

National Barn Alliance 2007 Annual Summary Report

Organization:

Brief History:

The organization was incorporated as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Kansas on January 5, 2006. Bylaws were adopted.

First years Board of Directors included: Sally Hatcher, (Leavenworth); Susie Haver, (Concordia); Roger Hubert, (Hoisington); Vickie Lieber, (Westmorland); Bob Marsh, (Ottawa); Dollie Mathes, (Harper); Joan Nothern, (Glasco); Marci Penner, (Inman), Kyle Peterson, (Beloit); Dennis Sangster, (Dodge City); Gary Satter, (Valley Falls) and Mike Schmidt, (Strong City).

The 2006 Officers were: Bob Marsh, president, Sally Hatcher, vice president, Vickie Lieber, treasurer, Dollie Mathes, secretary and Kyle Peterson, director-at-large.

P.O. Box 822, Manhattan, KS 66502 became our mailing address.

Program Focus:

Build the organization.

Conduct or encourage others to survey barns in the state.

Develop an inventory of significant barns in the state.

Program Alliances & Collaborators:

Working closely with the Historic Preservation Office of the Kansas State Historical Society. One of our Advisors is a staff member.

Kansas Sampler Foundation

Workshops & Tours:

A board member conducted a bus tour of barns in Wilson County area.

Summary of Events:

Took part in Statewide Preservation Conference in Lawrence with a presentation about the Alliance.

Had a booth at the Kansas Sampler Festival in Garden City.

Held Barn-a-Logue conference in Beloit in September. It was a 1-1/2 day event with dialogues about barns.

Publications:

None

Working for newsletter in 2007.

Other Activities & Publicity Methods:

Articles & ads in area specialty newspapers.

Attend & make presentations at conferences of organizations that could support our goals.

Presentation to local groups.

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State Funding or Grants

Kansas has a "Heritage Trust Fund" and preservation tax credits administered by the Kansas Historic Preservation Office. We are encouraging barn owners to consider those programs.

The Preservation Office is working for a rural/barn context study of Kansas by a qualified consultant. The KBA will work to further that effort.

Web Links:

A web site www.kansasbarnalliance.org is being updated and revised and should be online this summer.

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