ISLE AU HAUT HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS MEETING Monday, Sept. 14, 2009 Revere Memorial Hall

President Harold Van Doren called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Members present were Harold Van Doren, Pat Cole, Belvia MacDonald, Fred Eustis, Marie Hamly and Marion Drew. Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED**: **To approve the minutes of August 8, 2009** as circulated.

In the absence of Barbara Brown there was no report on the adze display, although over 20 people appeared to see it, and Marie Hamly reported several more asked to see it during the next library day.

Pat Cole had no specific events lined up for next year but said she would like to see at least two speakers as well as a featured exhibit and fund raiser. Harold suggested Peter Scott might be asked to be one of the speakers. Pat felt that we needed to post a schedule of our meetings and events early in the summer next year so people could plan to attend. There is a need to attract more members, especially younger ones. Bob Gerber and Lisa Turner were mentioned as possible candidates.

The need for additional space to house our collections is an ongoing project. Some possibilities might be Keidel's small strip of land, some of the James Bowditch propertly next to the parsonage, space on the north side of the town hall lot. Harold Van Doren mentioned that if the house from Bill's Island becomes available to us, this might be a powerful incentive for a donation of land to locate it. Marie Hamly suggested that we should revisit our inquiry about the Kennedy land opposite the town hall, and that a letter sent to both Tom and his sister Linda Giragosian might produce some response. Harold said he would write them when the status of the Bill's Island house became clear.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED**: To accept the treasurer's report of a balance of \$216.46 and receipt of three dues checks not yet deposited.

The board regretfully accepted Charlie Turner's resignation, but learned that Dick Marks had agreed to continue on the board.

Future projects to work on over the winter were lining up speaker suggestions, display topics and more oral histories. If we agree on meeting dates for 2010 before we adjourn today it will make it easier to invite speakers.

Harold turned to the house survey project which was started years ago by Virginia MacDonald. He suggested we use the Maine Historical Commission format. Marion Drew volunteered to work on compiling a list and hoped Belvia would help her.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED**: To accept Marion Drew to membership in the Isle au Haut Historical Collections society.

The suggested meeting dates for 2010 are: June 19, July 17, August 14 and September 4.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was **VOTED**: To accept the following slate of officers

President – Harold Van Doren Vice President – Pat Cole Secretary – Marie Hamly Treasurer – Harold Van Doren

Pat Cole suggested that we find a central focus point for each meeting and circulate it in advance so persons interested in that subject might be more likely to attend. Harold suggested one area of interest was the history of the island post offices.

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

Adjourned accordingly at 11:05 a.m.

Marie Hamly, Secretary