

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2016

The meeting was called to order 5:38 pm by President Cliff Mishler. It was held in the Machine Shed.

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

Absent: Stella Strand.

Secretary's report

1. Two corrections to the February meeting minutes.
 - a. Board meeting discussion item 2d, Joe Ambacher, from Mechanical Connections, installed the new sink in the Machine Shed, not Charlie Thompson. Charlie just mentioned it.
 - b. General meeting discussion item 1b, Lee has arranged for Jessica Michna to portray Mrs. Dickens following the Lioness Christmas Parade in December, but the site of the presentation has not been determined yet.
 - c. Motion to approve the February 2016 meeting minutes as amended: Tom, second by Sharon. Approved.

Treasurer's report

1. Tom indicated not much activity for the month.
 - a. Cliff mentioned that five or six businesses haven't renewed yet.
 - i. Lee has given information to Nick, from the Iron Grille, about joining.
2. Motion to approve this month's report: John, second by Charlie. Approved.

Discussions

1. The first and third Wednesdays in April will be designated as clean up days in preparation for our new season of public events. The starting time will be 9am on April 6th and 20th. The 20th is also the day for the school Honor Society community clean up, so a crew of students may be able to assist with the outside work.
2. There may not be a program in April due to event planning work.
3. The riding lawn mower is difficult to start, so it will be sent in for repairs.
 - a. Someone will contact Lyle Nauman to see if he is available to maintain the grounds this year.
4. Charlie will check on getting a small rolling cart to put by the new sink.
5. Plans for Memorial Day Pig Roast
 - a. John will send an information summary of the previous events to the board
 - b. The potato salad will be purchased from Reinhart Foodservice. Tom will order two pails, and they will be kept in his cooler at the Millstone. It's about 35 lbs. per pail.
 - c. Sharon will contact Bill Opperman to plan for 200 lbs. of pork.
 - d. Cliff will work with Doug Watson on the posters.
 - e. Sharon will contact Barb Kolb to get the details for the quilt. It will be promoted for the Taste of Norway.

6:22 pm, motion to adjourn: Lee, second by Sharon. Approved.

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General Meeting Minutes, March 28, 2016

6:33 pm, Call to order by Cliff. There were 19 people present.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Secretary's report

1. Motion to approve the February meeting minutes as amended: Donna Hooker, second by Sharon. Approved.

Treasurer's report

1. Tom reported not much activity for January.
2. Cliff mentioned the follow up needed for the business members who haven't renewed yet.
3. Motion to approve the financial report: Lee, second by Sharon. Approved.

Discussions

1. The April 6th and 20th work days will focus on clean up (board meeting discussion item 1)
2. We are looking for display ideas for the Town Hall. A Car Show display is in the works, but there is plenty of other space available.
3. Charlie and his grandkids will be rearranging the displays in the Machine Shed to better group items together.
4. Our Native American mound protection letter has been sent to Sen. Olsen and Rep. Petersen, with copies to Gov. Walker and the Ho Chink Nation. We will wait at least until our next meeting before any more copies are distributed.
5. The Native American display in our museum is almost complete.
6. Discussions on changes to the Log Cabin will be deferred until the April meeting. That meeting will also focus on event planning.
7. Charlie will get a small cart to help transport stuff from the new sink to the food service area. The electrical outlets in the food service area will also be upgraded to keep the breakers from tripping.
8. Bill Opperman was present at the meeting, so he was asked to increase the quantity of pork to 225 lbs. As was done last year, the leftover pork will be made into bar-b-que sandwiches for Strawberry Fest.
9. Ted Peotter mentioned that he has a large collection of pre-1933 washing machines to lend for a display if we want. Cliff will bring it up for consideration at the next board meeting.
10. A child-sized Dutch dance costume was donated. It had been purchased at a rummage sale held by Ester Wright many years ago.

6:59 pm, motion to adjourn: Sharon, second by Roger Nassen. Approved.

Lee Halverson showed a PowerPoint presentation of "lost" areas, with Sharon Peterson narrating the photos for Schmidt's Corners and Ted Peotter narrating photos for the lost town of Norske. A video was made of the presentation and is available if any member would like to view it.

Minutes recorded by Secretary, John Bertelson