

Iola Historical Society

Board Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2017

Cliff opened the meeting at 5:34 pm with all board members present.

Handouts for the Strawberry Fest and a list of IHS summer events were available, as were raffle tickets for the Taste of Norway.

Secretary's report. Discussion of the April meeting minutes.

- Greg, Lee and Cliff had a separate meeting to discuss the auction. There will be no auction this year, but Greg, Tom and Lee will remain as a committee for 2018. The plan is to auction off duplicate IHS items, with businesses and individuals invited to bring stuff too. Sterling or Dave Demling to lead. Set date for 2018 this fall. May offer historical items to other historical societies first.
- A surveyor, not an assessor, will determine IHS property lines.
- Mark Doll and Lee will replace siding boards on schoolhouse, with Charlie W.'s help or advice.

Motion to accept the Secretary's report, Tom. Second Don. Passed.

Charlie T. and his fellow members from The Central Wisconsin Tractor Club will paint the Town Hall. Charlie W. plans to install a new steel roof on the building next spring.

Tom gave the Treasurer's report.

- The final numbers for the pork roast are not in, but it looks like it was a good day.
 - Two bills outstanding: \$583 from Bill Opperman (last year was \$500) and \$110 from Sentry.
- The matching grant opportunity for the endowment fund was up to \$520 at the end of April. Approximately \$600 has been received so far in May, which includes \$200 from the Iola Lioness Club. The goal for the grant is \$5,000 by September 1.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report, John. Second, Lee. Approved.

Reviewed John's draft of the Facility Use Form. Motion that no alcohol allowed on grounds, John. Second by Charlie T. Six in favor, while Tom abstained. Passed. Cliff will ask Dale Bestul and Bruce Meagher to review the form for insurance and legal considerations before it is used.

Sharon invited IHS members to attend the Sons of Norway gathering at the Historical Society on June 12. There will be music.

John asked if we were interested in collecting any Village records that they are discarding. Dan Johnson had approached Cliff about this a few months ago. It was agreed that we should accept any records the village or other area organizations are willing to get rid of, with the understanding that we may not keep everything.

No date has been set for the Towne Collection dedication. John will send Cliff the PDF files of the burial mound information handouts.

6:33 pm, meeting adjourned

Membership Meeting Minutes, May 30, 2017

Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Fourteen people were present.

Cliff handed out the information on summer events and mentioned TON raffle tickets are now available.

Secretary's report, Greg mentioned that it was the Leadership Waupaca Co. group that toured our facilities on Wednesday April 26, not the Waupaca Co. Board. Motion by Don F. to accept the minutes, Roger N. second. Approved.

Charlie W. has resumed work on the caboose.

Treasurer report by Tom.

- Good cash position
- Not all Pork Roast numbers in, but sales appear to be equal to or better than last year
- The matching endowment fund fundraising is going well

Motion to accept by Sharon. Second by Charlie T. Approved

Cliff summarized the Pork Roast event

- Estimate 300 people attended. 90 veterans received a free meal, there were 155 adult sales, 8 children between the ages of five and twelve were sold meals and 4 kids under age five ate free. Some people attended but did not eat.

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- \$166 in raffle tickets sold, with \$25 raffled off. The initial winner was not present, so another ticket had to be drawn.

Sharon's summary of the Pork Roast

- Ran out of potato salad and had to get more from Sentry. Had ordered 35 lbs. from Reinhart, but ended up needing 55 lbs.
- Ordered 25 doz. buns and had 7 left over, which were returned.
- 2 cases of the coleslaw were used. Went through 1 gal. of dressing, but should get 2 for next year.
- Some cookies and bars were left over. Members did an excellent job with the supply this year.
- Used one case of beans.

Other comments on the Pork Roast

- Cliff took some photos of the people in line. It was only a short time that the line extended outside the building, and it moved well.
- Donna mentioned one complaint of the pork being cool, and that was around 1 pm. Temperature will be checked more often next year.
- The change of the end time to 2pm worked well. Did not see anyone show up after then. Suggest 2pm end time for all events.
- Lee mentioned that there were nine two-gallon bags of leftover pork. That represented one full Nesco of regular pork and a partial Nesco of bar-b-q. Bill had figured enough for 600 people, which is approximately one-half pound per bun. Leftovers will be sold at the Strawberry Fest.
- Donna and Louise were thanked for all the cleaning they did.
- Charlie T. suggested that partitioned plates be purchased after our current plate supply runs out. Too much of the food tends to run together.
- Louise suggested that extra cookies could be sold next year. Maybe package six in a bag?
- Charlie T. pointed out the good show of tractors. There were about ten or twelve on display.
- Sharon mentioned that better signs should be placed at the Legion Park ceremony pointing the way to the Historical Society.

Planning for the Strawberry Fest, Sunday June 25, 11am to 2pm (Crafts 10am to 2 pm)

- Sue and Lee will not be available, so need a volunteer to sell TON raffle tickets.
- Sharon will take care of the food, Joel E. will work with the appraisers and Barb is lining up the vendors.
- Sharon's plan
 - 125 lbs. strawberries (150 last year)
 - 25 doz. buns
 - 10 lbs. hot dogs from Pine Grove Meats
 - 4 pails ice cream
 - 32 cans spray cream
 - Extra napkins, bowls and coffee cups
 - Need workers. There was a good turnout of help for the Pork Roast. Volunteers to each bring two pans of shortcake.
- Sue mentioned that the microphone worked well at the Pork Roast event and suggested that it be available for all events.

A partition was set up at the east end of the Machine Shed to display uniforms at the Pork Roast event. Lee thought it was a good way to display other items at our future events. The group thought it was a good idea too. Charlie T. cautioned to be aware of the wind when doors are left open. Greg suggested roping off the area so that people will not handle the displayed items.

Docents needed for the summer noon to 3pm Saturday open houses

- June 3: Sharon & Louise
- June 10: Lee & Sue
- June 17: Cliff and Martha (?)
- June 24: Donna & Bonny

Will ask Eugene to staff the firehouse when he is available.

Greg informed the group that two more markers are planned for this year; Aug. 19 for R.I. Anderson Machine Shop and Oct. 13 for the Central Wisconsin Electric Co-Op. There is now a fitted hood to cover the markers prior to the dedication ceremony. It was custom made for the Iola Historical Society. TLC Embroidery Design made the hood and donated the work for the embroidery part.

7:21 pm meeting adjourned.

Minutes recorded by John Bertelson - Secretary