

Minutes of the  
Jacksonport Historical Society  
February 16, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by President Ray Osinski. Board members present were Vice President Vicki Bley and Treasurer Kandie Skippon. Trustees present were Patty Birnschein, Mitch Honold, Herb Mueller, Judy Cote, Dennis Dietrich and Program Chair/Historian Eileen Roberts.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vicki Bley asked that under New Business Road Runner contract be added.

Ray Osinski asked that under New Business upgrade of electricity at Lakeside Park be added.

CORRESPONDENCE

Kandie Skippon had received information from Grapevine Publishing for advertising for Cherry Fest. Patty Birnschein took the info and will look into for us.

Ray Osinski had received info for purchasing shirts with the JHS logo on them. Consensus was not to pursue.

RO had info from the Wisconsin State Historical Society as to workshops coming up in the fall. Many of the BOD had received the same flyer and were aware of the workshops.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 20, 2010

Motion by PB seconded by Herb Mueller to approve the minutes of January 20, 2010. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

KS reported that as of 2/16/10 the checkbook balance was \$16,358.64. The root cellar fund has \$2,368.27 and Museum Fund has \$4,813.74. Kandie also reported that she had received some memberships and donations that were not in the balances. Discussion followed as to how to separate the donations into the proper accounts.

Motion by HM seconded by Judy Cote to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Site Planning Committee Status – HM handed out two items. (See Attachments #1 and #2) Attachment #2 was sent to Mona Orthober, Rob Onan, and Al Birnschein. Eileen Roberts reported that the permit was approved for the log cabin site. RO asked what are the next steps for the log cabin. Concrete slab, log replacement, and fix floor. The architectural phase will be implemented so the building once repaired will be placed in its permanent location. ER has talked to the assessor about the property tax exempt status. He will send her the State statute regarding tax exempt properties. ER is sending more info to him and he will reevaluate the

status. HM will get the site planning committee together to move forward on a site plan. RO suggested they may want to do a site visit to an already existing property.

- B. Financial Committee Status – KS reported they have not met since they need a site plan before pursuing funds. ER has submitted a grant to the Raibrook Foundation for log cabin refurbishing. No word on that as of today.
- C. Property Insurance Coverage – KS reported that the insurance company underwriters call our building an “attractive nuisance” and that we need to padlock the door. Any further cost for coverage would be minimal. At present we pay \$265 per year. HM will check into securing the building.
- D. Assignment of New 2010 Board Liaison Committee Leads – RO goal is to identify what committees we need and get them organized by having a chair person and a BOD liaison to report back to the BOD.
- E. July Dinner Meeting – ER reported the location is not settled yet. JJ’s is not an option because it’s too small. The program will be “Bonnetts to Hats”. The program is from the Wisconsin State Historical Society. HM will contact Mr. G’s or caterers for the event.
- F. Membership Letter Update – ER and Nancy Bemmann prepared the mailing.
- G. Fire Truck Update – HM went to the Jacksonport Town Board meeting and reported the truck is presently stored at Port Storage. HM thought that it probably wasn’t the best place to store since it is not climate controlled. It is the second truck that the Jacksonport Fire Department had purchased. Discussion followed as to what conditions the JFD would have for us if we decide to take it. HM will investigate further.
- H. Grant Proposal Update – See Old Business item A.

#### OLD BUSINESS

- A. Collection Development Policy – Vicki Bley handed out Attachments #3-What a Collection Policy should be and #4 a preliminary collection policy for JHS. (See attached) VB asked that everyone review them and let her know of any changes or additions they would like to see in it and we will discuss it at our next meeting.
- B. JHS Mission Statement Revision – VB noted mission statement and wanted input for next meeting.
- C. Meeting Effectiveness – RO will bring info on the basic policy for having an effective meeting for March meeting.
- D. Newsletter Articles – Patty Birnschein asked that all articles be to her by March 1. She has talked with DC Printing and has the proper format to use so is ready to move forward. She will be adding a “wish list” to the newsletter for items we may need or want. Anyone having any

ideas of what these things could be should contact her. A JHS brochure would not be included with the newsletter.

- E. Road Runner Contract -- VB reported the price had gone from \$400 to \$425 for the year. Discussion followed as to the necessity of using Road Runner. Motion by PB and second by HM that we renew the contract for 1 year. Motion carried.
- F. Upgrade Electrical Power in Lakeside Park – RO received a letter from Katie Hebel of the Jacksonport Women’s Club asking if JHS would be interested in sharing the cost of upgrading the power to the upper shelter in Lakeside Park. JHS, JWC and the Jacksonport Advancement Association would share a cost of \$600 to \$700 for this work. It would be a gift to the town. Since the town owns the park it should be their responsibility to do the upgrade. Motion by PB and second by HM that the JHS has declined participation. RO will respond to Katie Hebel by letter informing her of our decision.
- G. Meeting Evaluation – RO asked each member to evaluate from 1 to 10 and give reasons for rating. Evaluations ranged from 6 to 8. Some of the comments were: discussion was good, well structured, sometimes get off the discussion, too much agenda, meetings could be earlier.

#### ITEMS FOR MARCH AGENDA

- Fire Truck update
- Site plan update
- Collection policy/mission statement review
- Policy for an effective meeting

Motion by Mitch Honold second by Judy Cote to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:20 p.m.  
Recorded by Vicki Bley, Vice President.