

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2015

This month's meeting was held at Iola Living Oaks.

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler at approximately 5:30 pm.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Tom Fucik, Lee Halverson, Sharon Peterson and John Bertelson.

Absent: Greg Loescher and Stella Strand

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the January 26, 2015 meeting minutes: Tom, second by Lee. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

1. A few comments from Tom regarding the November 2014 budget meeting minutes were reviewed.
2. Lee had a few questions for Tom regarding the January financial report.
 - a. Lee asked about the cost of fundraising value. Tom explained that when a book is sold, the receipts are counted as a donation. There also is an inventory value that is decreased by \$5 for every book sold, which represents the cost in the report.
 - b. Lee asked about the cost of membership income. Tom stated that this represents primarily postage paid for the quarterly mailing of The Window, which presently is being covered by Cliff as an in-kind donation.
 - c. Lee asked about program expenses. Tom said that the amount for January represents the fee for the space at the Winter Carnival, where the Historical Society had a display.
3. Motion to approve the January 2015 financial reports: John, second by Lee. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. The decision to consolidate project accounts will be deferred until the March meeting.
2. The Speeder Display project will be discussed at the March meeting, including the decision to transfer \$1,000.
3. John distributed the first draft of revisions to the Historical Society Constitution. The board will review the documents prior to discussion at the March meeting.
4. Motion to bestow Honorary Life Membership for Chet Krause: Tom, second by Lee. All approved.
 - a. Since Chet is already a paid Life Member, discussion was held as to the amount of funds to transfer.
 - i. Motion to transfer \$100 from the general fund to the restricted accounts for the Honorary Life designation of Chet Krause instead of the normal \$200: Lee, second by Tom. All approved.
 - ii. This will be written into the By-Laws to cover similar future designations.
5. Revisions for the 2015 Events/Program Schedule were reviewed.
 - a. R.I. Anderson Exhibit special program Saturday May 9th. Charlie Thompson will make the presentation. This will also include the dedication for the Machine Shed.
 - b. The Strand Resource Center dedication will be held in conjunction with the Strawberry Fest on June 28th.
 - c. Robert Towne Collection dedication sometime in late July?
 - d. The Eleanor Roosevelt Impersonator will present at the Iola Mills on Saturday August 8th.
 - e. Iola Hospital/Sanatorium Historical Marker dedication in late August?
 - f. Potato Alley Historical Marker dedication in late September or early October, possibly a part of the Taste of Norway on October 3rd. Sharon has contacted family members who may be interested.
 - g. School House Hill Ski Jump Marker dedication in conjunction with the 55th Iola Winter Carnival in 2016. The Iola Winter Sports Club was founded on January 11, 1910, so it would be the 106th anniversary. Post will have to be set prior to the ground freezing.
 - h. Possible Saturday lecture programs
 - i. Need to contact Tom Roemer.
6. Tom has volunteered to be the primary Historical Society contact for the Village Dam Emergency Action Plan as well as for the building security system. Greg will be asked to be the secondary contact, with Cliff as the next contact.

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7. Cliff and Lee have moved some of the for-sale books to the Resource Center. Some titles have not sold for awhile, so Cliff suggested the possibility of offering discounted sales to members when they renew their memberships. Tom thought it would be helpful to create a retail or souvenir program for the book sales. He will ask Doug for help.
8. President Mishler will make a personal donation in the name of the Historical Society to the local Boy Scouts to help with expenses of Scouts attending Philmont Ranch.
 - a. Tom suggested that the Historical Society also offer a booth or other fundraising opportunity for the Scouts at one of our events.
9. The Historical Society received an e-mail from a person in Georgia who had a chest of letters, photos, cards, etc. from the family of Dorothy Swenson that they wanted to get rid of. The only cost would be for shipping. Both Lee and Sharon are familiar with the family and think it would be valuable information for the Historical Society. Lee will pursue the offer.

6:25 pm adjourn.

The presentation of the Honorary Life Membership certificate to Chet Krause was made by President Mishler.

Lee Halverson presented the evening program of "A History of Northland, Wisconsin", by Florence Oligney. It was information recently obtained from Judy Morey, which Lee was able to incorporate into a slide presentation. Northland is one of the towns featured in the book Ghost Towns of Waupaca County. Lee put together twenty-five photos for the presentation. A copy of Florence's write-up is attached to the minutes.

General Meeting Minutes, February 23, 2015

Call to order by President Cliff Mishler @7:15pm. There were forty people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

- Motion to approve the January meeting minutes: Sharon Peterson, second by Roger Nassen. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Motion to accept the January reports: Sue Halverson, second by Terry Doll. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. Cliff mentioned the revisions to the Constitution will be reviewed by the board in March. Once finalized, copies will be distributed to members for ratification.
2. Cliff outlined the changes to the event schedule (board meeting item #5).
3. Sue Halverson thanked Greg Loeser for hosting the meeting at Iola Living Oaks, with Greg then thanking Chet for making it all possible.
4. Sharon Peterson complimented Lee for his presentation. Cliff asked that members send program ideas to Lee.
5. Lee informed the group about the potential chest of items available to the Historical Society (board meeting item #9).

7:35 pm, motion to adjourn: Donna Hooker, second by Sue Halverson. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson