

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING
Saturday, July 14, 2012
Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Marie Hamly, Joan Tilney, Stew Foelix, Tom Guglielmo, Sharen Wilson, Ruth Van Doren , Pat Cole, Brenda Clark and Kris Carlson.

Marie Hamly summarized the application submitted last March for 501(C)3 tax exempt status. The application included copies of our By-Laws, Conflict of Interest Policy, Mission Statement, name change from Isle au Haut Historical "Collections" to Isle au Haut Historical Society and Articles of Incorporation. The IRS acknowledged receipt of the Form 1023 application and assigned a document locator number 17053-081-33003-2. We have heard nothing further about the status of our application, beyond the fact that the check accompanying it had been cashed March 23, 2012. Marie will continue following up on the status of our application.

Marie then read minutes of our last meeting September 7, 2011 and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the minutes of September 7, 2011 as read.**

Harold asked for any suggestions for a public meeting topic later this summer. He showed the group a book by historian Harry Gratwick titled "Stories from the Maine Coast." Tom Guglielmo suggested having residents relate stories about past islanders. Brenda Clark suggested a book about Swan's Island written by their Island Institute Fellow called "Guts, Feathers and All." William Haviland from Deer Isle has written a book called "At the Place of Lobsters and Crabs." Harold volunteered to call Mr. Gratwick to see if he would be interested in presenting a talk for our public meeting. Tom Guglielmo will call Amy Brown who is a facilitator for getting folks to tell their own tales. A suggested date for the public meeting is August 10 or 11. Joan Tilney inquired whether we could cover travel expenses for visiting authors and was told we had the funds available.

Treasurer Brenda Clark reported a checking account balance of \$2,236.41 with an additional \$500 still to come from the town. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the treasurer's report.**

Brenda then passed around some pictures John Dice sent her showing some old scenes on the island. Sharen Wilson asked if anyone knew the origins of pipe stems found on a beach in Head Harbor and was told they probably dated from the 1840's when tobacco was sold with ceramic pipes.

Harold informed the group he had used some photos from our collections in his forthcoming book and appropriate credit was given. He will give Stew Foelix some pictures to be used on our website. Stew asked that identification accompany the photos.

Kris Carlson and Tom Guglielmo volunteered to start the oral history project anew. It is a matter of some urgency as many of the valuable contributors are aging.

Our next meeting will be in one week, Saturday, July 21 at 10:00 a.m. to finalize plans for a public meeting in August.

There being no further business, either old or new, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.**

Adjourned accordingly at 10:45 a.m.

Marie Hamly, Secretary