

Isle au Haut Historical Society  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, July 19, 2018  
Revere Memorial Hall

Acting President Tom Guglielmo called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The following individuals were present: Tom Guglielmo, Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Pat Cole, Bob Smith, Jeff Burke, Allen Myers, Joan Tilney, Fred Eustis, Ann Davidson.

Treasurer's report shows a current balance of \$8,355.11. The Town of Isle au Haut chose not to allocate any monies to the historical society this year.

Pat Cole made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the last meeting held on August 24, 2017; Tom seconded the motion; all in favor, approved.

Tom shared that the Isle au Haut Historical Society Annual Report filed electronically with the state of Maine still has Harold van Doren's name on the form and that Pat Cole is still listed as VP. He recommended the form be updated; topic tabled until the next meeting while a replacement is decided upon.

Scheduled summer speakers:

- Karen Wilson, an island-related limnologist will be offering a presentation "The Limnology of Long Pond: Most Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About the Lake" - August 2 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
- David Townsend, of the U. Maine School of Marine Sciences, an expert in biological oceanography will provide a presentation "Oceanography of the Gulf of Maine, and Some Insight into Recently-Observed Changes" - August 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.
  - Volunteers to assist with set-up (Tom and Jeff), refreshments (Kris and ?), publicity (Bob)

Jeff Burke mentioned the Lighthouse Committee would like to offer their book *The Lighthouse and Me* written to help raise money for the lighthouse restoration be available for sale at the scheduled speaking engagements this summer. He reiterated that publishing of the book was funded through the Lighthouse Committee and IAH town funds in an effort to raise money for the lighthouse restoration project. Royalties for the book are sent to the Town of Isle au Haut (not Jeff Burke) by the publisher. Copies of the book will be available for sale with a side display of photos and other materials.

Allen Myers shared that the Greater Cranberry Island Historical Society has planned an outing to Isle au Haut aboard the Sunbeam on August 26. They are attending church services on the island followed by a light luncheon. There will be approximately 20-25 individuals coming and the IAH Historical Society is invited to be involved. Assistance with finger food would be appreciated. We would like to be involved and enjoy hearing about their historical society

endeavors. Bob Smith proposed we formulate a plan of engagement as to how we may benefit from knowledge of their past experience. Allen Myers or Kris Carlson-Lewis will reach out to their group.

Tom raised the issue of finding a home for the historical society. Tom and Jeff Burke had explored the possibility of utilizing space in the attic of the town hall and presented their proposal to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen responded by letter that the attic would not be a suitable site due to lack of handicap accessibility, extreme temperature fluctuations and infringement of town office space. Instead, they offered the basement of the old powerhouse company building as an option noting access for the public. Fred Eustis strongly suggested that for many practical reasons, the town hall (or nearby) should be reexamined as the best resource for the historical society's needs. Jeff suggested discussion with the Maine Historic Preservation Commission as an optional funding source.

Doug Duer has been recruited by Acadia National Park to undertake a subsequent research project on the past presence of Indians in this region. He conducted a talk on July 9th to introduce his project and his interest in talking with individuals with knowledge or stories about the Indians in the area as well as any resources regarding this topic.

Tom noted that Harold van Doren will be visiting the island in early August and members of the group expressed interest in visiting with him.

Tom shared that the Swan's Island lighthouse group offers a general brochure for tourists as well as a specific brochure offering a geology walk by their group. IAH might benefit from a similar option or other fundraising opportunity.

Peter Ralston, photographer has expressed an interest in visiting Isle au Haut with the potential for a speaking engagement.

The next board meeting is scheduled for August 9 and the annual meeting will be held on August 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Allen Myers noted he is currently writing a history of the reed organs on Isle au Haut.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Kristen Carlson-Lewis  
Acting Secretary