

ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING
Saturday, August 8, 2009
Revere Memorial Library

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Pat Cole, Barbara Brown, Fred Eustis, Marie Hamly, Betsy Doermann, Bill Barter, Sharen Wilson and John Stanbury.

Barbara Brown called attention to the display case Al Gordon made for the adze donated by Leland Small. There was discussion about what funds should be allocated to reimburse Al once he submits a bill, and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To pay up to \$250 to Al Gordon once he submits an invoice.** Harold will contact him to ask for the bill. Barbara also wondered how to arrange display times for the adze with some volunteers present to explain its history, but it was felt that more importantly a plaque should be obtained identifying its origins and some background material should also be available.

It was noted that Dick Marks has indicated he no longer wishes to participate in the group at this time. He and Charlie Turner will be missed.

Pat Cole brought up her interest in finding ways to attract and involve new members to the Collections committee. Marie Hamly asked whether obtaining 501-3C status might not be an attraction for donors, but was informed that Pat's research into the subject revealed it would be too costly for us to undertake the necessary legal work. Barbara Brown reminded us we already have a wealth of material consisting of oral histories and news articles that should be of great interest to island residents. Pat repeated that we have to give people a reason to join our group.

Fred Eustis wondered if we could have a public event to draw attention to our mission. Stanley French was mentioned as a possible source to present a program on the island. Several members stated that Fred would also be an excellent presenter. Sharen Wilson suggested contacting Dr. Speiss from the University of Maine to give us his anthropological information. After several other suggestions for public programs, it was decided to form an Events Committee with Pat Cole, Barbara Brown, Sharen Wilson and Fred Eustis as members to give the group inspiration for a series of public events designed to attract membership to our group.

Betsy Doermann reported that the Park Service island history project had not materialized and nothing further had been heard from them.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED: To accept the minutes of the August 29, 2008 meeting as circulated.**

There being no further business, it was **VOTED: To adjourn.**

Adjourned accordingly at 11:05 a.m.

Marie A. Hamly, Secretary