

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2015

This month's meeting was held in the Machine Shed.

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler at 5:32 pm.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Tom Fucik, Lee Halverson, Greg Loescher and John Bertelson.

Absent: Sharon Peterson and Stella Strand

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the February 23, 2015 meeting minutes: Tom, second by Greg. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

1. Lee had a few questions for Tom regarding the February financial reports.
 - a. Lee asked about the \$627.26 cost for program expenses. Tom didn't have the detail, so he will check on it.
 - b. Lee mentioned that project account for the Resource Center was at a \$4,384.71 deficit, and he asked about the plans to cover it. Cliff explained that the project is still active, with the plan to keep it on the list of project fund solicitations until the balance is restored. Tom added that there were sufficient funds on hand to complete the project without jeopardizing the operations of the Historical Society.
2. Motion to approve the February 2015 financial reports: Lee, second by John. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. A number of project accounts were considered for consolidation. The combined balance for the 210 Depot Street Project, 210 Cabinets, Towne Native American Display and Lee Nelson Exhibit totaled negative \$286.08.
 - a. Motion to combine the four accounts into a new account named 210 Museum Display and transfer \$286.08 from the general funds to zero out the account: John, second by Lee. Motion carried.
2. Motion to transfer from the general account the \$1,000 realized from the sale of the second speeder to a new project account named Speeder Display: Greg, second by John. Motion carried.
3. Drafts of the new IHS Bylaws and IHS Board Operating Procedures were reviewed. These documents are intended to replace the current IHS Constitution. John will send the documents to the Wisconsin Historical Society for review, with possible board approval at the April meeting followed by a solicitation for member ratification.
4. Greg agreed to be the secondary contact in the event of emergency or security notification. Tom is the primary contact, while Cliff is the tertiary contact.
5. The book sales and accounting policy is still a work in progress. Cliff and Lee are organizing the material in the Resource Center with the intent of completing an initial book inventory list.
6. Events
 - a. The Waupaca Area Chamber "Business after 5" event will be held on Tuesday April 28th from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm. The Historical Society is hosting a portion of the event in the Machine Shed. Usually about 40 to 50 people attend these business events. Doug Watson is working on a map. If this works well it may become an annual event called Taste of Iola.
 - b. The dedication of the Machine Shed and the unveiling of the R.I. Anderson display will be held on Saturday May 9th. David Anderson will attend along with other family members. The Historical Village will be open from noon to 3:00 pm that day.
 - c. The Memorial Day Tribute Pig Roast with the American Legion is planned for Monday May 25 from noon until 3:00 pm. John will send out the notes from last year to the board.
 - d. The 31st Annual Strawberry Fest along with the Strand Resource Center dedication will be held on Saturday June 28th. The dedication will begin at 2:00 pm.
7. The office will be converted into a meeting room for use by any member. The plan is to have a table with four to six chairs. A couple rows of bookshelves will be installed to hold books of interest. The current contents of the office will be relocated to the Resource Center.

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8. An electronics recycling (E-cycling) event is scheduled for Friday April 24th from 10:30 am until 1:00 pm in the Waupaca K-Mart parking lot. Greg suggested that some of our old equipment could go there, or if we have too many items, that maybe an event can be arranged for our area.
9. Judy Morey has been selling her Northland history book for \$22. Lee reported that Chet Krause is willing to support another printing of the book, and Judy has agreed to donate the sale proceeds to the Historical Society.
 - a. Cliff and Doug are working on a related article for the next edition of The Window.
10. Cliff mentioned that a post drill was available for our collection if we were interested. It currently is in the possession of Dana Rima of Scandinavia. Charlie Thompson said that it would look good alongside of our barn jack. Cliff will follow up.
11. Mark Doll is willing to donate a four-burner range if we are interested. The board will consider it.
12. The chest of material from the family of Dorothy Swenson is still in Gainesville, GA. Lee is still working with William Griffin to get this shipped to Iola.
13. Jane Bohm contacted the Historical Society to see if there was any interest in her father's ski jumping skis from around the 1920's. Her father has recently passed away. Jane had seen her father's name, Herbert Anderson, listed in one of our ski jump displays in the Town Hall. John will follow up.
14. The UW-Stevens Point Museum of Natural History is hosting their 6th annual Collection Crawl on Saturday April 11th. It is the one time of the year where the entire collection is open to the public. The Museum Director, Ray Reser, has been providing a lot of assistance in our creation of the Towne Native American display.
15. Greg reported that at the WDUX Home Show there was some interest in setting up a visit to the Iola Historical Society for a group from the Veterans Home in King. It would be a special tour set up for during the week.

6:41 pm motion to adjourn: Lee, second by Greg. Motion carried.

General Meeting Minutes, March 23, 2015

Call to order by President Cliff Mishler @6:42pm. There were nine people in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

- Motion to approve the February meeting minutes: Sue Halverson, second by Lola May Dalland. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report

- Tom reported that the cash position of the Historical Society was good.
- Tom mentioned the project accounts consolidation and the creation of the speeder account (board meeting items 1 & 2).
- Motion to accept the February reports: Greg, second by Lee. Motion carried.

Discussions

1. The revisions to the Constitution were outlined (board meeting item 3).
2. The "Business after 5" event was summarized (board meeting item 6a). It will start at the Old Car Show office, move to the Machine Shed and then end up at the Millstone. Different food will be available at each stop. About six docents will be needed for our part of the event.
3. Docents will also be needed for the Machine Shed dedication (board meeting item 6b).
 - a. Charlie reported that a new outlet was installed by the east garage door in the Machine Shed.
 - b. The location of the R.I. Anderson building sign has yet to be determined. Some restoration work is needed on the sign. A decision on the location will probably be made some time after the dedication.
4. Memorial Day Pig Roast planning (board meeting item 6c).
 - a. Doug Watson will decorate the inside of the Machine Shed with the flags and memorial plaques.
 - b. Lola May reported on the following,
 - i. The potato salad will be purchased instead of making it.

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- ii. Most supplies will be doubled from last year. Plans are for 25 lbs. of potato salad, 12 lbs. of beans, 40 lbs. of cole slaw, 20 dozen dinner rolls and 200 lbs. of pork.
 - c. Suggest better coordination with the American Legion this year. Cliff will follow up with Gene Wasrud.
 - d. Lola May will contact Sharon Peterson to check with Bill Opperman, who was the one who roasted the pork last year. The plan is to cook pork roasts instead of a whole pig, just like last year.
 - e. Greg needs material for promotion as soon as it's available. He will check on what was done last year.
 - f. Charlie will check on getting some tractors for display from the Central Wisconsin Tractor Club.
5. The IHS Village and Museum will open for the season on Saturday May 30th and close for the season on Saturday August 29th.
6. The 31st Annual Strawberry Fest schedule was mentioned. (board meeting item 6d) About 20 chairs will be needed for the Resource Center dedication.
7. The changes to the office were outlined. (board meeting item 7)
8. Charlie mentioned that two fluorescent light fixtures were removed during the construction of the R.I. Anderson exhibit, and they are now stored on top of the display. We should look for other areas where they can be used.

7:24 pm, motion to adjourn: Sue Halverson, second by Lola May Dalland. Motion carried.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson