

Isle au Haut Historical Society Board Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2019

Attending: Tom Guglielmo, Kris Carlson-Lewis, Brenda Clark, Bob Smith, Stew Foelix, Marie Hamly, Jeff Burke, Fred Eustis.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by Acting President, Tom Guglielmo.

The minutes of the last meeting, July 19, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report waived, no changes.

The scheduled visit to the Greater Cranberry Isle Historical Society on August 13 has been postponed as the transport to and from GCI on the Moonbeam became more difficult than anticipated. We decided to wait for the Sunbeam's return to service with a trip next summer when more of us could comfortably visit. We extend our thanks to Douglas Cornman and the Seacoast Mission staff for offering their services to make it happen.

Summer speaker update:

- The historical society-sponsored powerpoint presentation by Jeff Runge on right whales in the Gulf of Maine was well-attended (approximately 40 people) with favorable feedback. Comments that Jeff's presentation dovetailed with current news reports and the impact beyond just the right whales as a sign of changes occurring with the Gulf stream currents, water temperature and habitat. Thanks to Bob for publicity and making sure the lecture went smoothly and to Pat Cole, Kris and Brenda for refreshments. Tom will send a thank you note and honorarium to Jeff Runge.
- Tonight, the featured speaker will be Bob Gerber with a slide presentation regarding his new monograph, *Special Places Off-Trail in Acadia National Park at Isle au Haut* with extensive off-trail mapping of the island. Refreshments will be provided and set-up scheduled for 6:30 PM.
- On August 24, Kathie Fiveash will be sharing her experiences as a former IAH School science teacher (25 years ago) with slides featuring some of her former students.
- Due to a scheduling conflict, Glen Mittlehauser's speaking engagement on birds of the Maine coast has regretfully been postponed until next summer.
- Tom noted he is interested in finding an individual interested in arranging summer speakers due to the numerous details required including but not limited to arrange the speakers, meeting the boat, and arranging room and board. Bob recommended that identifying topics and speakers be a group responsibility for richer input. Then, the mechanics of communicating with potential speakers and follow-up be taken on by a point person. Members were in agreement. Bob volunteered to take on the mechanics involved in the speaker's visit to the island. Prospects for speakers next summer were discussed including Peter Ralston (sailing trip through the NW passage) and Glen Mittlehauser (as noted above). Bob suggested consideration of the Island Institute. Bob and Tom will follow-up with these two individuals and thought will be given to other opportunities.

Newsletter copies – Tom requested a volunteer with the ability to make copies of the first annual newsletter so it might be distributed this evening. Jeff offered to make copies.

Ideas for articles for the next newsletter were requested by Tom. He also suggested we may choose to include a section of one of the completed oral history interviews.

Oral history interviews – Fred Eustis has consented to respond to written questions. Ann Davidson and Jenny Sawyer were interviewed recently and the interview is in the process of being transcribed. Tom reiterated the possibility of oral history interviews with the children of Maurice Barter and Skeet McDonald. Kris outlined the steps involved in the current interview process for oral histories.

The date for the 2019 annual meeting will be Wednesday afternoon, August 28 at 1:30 PM

Bob shared some papers he received from Barbara Ternes consisting of an historical project outlined by Harold van Doren back in 1992 along with some corresponding handwritten notes by Alan Ternes. These papers were related to the historical society. Bob will make copies to share for possible discussion at the next meeting.

Cameron Brown spoke with Bob and Stew this morning regarding a collection of arrowheads and shared some photos; he expressed an interest in donating them to the HS. Tom will follow up with Cam.

Discussion of some potential future projects for the HS such as exhibits; the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

It was voted to adjourn the meeting at 11:08 AM.

Kristen Carlson-Lewis
Acting Secretary