

# Iola Historical Society

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## Board Meeting Minutes, February 28, 2022

Board members Cliff, Lee, Tom, Bonny, Charlie T., Sarah and John present. Cliff called the meeting to order at 5:29pm.

Reviewed the meeting minutes from the January meeting. The first Saturday in August (Aug. 6), Jessica Michna will portray Laura Ingalls Wilder, outside by the log cabin on our grounds (weather permitting) according to Lee. Cost to us will be \$180. Lee also reported that Donovan got our laptop working, but there are still some issues to address, like the memory allocation and the operation of the mouse. Eric Danielson can help with our computers too after tax season is over. Someone mentioned that “Klumpner” is actually spelled “Clumpner”.

**Motion made to accept the meeting minutes from January as corrected, Tom, second by Charlie T., Motion Passed.**

Treasurer’s report from Tom ... Minimal activity.

**Motion made to accept the Treasurer’s report, Lee, second by Sarah. Motion Passed.**

Tom presented an addendum to our “Agreement to Establish an Endowment Fund” document. Ed Hayes had been doing the annual allowed disbursement calculation at RBC Wealth Management, but he has now retired. Tom will take over the calculation based on our year end final numbers. Our endowment account piggy-backs onto Cliff’s personal account, so that we can benefit from discounts at RBC. One question Tom asked of the board was to consider a drop in fund value and whether 80% or 100% of the loss should be deducted from the available funds. The board settled on 80%.

**Motion made to accept the modified addendum as presented by Tom, Tom, second by Sarah. Motion Passed.**

Cliff had a few items to go over,

- The Iola Lion’s Club upgraded their defibrillators and had excess funds left over (\$500 to \$600). A defibrillator costs between \$1,200 and \$1,500, so Cliff will ask the Lion’s Club for a donation towards one for us. There are other defibrillators around town, so Cliff will get a list of locations from the Lion’s. Bonny is willing to train anyone who wants to be trained how to use one. It was suggested that all board members go through the training. **Motion to purchase a defibrillator, Bonny, second, Lee. Motion passed.**
- The handicapped pathways in our courtyard will be finished this spring. Cliff will solicit more volunteer help.
- The chamber will sponsor a booth at the WDUX home show on Sat. & Sun., March 26 & 27. Cliff will donate \$200 from us. Would like to have a couple more volunteers besides Cliff to help staff the booth. Need some help with setup on Friday. Contact Greg if interested.
- John will work with Greg and take over our media promotions this year. Banners should start going up May 1<sup>st</sup> for our Memorial Day event. Lee suggests promoting our meeting programs too. Tom pointed out that there are \$2,353 in restricted marketing funds for promotion efforts. Cliff will help with signs and banners. Doug will continue to help with the graphical designs. Banners and posts are currently stored in the first bay of our back storage building.

Charlie T. mention that he plans to buy 6 sheets of ¾” plywood to set up shelving in the back storage building. Like last year, the cost is still high ... at around \$60 per sheet.

Lee presented the “Adopt a Building” policy. Item number 5 was modified to say that it will be limited to members of our IHS. **Motion to accept “Adopt a Building” policy as amended, Lee, second, Bonny. Motion passed.**

Board meeting adjourned 6:20pm.

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Cliff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:30pm. Nineteen people were present.

***Sue Halverson motioned to accept the January meeting minutes, Donna Hooker second, passed***

Tom covered the January financial numbers and discussed the addendum to our Endowment Fund agreement. We have \$47,000 available to draw from this fund, if needed this year.

***Motion made to accept the Treasurer's report, Sarah, second by Mackenzie Woyak. Motion Passed.***

Cliff covered the defibrillator, pathways, endowment fund addendum, the WDUX home show and John's pickup of our media promotional activity from Greg. Marlene Netzler mentioned a small radio station that broadcasts out of the Waupaca City Hall. They will promote local events for free, but need 6 weeks advanced notice of the event.

Lee passed around and discussed a couple items. The first one being a photo of Jessica Michna dressed as her Laura Ingalls Wilder character. The second one item was our half-page ad in this year's I-S School Yearbook

Cliff read the following from a letter by Greg.

- Marker program update
  - Greg will conduct a marker inspection this spring
  - 10am Saturday June 4, for the Riverside Cemetery marker
  - The repairs to the post for the Clifford Thompson marker are almost done. It was a bad weld.
- The corner bar has been sold. The new name will be 10LA (Iola)

Other discussions

- The Saturday visitor program will run from June 4 until August 27, noon until 3pm each day. Will need docents.
- Memorial Day event. Bill Opperman will provide the pork. Need someone to go around and wipe off tables. Leftover pork will be used for sandwiches at the Strawberry Fest. Bonny will determine quantities needed for the foods and supplies.
- Will have a raffle at the Taste of Norway in October, but not at the Strawberry Fest in June.

Maggie had some donations that she is glad to "get out of her house".

- Framing is done for the Waupaca Co. Map from 1874, but it is too large for her to deliver to us. Charlie T. will pick it up for us, and it will be set up in the Town Hall.
- Recycle center – printing plate. Will scan and reverse the print.
- Iola Song booklet

Meeting adjourned 7:05pm

John introduced Jerry Johnson, who gave a very interesting history lesson on sewing machine development. The presentation is on video, if anyone wants to view it. Jerry also demonstrates both weaving and sewing in a log cabin on the Symco Threshere grounds, during their two summer events ... in July and August.

Program ended at 7:45pm

Minutes recorded by John Bertelson