

Board Meeting Minutes, August 30, 2021

Board members Cliff, Lee, Tom, Bonny, Charlie T., Sarah and John present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Cliff deferred discussion for planning the Taste of Norway event until the membership meeting.

Tom followed up from a previous meeting where security cameras were discussed. Costs would range from \$400 to \$800 for each building we would like to cover. The cameras would be high definition, infrared for night viewing, Wi-Fi compatible and can be recorded. Tom has an 8-camera system set up at the Millstone if anyone would like to check it out. It was suggested to evaluate the system for a few of our buildings.

Charlie motioned to pursue a camera system for the depot, caboose and fire department areas of our grounds, Sarah second ... motion passed

Tom will get more details.

Lee motioned to approve the Secretary report for July, Bonny second ... motion passed

Tom gave the Treasurer's report. Checking was negative, but ok after endowment fund withdrawal that was approved last month. The endowment fund is doing well with the markets rising this year. The numbers in the financial report are complete for the Memorial Day and Strawberry Fest events. Operating expenses were a little higher than expected due to furnace repairs.

Lee motioned to approve the Treasurer's report, Bonny second ... motion passed.

John and Tom will pursue a covid-related grant from the Wisconsin Humanities Recovery fund. The second round opens September 15 and closes October 15. Will try to recoup funds lost last year from the cancellation of our three events.

Storage issues were brought up, mainly in the garage, which is a work in progress. Tom asked if he could temporarily use some space in the Machine Shed for items he needs to clear out of the mill for the annual Haunted Mill fundraiser for the high school students. That should not be a problem after we complete the Taste of Norway event.

Not sure if the annual community Santa parade will be held this year. Cliff will find out at the next Lion's Club meeting. The Lioness' used to plan the event, but the Lioness' as a whole were disbanded by the national organization last year.

Lee & Sue Halverson have recently adopted our schoolhouse to manage, while Charlie Thompson manages our Machine Shed. The other buildings are available for adoption if any person, persons or organizations would like to do so.

Charlie T. has purchased new power strips for the Nesco Roasters we use at our events. These have indicator lights to make sure the power stays on. John will engrave an identifying mark on each one.

Lee and Bonny are in the process of organizing our collection of the Iola Herald newspapers in our Resource Center. Tom has more newspapers to donate too. Lee has been moving stuff from the museum garage to the small LP station building on the east side of our property too.

We will be hosting the fall regional meeting for Waupaca Co. historical societies Friday September 10 starting around 9am in the Machine Shed. It is a round-robin event held in the spring and fall, where each organization discusses their current operation. Usually one or two board members from each group attend these meetings, so about 20 people are expected. Any member from our group is welcome to show up. Snacks and soft beverages will be provided.

Lee is organizing an outing to the Harvest Fair at Pointe Basse, near Nekoosa, on Saturday September 11. Members should let him know if they are interested in going along.

Board meeting adjourned 6:22 pm.

Membership Meeting Minutes, August 30, 2021

Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:36pm. Eighteen people were present.

For the July meeting minutes, Lee pointed out the cost for the Harvest Fair event at Pointe Basse is \$3/person, not \$5. He also said that new member Payton's last name is spelled Volpel, not Valpol.

Greg Loescher motioned to accept the July meeting minutes, Donna Hooker second, passed

Tom gave the financial report, covering the same items he did at the board meeting. Cliff mentioned that this is the first time we have had to remove money from the endowment fund for operating expenses, but that is what the fund is intended for. We hope to recoup this money from an available state grant for covid relief.

Sarah Abramson motioned to accept the Treasurer's report, Charlie Nordness second ... motion approved.

Cliff,

- We are hosting the fall meeting of Waupaca Co. historical societies on Friday September 10. Members are invited to attend. Charlie Thompson will be our representative as Cliff is unavailable.
- Saturday September 11 is an outing to Pointe Basse led by Lee & Sue Halverson. The event will include many demonstrations of early pioneer life along the Wisconsin River near Nekoosa. Cost to attend the Harvest Fair is \$3 per person, and the event goes from 10am until 4pm. Food is available to purchase on the site. Lee plans to leave lola around 9:30am.
- Mark Doll was in attendance, so he was asked about the Santa Parade this year. Mark is the current President of the lola Lion's Club. They will discuss it at their meeting in September, but they will need help from former Lioness members if they are going to have it this year.

Taste of Norway planning – first Saturday in October ... which is October 2 this year.

- The covid cancellation last year threw off our numbering system, and in 2019 it was the 10th time for the event. Going forward now, we will skip the numbers and just say the event was established in 2010.
- The Taste event starts at 11am, while crafters begin at 10am. The event ends at 2pm.
- Mackenzie Woyak will check with her father about the fire extinguisher checks at our firehouse, but the hours are believed to be from 9am until noon. The fire department has a fundraising raffle that day too.
- Bonny is coordinating the demonstration and sales of Norwegian pastries. Anita Faldet will demonstrate how to make sandbakkels, while Sue Halverson will demonstrate how to make lefse.
- Charlie T. will coordinate the classic tractor gathering.
- Crystal Café will sell chili, cheeseburger soup and pies. The Lion's Club will sell hot dogs and brats. The Boy Scouts will sell water and soda. Bonny said the Lefse Shack would sell their product. Greg will see if the Taste of Elegance plans to sell anything.
- Bonny is also coordinating the fall craft and gift show. She got a list of past vendors from Mary Schwartz, as the I-S Chamber used to run the program. Bonny sent out 20 letters and has 5 back so far, that they will attend.
- We will raffle off a signed UW football this year, along with a few other prizes. Cliff will get the tickets printed soon and solicit businesses to help sell them. Price will be the same as two years ago. Mackenzie has volunteered to sell them during the event.
- Robbie Louison will be leading the Children's Troll Workshop in the schoolhouse, from 10am until 2pm.
- Cliff will work with Doug Watson on the poster.
- Lee is coordinating the Lost Arts. Anyone placing their canopy on the blacktop will need weights to hold it in place. Greg will try to get more anchor weights, and we will reimburse him. Maybe around 16 are needed.
 - Jerry Johnson - rug weaving
 - Jim Nickel - hand-tool making
 - Diane Nickel – courting candle making
 - Brooke – soap making
 - Gabriel Volpel – blacksmithing
 - Woodcarvers
- Sarah is organizing the docents. Still need two ... one for the museum and one for the depot. Lee may have someone who is interested in helping.
- Bonny is asking members to bring Norwegian pastries to sell. Robbie has bags, and they can be bagged for sale on the day of the event. Sharon used to get the bags from Robbie in the past.
- Charlie T. is organizing the music.
- Charlie also mentioned that the Waupaca Model Railroad Club sells model box cars with lola & Northern printed on them. Greg said it is part of a kit. Charlie wondered if they could be sold at our events.

Greg presented Lee with his \$50 I-S Chamber Bucks prize from their Taste & Tunes weekend event drawing. Cliff mentioned that our historical society had donated a one-year membership as a prize, but he was not sure who won that.

Meeting adjourned 7:23pm

The evening program was a presentation by Don Faldet about the history of his family business of growing potatoes in the area. His sons are still carrying it on. The program is available on video for anyone who would like to see it.