

Isle au Haut Historical Society Annual Meeting Minutes

August 28, 2019

Attending: Tom Guglielmo, Kris Carlson-Lewis, Brenda Clark, Bob Smith, Stew Foelix, Jeff Burke, Fred Eustis, Galen Davis, Gail Holmes, Gerry Wurzburg, Mary Fennell.

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM by Acting President, Tom Guglielmo.

The minutes of the last meeting, August 8, 2019 were unanimously approved.

Summer speakers:

- The presentation by Bob Gerber (August 8) regarding special off-trail sites on the island received positive feedback with approximately 25 attendees. There were a number of maps included during the presentation. Access to maps of the island was discussed.
- Kathy Fiveash (August 24) provided a summary with accompanying slides of her many years teaching at the IAH school. The talk was well received with about 30-40 individuals attending.
- Summer 2020 will feature Glen Mittlehauser's Birds of Maine tentatively scheduled for August 20 (see <http://www.mainenaturalhistory.org/home>) and Peter Ralston will speak on the Pacific Northwest Passage and the impact of global warming on the people and their environment, late July. Stew recommended the dates for these talks be included on the town's google calendar.

The planned visit to the Greater Cranberry Isle Historical Society next summer will be aboard the Sunbeam and coordinated by Douglas Cornman. Plans will be firmed up by March for trip late July or early August.

Clarification requested regarding current and open board positions. Jeff made a motion that the acting president and acting secretary become permanent which led to the following discussion; motion later withdrawn.

Bob initiated a discussion that more clarity and definition be provided with regard to the presence of the historical society – its mission, definition of board positions and membership. Members elicited the following: the HS strive for greater publicity such as through mailings, Facebook, postings, greater audience for the newsletter and continued speaker series. Jeff offered to build a bulletin board for the HS perhaps to share relevant HS information. Bob suggested the involvement of individuals in projects of interest. Individuals requested ways to obtain information from the Historical Society, become a member and what information is available online.

The next meeting has been scheduled for July 16, 2020 at the town hall.

Tom requested input on articles for the next newsletter.

Follow-up on the IAH Historical Project outline put together by Harold van Doren with comments by Alan Ternes and discussed at the last meeting was requested. A written interview with Fred Eustis was raised along with comment about what should or should not be written down. A book written by George Wasson (a Turner cousin) was highly recommended for its island-related information and that a copy of the book for the library should be obtained. Fred will provide a further list of recommended books for the library and historical society holdings. Oral history interview update provided by Kris.

Treasurer's Report: No change.

There being no further business, it was voted to adjourn meeting at 3:43 PM.

Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Acting Secretary