

**Isle au Haut Historical Society**  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 10, 2017  
Revere Memorial Hall

Trustee Tom Guglielmo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following individuals were present: Tom Guglielmo, Pat Cole, Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Brenda Clark, Fred Eustis, Wendall Chamberlain, Marie Hamly, and Jeff Burke.

Tom G. acknowledged the recent passing of former Isle au Haut Historical Collections President Barbara Brown [now the Isle au Haut Historical Society] and an obituary was circulated. A sympathy card will be sent to the family expressing deep appreciation for Barbara's initiation of the IAH Historical Collections and her outstanding contributions to the organization.

Treasurer Brenda Clark reported a checking account balance of \$8,520.18. An outstanding check to Marshall Chapman of \$100 has not yet been cashed which would leave a balance of \$8,420.18. Town appropriations for the past three years included a deposit of \$2,000 for the previous two years and another deposit of \$1,000 for the current year on 30 May 2017 as requested by the historical society.

Approval of the last meeting's minutes have been postponed until the upcoming annual meeting.

Both Harold van Doren, President and Marie Hamly, Secretary have submitted their resignations from the Board of Directors. Pat Cole also shared her plan to step down from the Board of Directors and continue as a member of the historical society. Tom Guglielmo, Trustee has agreed to be acting President in the interim. Kristen Carlson-Lewis has agreed to become Acting Secretary for the interim.

Appreciation for Marie Hamly's many years of service as Secretary for the historical society was shared and Marie was presented with a card and gift expressing our sincere thanks. Tom read the contents of the card aloud for all to hear.

The membership and contact rosters are in the process of being reviewed and updated. A discussion of current membership versus email recipients arose and who exactly are members. It was determined that the annual dues of ten dollars would continue to be collected which would also help define members versus those interested in being apprised of the Society's activities. This would also be in keeping with the current bylaws of the organization.

On the same note, discussion arose regarding the required forms to be completed annually with the state of Maine and IRS and the correct addresses on file. Follow-up for the next meeting.

Tom Guglielmo shared previous stationary design plans for the historical society. It was decided to eliminate one option containing an outline of a ship at sea. More interest was

expressed in a small map of the island over a picture of the southern tip of the island. After further discussion, it was decided to explore these two options a bit further.

Kris reports the series of oral history interviews completed in the last five years have all been transcribed and are available in written and audio form in both the library and the historical society files. These interviews include John Stanbury with a written addendum by his wife Jean Stanbury and a chapter from his autobiography; Dan Ellis with a written addendum by his daughter, Carolyn Ellis Bergen; Marshall McBean, Ted Hoskins, Fran Schonenberg, Belvia MacDonald, Marie Hamly. In addition, we have an oral history interview of Charles L. Bowen by his son, Lew Bowen, courtesy of Kendra Chubbuck. One further interview with Charlie D. Bowen is pending. Fred Eustis inquired as to whether any future interviews are planned and discussion revolved around prospective individuals.

Nomination of new board officers was discussed. As noted above, Tom has agreed to be acting President but declines the position longterm. Kris has agreed to cover the secretary's position. There was a discussion of how to generate further interest in the historical society.

Tom inquired about the status of reimbursement for expenses. It was noted that Kris had been reimbursed for expenses incurred due to the interviews and a bill was submitted for expenses for Marie's gift.

Tom presented ideas for speakers for both this summer and next summer. Two speakers to consider for next summer include David Townsend, Director of Marine Science at the University of Maine – Orono regarding oceanography of the island area and Karen Wilson, who has studied limnology regarding Long Pond and its current condition and how it has evolved over the years. The decision was unanimous to move forward with these two opportunities for next year; tentative dates were discussed and a week in late July for David Townsend and two weeks later, Karen Wilson in August. It was agreed that the society would pay boat passage and an honorarium for David's speaking engagement. Tom shared that he had discussed with Rita MacWilliam, the island school teacher about having the school children do a presentation. Over the past school year, the children interviewed members of the community. They would be willing to share some of these interviews with the summer community. Dates were discussed and an evening of storytelling was proposed for the third week of August. It would start with the school children and be followed by community members who would like to share a story. Kris and Pat agreed to bring baked goods. Tom agreed to follow-up with the proposed speakers. During discussion, it was noted that Alan Myers, the new island minister is interested in researching the history of the Isle au Haut church.

The date for the 2017 annual meeting of the historical society was set for Thursday, August 24 at 10 am in the town hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Acting Secretary

Addendum: the second annual story night featuring the Isle au Haut school children and other story tellers is scheduled for Thursday evening, August 21 at 7:00 p.m. The town hall has been booked and volunteers for set-up (day of) are appreciated.

