



April 15, 2025 BIHS Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

- Joe Callian
- Craig Turnbull
- Tracy Paquin
- Jacque LaFreniere
- George Broder
- Kim Bousquet
- Angel Welke

Absent:

- Sue Screven
- Alan Vicstein

Other:

- Lori Taylor Blitz

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Quorum

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm

2. Agenda review / additions

Motion to approve agenda by Jacque, seconded by Joe. Unanimous.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Jacque, seconded by Joe. Unanimous.

4. President's Report

Welke provided an update on Amy's unemployment claim. Will keep the board posted.

Lori and Tracy are working on employee manual. Will keep board posted and reach out for help if needed.

Welke asked all board members to look in the gift shop. The shelving by Kevin Bousquet and stained by Mark LaFreniere are installed and finished. It looks amazing!



5. Finance Report

Jacque reviewed the finance report. Motion by Kim, seconded by Craig. Unanimously approved.

IRS 990 is finished.

6. Maintenance Report

Joe and Craig reviewed what has been done and they have reviewed all properties after the ice storm. All is well.

Craig updated board on project at Marine Museum to replace floor on lower level.

Joe is going to talk to Kevin McDonough about on-going items at Marine Museum.

7. Lighthouse Update

Updates from Angel and Lori about on-going discussions at the lighthouse. Several offers have been made to Charlevoix County to purchase the property and all have been turned down.

Lori presented a proclamation in support of the lighthouse. Proclamation discussed at length. Motion by Jacque, support by Craig to adapt proclamation. Unanimous.

8. Marketing Update

Gift shop updates given.

Updates about upcoming events given by Lori.

9. Museum operations:

Tracy gave an update on docent staffing – about 75% done scheduling.

Some new docents.

May in person meeting with docents being planned.

10. Publications:

George reported transition to new editor going well.

N. Islander anniversary get together being planned.

Subscribers: 583



11. Directors Report

Lori presented her report. See attached for more details.

12. Next meeting: June 3, 2025 at 3:30pm at the museum

13. Motion by Craig, second by Joe for adjournment. Unanimous.