

Beaver Island Historical Society
Minutes from July 27, 2017 Meeting
Peaine Township Conference Room
7 PM

I. Roll Call

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

A quorum was established.

II. Minutes from the June 15, 2017 meeting were approved.

III. Museums Operations Committee

a) George Anthony presented his photos and text for his next book "The Elders Speak, the Second Generation". He would like the Historical Society to publish the book. No decision regarding the project was made at this time.

b) A motion was approved to have the "Journal of Beaver Island History", vol. 1 reprinted. Pricing for reprinting will be researched.

c) A motion was approved to have the Beaver Island Historical Map reprinted with updates in color, larger print and less text. Companies will be contacted for quotes on pricing the maps.

IV. Dick McEvoy gave a short presentation showing the deterioration of the South End lighthouse. He asked the Board to be pro-active in promoting the care and upkeep of the buildings. He asked that the BIHS Board write letters to our state and federal representatives supporting this cause.

V. Finance Committee

- a) A discussion was held regarding updating the bylaw recommendations.
The Board approved the recommendations to present these changes to the general membership at the annual meeting.
- b) The quarterly report, annual budget and cash flow report were presented to the Board.
- c) Information regarding the Investment Committee's recommendations will be presented at the next meeting.
- d) Interested Board members and BIHS members are needed for the Audit Committee.

VI. Maintenance Committee

- a) Lori gave an update on the work done at the Protar home.

VII. Development Committee

- a) Membership year—a discussion was held regarding keeping the membership year from January 1-December 31 or making it one year from date of membership purchase.
- b) There are four candidates interested in joining the Board.
- c) A motion was approved to expand the Board up to 13 members.
- d) Lori gave an update as to the next meeting dates for the Strategic Planning meeting dates for community members, docents and the Board.

VIII. Director's Six Month Performance Evaluation/Review

Bobbi Welke presented a proposal to give Lori a \$600 bonus (\$50 monthly) for her high performance as Director. The proposal was approved.

IX. Director's Report

- a) The SQUARE training is going well with the docents at the museums.
- b) Genealogy data will be entered on a laptop for Sue Oole and Lori to use.
- c) An oral history tape was sent to a company specializing in digitizing tapes to see if it would be worth using this service to transfer BIHS oral history tapes to the digitized format.

- X. The Annual Meeting will be held at Peaine Township Hall on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 7 PM.

Submitted by Linda Wearn, Secretary