

# Iola Historical Society

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## Board Meeting Minutes, October, 26, 2015

The meeting was called to order by President Cliff Mishler.

Present: Cliff Mishler, Tom Fucik, Sharon Peterson, John Bertelson and Greg Loescher.

Absent: Stella Strand and Lee Halverson.

### Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the September 2015 meeting minutes: Sharon, second by Tom. Approved.

### Treasurer's report

1. Tom's report,
  - a. Taste of Norway follow-up
    - i. Need to pay Northland Church ladies (Mary Ann Rice). Cliff believes the agreed amount to be \$250.
    - ii. Cliff reported that the Iola Old Car Show and the First National Bank will be sending their \$150 sponsorship fee.
    - iii. Greg will check on the amount the I/S Chamber would like to have reimbursed for advertising costs.
    - iv. Cliff received \$50 from the Crystal Café.
    - v. Tom would like to close this out before the end of October.
  - b. The annual budget meeting for the board will be at 11 am Wednesday November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Millstone. It is expected to last about two hours.
2. Motion to approve the September 2015 financial reports: John, second by Greg. Approved.

### Discussions

1. Taste of Norway recap,
  - a. Cliff gave his notes to John. They will be used to help plan the event for next year.
  - b. Sharon reported that we went through one-and-one-half Nesco roasters of chili. Only one IHS mug was sold.
  - c. Cliff will send a sketch of the table layout to John. Sharon thought it worked out well. The set up was for 200 people at one time, and both Sharon and Greg estimated about 300 people total were served for the day. It was never really crowded.
  - d. Sharon reported that the vendors seemed to be pleased.
  - e. The farm animals from the Peterson 4H Club were popular. The handlers had to leave early for chores, but it was probably for the best with the cool day. Some of the animals were only a couple days old. Greg will get feedback from the group. Perhaps we can offer them the use of the Machine Shed for one of their meetings? One of our goals is to interface more with the community and other organizations.
  - f. The corn sheller was done by 11 am (very popular). Next year ask Don Faldet for three bags instead of two.
2. Charlie Thompson volunteered to replace Greg on the board. It was agreed to add him to the slate for the membership meeting annual vote on the board.
3. Stella will probably not be able to attend meetings on a regular basis, but she will retain her emeritus status on the board.
4. John intends to have a draft of the updated Constitution ready for the January 2016 meeting. He will work with Tom to revise elections and terms.
5. Greg reported that he went to Sewah in Marietta, OH to see their operations and check on the progress with markers #5 and #7. He visit was during a break, so it was quieter than normal. No computers are used in the process, with everything still being done by hand as it was 80 years ago. A typo had been made on marker #7 requiring rework, so in the future a photo of the design will have to be approved by Greg prior to any casting work. As for the salt damage to marker #5, this is a common occurrence with markers in Florida, so a different type of powder coating will be used to protect our marker and the current location will not need to be changed. The "lean" of marker #5 will also be corrected. The size of the operation is about one-third the size of our Machine Shed. No advertizing is required, since business is good. They make about fifteen markers a day, and currently have a backlog of over 200 orders. Their brand of marker can be seen all along the Ohio River. Greg will put a PowerPoint presentation together for a future IHS program.
  - a. Tom indicated that donations were still coming in for marker #7.

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- b. Cliff said a pole was still needed for the Schoolhouse Hill marker. Its dedication is planned for next year's Winter Carnival. Greg said the current lead time is 10 weeks, so the design needs to be done soon.

6. About 25 people attended the September meeting.

6:17 pm, adjourn

Barb Kobs, of the Norske Needlers, gave a presentation on the history of quilts, assisted by Susan Freistedt and Joanna Rheingans. Many quilts were displayed during the talk. Instead of notes, a video was made of the presentation and will be made available for future viewing.

## General Meeting Minutes, October 26, 2015

7:43 pm, Call to order by President Cliff Mishler. There were 20 people present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

### Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the September 2015 meeting minutes: Sharon Peterson, second by Martha Cook. Approved.

### Treasurer's report

1. Tom reported on the numbers for the Taste of Norway, as covered during the board meeting.
2. Motion to approve the September 2015 financial reports: Joanna Rheingans, second by Greg. Approved.

### Discussions

1. Cliff mentioned a note from Doug Watson. Lyle and Doug contacted Ray Reser. They plan to complete the Native American display over the winter. The work now centers on the copper culture. A replica spear is being made for the main display. The dedication may take place next year.
2. Taste of Norway review
  - a. Would like more bakery goods available.
  - b. The lefse makers (Bob and Martha) need some relief next year.
  - c. Our food was gone by 2 pm. Crystal Café and Taste of Elegance both were sold out of their goods. The Lions did well too.
  - d. Our bowls may have been overpriced. The charge was \$20, with the chili. Our cost is about \$11 or \$13 per bowl, so there is not much room for a price decrease. Will discuss at a later time.
  - e. Donations were excellent, at \$191.
  - f. Fire Pro checked over one-hundred extinguishers. They were very happy with the opportunity.
  - g. Next year work on rotating the help in order to free up workers for breaks.
  - h. Joanna will work on next year's quilt plan with her group. Plan is to spend up to \$500 for material.
    - i. Sue and Lee Halverson reported brisk raffle ticket sales at the event. Displaying the quilt seemed to help. Joanna suggested a PVC frame be constructed to display the quilt next year. She also thought getting the tickets out two months before the event would help sales.
    - ii. Motion to approve spending up to \$500 for the quilt next year: Lyle Nauman, second by Charlie Thompson. Approved.
      1. The Norske Needlers will suggest a design and a size.
3. Charlie Thompson is aware of an antique refrigerator available for display if we want it. It is a unique style. Cliff thought it may be a good fit for the future displays to be set up in either 8'x8' or 10'x10' "rooms" in the front section of the old Lashua building. This area is just being used for storage now.
4. Charlie asked if Wesley should be contacted to check out the furnace before winter. Since they have been involved before, it was agreed to proceed.
5. Cliff, Lee, Tom, John, Sharon and Charlie were nominated to the board in their current functions.
  - a. Motion to close nomination and vote for slate: Lyle Nauman, second by Elaine Crase. Approved.

8:20 pm, motion to adjourn: Sharon Peterson, second by Martha Cook. Approved.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson