Genealogy Book Fair. We will invite all the genealogical societies in the state. We will have all our publications on sale. We will not have a business meeting.

We hope to affiliate with the Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission & Trust. Donations to that organization, to the extent that they match donations to BCGS, will be deductible from the individual's **Oregon State income tax**, not the income. We will then apply to the Commission for a grant to help support our efforts to replace the 1890 census. Dave Kribs is following through with the necessary paper work.

The Society really should have liability insurance. Ken Bielman is gathering information.

New Business -

Announcements, etc. -

An on-line virtual conference on genealogy will be held on 10 Jun through 10 Jul 2003 at www.familyhistoryradio.com.

A newspaper item announced Genealogy, a fun hobby.

A new book is in the Corvallis Library: "In the Devil's Snare."

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

The next general meeting will be on 12 Apr 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary