

Isle au Haut Historical Society Annual Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2023

Revere Memorial Hall

Attending in Person: Tom Guglielmo, Kristen Carlson-Lewis, Bob Smith, Brenda Clark

Attending on Zoom: Karen Wilson, Mary Fennell, Harold and Ruth Van Doren, Donna Hopkins

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM by Tom Guglielmo.

The minutes of the 2022 annual meeting were unanimously approved.

Karen Wilson is joining the committee. A motion was made to nominate Karen for Treasurer. It was seconded and unanimously approved. The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. A \$5000 nine month CD was set up at Camden National at 4%. The remaining balance is \$4,750.88.

After the last meeting Tom, Bob, and Donna had a frank discussion about pursuing a building to house the collection. Concerns were raised about fundraising (both for the building itself and then on-going to support the expense of a building) and the time commitment to manage the project with a limited committee. The group felt that we should continue to focus on what we do well - oral histories, documentation, newsletters, and summer programs - and work on digitizing the collection. An effort should also be made to attract younger committee members.

The 2023 Summer events were well attended: Partners Night ~50 attendees, Glenn Mittelhauser's harlequin duck program ~45 attendees, and Bob Olney's wild life program ~40 attendees. Tom thanked Mary for creating the flyers for the programs and Bob for technology support and hospitality (along with Bob Olney) for Glenn's visit.

Suggestions for 2024 summer events were discussed. A Thunder Gulch walk with Marshall Chapman, a bog walk with Kathie Fiveash, stargazing with Tom, and a reading by Harold. Lots of opportunities around the 50th anniversary of "Here on the Island".

Newsletter and oral history ideas were discussed. These included: history of the boat company, interviewing the current captains, history of the Gailey house, profile of the Woolens, hotel on the Eastside, Fog Island, ice harvesting.

Bob, Karen and Donna will revisit digitizing over the winter. Karen has a colleague at USM who might be helpful to contact. Based on Bob's past research, they will relook at "ArchivesSpace" - an open source, web application for managing archives information. <https://archivesspace.org/>

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 15th at 10 am. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectively submitted,
Donna Hopkins