

Minutes from March 16, 2017 Meeting  
Beaver Island Historical Society  
Peaine Township Hall Conference Room  
7:00 PM

I. Roll Call: Trustees present in person or by phone:

Sandy Birdsall, John Fiegan, Lynne Flanagan, Doug Hartle, Alvin LaFreniere, Sheri Timsak, Linda Wearn, Mike Weede and Bobbi Welke.  
Absent were trustees Mark Englesman and John Runberg.  
Also present was Director Lori Taylor-Blitz.

A quorum was established.

II. The minutes from the February 16, 2017 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Sheri Timsak was present at the meeting; Mike Weede had questions regarding the liquidity of the money from the Bisbee Trust going into the Capital Campaign Fund; Sandy Birdsall was approved to fill in paperwork for the Bisbee Trust from Comerica Bank to Charlevoix State Bank. (see corrected February 16, 2017 minutes)

III. Finance Committee -Bobbi Welke, Sandy Birdsall, Lori Taylor-Blitz

- a. Committee members gave updates for the 2017 budget. A motion was passed to incorporate changes made to the budget.
- b. Bobbi Welke and Lori Taylor-Blitz discussed the agreement for Independent Contractual Administrative Assistant, Krys Lyle. The contracted hourly rate remains the same as 2016 with an increase in summer work hours and a decrease in winter work hours.

A motion was approved to accept the work description for the position and the contract. The contract will be effective on April 1, 2017.

- c. Additional compensation for work done by Krys in the absence of a director from September, 2016 to January, 2017 was approved in the amount of \$630.39.
- d. An estimate from Dan Burton for Print Shop porch repairs was deemed to be too vague for the work to be done and the time frame for completing the work. Dan Burton will be contacted to revisit the Print Shop and give a more detailed estimate.

IV. Events Committee - Lori Taylor-Blitz, John Fiegen, Sheri Timsak

- a. Lori presented an update for Museum Week, July16-22, 2017.
- b. Lori presented a request for a group called DPX to monitor the Print Shop on May 13, 2017 from 9 PM-3AM searching for paranormal activity. The group would present their findings during Museum Week. After discussion a motion was approved to proceed with the request from DPX there is no fee involved for BIHS.
- c. Charity Drawdown Raffle and Dinner Party - Bobbi Welke

Bobbi presented an idea for a fundraising venture for the Historical Society for July 3, 2017. After discussion and a name change to "Fundraising Drawdown" a motion was approved to follow through with the event.

VI. Northern Lake Michigan Island Collaboration/Cultural Subcommittee Update  
Bobbi Welke, Mark Englesman, Alvin LaFreniere

Bobbi reported that a Cultural Resources Manager **will not** be hired.

Other areas discussed by Bobbi and Alvin related to establishing archaeological investigations on the archipelago; cooperation between state departments and the Tribes of Michigan; and a recommendation that the BIHS enter into a Partnership arrangement with the NLMI Collaborative Cultural Subcommittee by establishing a partnership statement.

VII. Director's Report

Lori gave updates regarding docents, orientation and museum opening schedule; intern search, spring newsletter, workshops she attended in this past month; preliminary analysis of Native artifacts in our collection; the status of grants submitted and in the works; visits and presentations she will attend; strategic planning dates; and capital campaign donations.

VIII. Good of Society

Lynne Flanagan congratulated Lori on her diligence in writing, submitting and receiving grants for the BIHS.

Alvin brought up the disrepair and needed maintenance for the lighthouse at the south end since it is no longer used by the Charlevoix School District.

IX. The next meeting will be held on April 20, 2017 in the Peaine Township Conference Room at 7 PM.

Submitted by Linda Wearn, Secretary