

Isle au Haut Lighthouse Committee

Minutes of June 25, 2015 Meeting

5:00 PM, Town Hall

Present: Alison, Marshall, Lisa, Bernie, Jeff, Island Fellow Meghan

Excused: Kathie and Albert

Villagers: Rosie Robbins and Rachel Harris

1. Approval of 10/22/14 Minutes: Passed, 5-0
2. Additions to agenda: None
3. Treasurer's report: Lisa shows \$26,445.00 in checks received by committee. Jeff's records show expenses from engineering, printing and postage totaling \$1264.57 plus postage expenses paid to Lisa. Landon had reported to Jeff last year that we had \$869.54 in our Fund prior to any fundraising. so our best guess is we should have a balance now somewhere around \$26,000 (Jeff's post-meeting math). Lisa points out that actually we are in limbo until the auditor unravels the Town's financial situation.
4. Report on On-Going Activities – Jeff. This year's Lighthouse Summer will feature fundraising Talent Show, Triathlon and Auction. Our application for a Maine Community Grant last year was turned down. Last week we submitted an application for an \$11,850 50/50 development (planning) grant from SHPO – to be matched by an equal amount by us. State DOT has approved us as eligible to apply for a 50/50 restoration grant – first we must have clear projection of total cost and our half of the match in cash on hand. An inquiry was sent to Friends of Acadia to seek support – no response yet. Jeff reports that “the book” is on schedule to be in finished draft this year (provided free of charge to all donors of \$100). Marshall will accommodate potential major donors at the inn for his costs. Several personal appeals have been written. We are working with two corporate donors who have match programs for their employees. Looks like we will be honored by Meghan's presence for another year – one of her tasks is to earmark possible funding sources we haven't heard about. Rachael's painter friend has offered to do a painting of the lighthouse we could use for a card. Al Hodson (Maine's leading lighthouse structural engineer) has provided a preliminary engineering plan for the SHPO planning grant, which includes plans for architectural research and HAZMAT reporting. Next week we hope to host a major candidate for bidding on the restoration work. Jeff has opened ties with USCG and the lighthouse-networking world to dig out history for the book as well as the search for a bell.
5. Old Business: Alison and Jeff will pursue Friends of Acadia connection. Jeff still needs to check out opportunities for funding from Genesis Fund and George Cogan.
6. New Business: We discussed getting a file cabinet and moving all committee records into the Town Office. Ali will donate a cabinet. Lisa proposed we come up with a brochure for our summer's activities.
7. Auction: Bernie has recruited Martha Greenlaw and Rosie Robbins to work with her to organize and conduct the auction to be held in the Town Hall this August 15. Our auctioneer will be Tim Sawyer. Supporting Task Groups will be; Facilities (Jeff, Meghan, Ali); Promotion (Lisa, Ali, Jeff); hors d'oeuvres (Lisa and Friends); Music (Kristin – volunteered by Ali).
8. Next Meeting; Monday, August 3, Town Hall 7:00 PM.
9. Adjournment: At 6:30 - Yes, 5-0

Submitted by Jeff