

Gunflint Trail Historical Society
Membership Meeting
June 8, 2015

Call to order: 1:40 p.m. by President Dave Tuttle

Members present: See attached sign-up sheet.

Bonnie Schudy was introduced as the new museum manager by Barb Bottger.

Guest speaker: Steve Elliot of the Minnesota Historical Society

Motion: To approve the minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting. (LeTourenau/Fran Smith). All ayes.

Financial report: Darling reported on the finances of the GTHS and building project.

Membership report: 720+memberships. Volunteers thanked.

Museum report: Baker and Schudy reported the museum opened for 2015 on May 23; construction has begun; gift shop sales are going well; loons are on the nest; loon cam is being replaced under warranty.

Grounds: Edinger reported the grounds, including the driveway are in good shape.

2015 Special Events: Valentini reported the Shrimp Boil is June 14, and needs more volunteers, and bake sale helpers; Voyageur Brewing has donated beer to sample. Anniversary dinner (10 years for the GTHS, 5 years for Chik-Wauk) is July 5; tickets are \$50.00 and reservations are required. Tickets may be purchased at the museum or online at chikwauk.com or gunflintrailhistoricalsociety.org.

Nature Center: Baker and Weber reported on the status of the Nature Center. Concrete is being poured, museum is OPEN. Schematic Design II from Split Rock Studios was available for viewing.

Temporary Exhibit: Kerfoot reports the "Paper Trail" exhibit is installed and shows many of the journals from the Gunflint Trail residents.

Boat Shelter Timber Framing Class: class is August 12-21, 2016 at North House Folk School. Now is the time to sign up for the class. Please commit to attending all days of the class.

Capital Campaign: \$222,000 in the account, \$20,000 to arrive from IRRRB, and possibly \$250,000 from the legacy fund, if legislators approve in special session.

THANK YOU to Judy Edlund and Fran Smith for the treats and refreshments after the meeting. **THANK YOU to the Gunflint Trail residents – volunteers and those donating to the GTHS.**

Susan Scherer reported the **3rd Annual Concert** is August 9 at 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the GTHS and GTVFD. Works of Bill Beckstrand will be performed. More volunteers are needed. Committee is looking for volunteers to organize the post-concert reception.

Next meeting is July 13, 2015 at Gunflint Trail Fire Hall I. It will be the memorial meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Gunflint Trail Historical Society
Membership Meeting – Schaap Community Center
July 13, 2015

Call to order: 1:30 p.m. by President Dave Tuttle

Members present: See attached sign-up sheet.

Motion: To approve the minutes from the June 8, 2015 meeting. (Perusse/Scherer). All ayes.

Financial report: Darling reported on the finances of the GTHS and building project. The \$250,000 special legacy funding was approved by the Minnesota legislation. Special thanks to Bruce Kerfoot for all the time he has spent securing this and other funding.

Membership report: Those renewing with the Vanco system – reminder the membership levels have changed, and you must correct the dollar amounts if you are on an auto-renewal or recurring payment plan. Letters have been mailed. 195 renewals as of the meeting date.

Renewed members 2015

Business: 10
Couple: 122
Individual: 3
Sustaining: 49

New members:

Business: 1
Couple: 3
Individual: 5
Lifetime: 1
Sustaining: 1

Museum report: Schudy reported the visitor numbers are close to 2014. Volunteers are needed as docents. Next presentation is July 26, with Teresa Marrone – “Wild Edibles Talk & Walk”, 2 p.m. Weekly Kids’ day is very successful.

Grounds: Edinger reported the picnic tables have new feet, gravel was placed on some wet areas on the trails, weeding is being done. Yet to be done – staining benches.

2015 Special Events: Shrimp Boil (\$1658.00) and Anniversary Dinner \$3215.00) were successful events for the GTHS. Pie and Ice Cream Social is September 6 at Chik-Wauk.

Susan Scherer reported the **3rd Annual Concert** is August 9 at 4 p.m. Proceeds will go to the GTHS and GTVFD. Works of Bill Beckstrand will be performed. \$20.00 for adults, \$5.00 for children.

Nature Center: Baker and Weber reported on the status of the Nature Center and Admin Building construction. Concrete is poured, museum is OPEN.

Boat Shelter Timber Framing Class: class is August 12-21, 2016 at North House Folk School. Now is the time to sign up for the class. Please commit to attending all days of the class. This structure will house vintage boats and canoes.

Lives Remembered – tributes to Gunflint Trail residents and long-time visitors who passed away. (second name is person sharing the story)

1. Henry Bent (Hungry Jack) - Phyllis Sherman
2. Steve Bick (Poplar) - Nancy Olmem
3. Mark Ceminsky (Voyageur Canoe Outfitters) - Sue Prom
4. Alice Gilmore (Gunflint) - Sharlene Letourneau

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5. Bea Griffis (Chik-Wauk) - Sue Kerfoot (tribute at a later date)
6. Thelma Liebertz (Trail Center) - Lee Zopff
7. Norbert Mayer (son of Lydia and step son of Art Nunstedt) - Barb
8. Don Oberdorfer (E. Bearskin) - Nick Schommer (Shomer)
9. Nat Rusk (Seagull) -Chris Steele
10. Stanton Skrien (Gull Lake) - Kathy Lande (written)
11. Calvin Stevens (Clearwater Lake) - Kay Olson
12. Mike Trace (Clearwater Lake, nephew of Schaaps) - Lee Zopff
13. Jean Wagner (Poplar Lake) - Ina Huggenvik
14. Lawrence "Gus" or "Woody" Wooding (Old Gunflint Trail) Larry Wooding Jr.
15. Kent Bergo (Little Iron Lake) - Barb

THANK YOU to **Judy Edlund and volunteers** for the treats after the meeting.

Next meeting is August 10, 2015 at the Seagull Lake Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Gunflint Trail Historical Society Membership Meeting – August 10, 2015

**Gunflint Trail Historical Society Membership Meeting
August 10, 2015**

Call to order: 1:30 P.M.

Attendance via sign-up sheet

Minutes of the July 13, 2015 meeting approved.

Financial Report: Darling reported GTHS is doing well, about the same as last year in the Museum; memberships are slightly ahead of last year.

Fundraising: Kerfoot reported the capital campaign is in good shape. Jordy Kirk is onsite today beginning to move in with construction materials and equipment. IRRRB funding for \$20,000 grant paperwork completed and check expected soon. Bruce & Sue will be meeting with Minnesota Historical Society representatives to determine administration of the legislated \$250,000 from the Legacy Fund.

Nature Center: Weber reported on the status of the Nature Center plans. Phase III in the schematic was presented by Split Rock Studios on July 24, 2015. Special thanks to Bob Baker for all the time he has dedicated to this building project.

Timber Frame Boat Shelter: Tuttle reported 15 people signed up for the North House Folk School Class to be held in August 2016.

Manager's Report: Schudy reported on the membership and museum. Kids' Day has been running very successfully on Tuesdays. *MORE VOLUNTEERS will be needed in 2016 for the Nature Center.* No experience necessary. Schuett suggested a museum gift store discount coupon might be a good perk for GTHS members.

Grounds Report: Smith reported the picnic tables need a little more work. Clean-up of the hillside behind the Nature Center was done July 22 by a group of volunteers. Smith reports "the volunteers did a marvelous job of beautifying the area."

Loons: Schudy reported two loon chicks hatched on June 9. Survival of both chicks is unknown at this time.

Events: Valentini requested pie bakers and volunteers for the *Pie and Ice Cream Social* on September 6.

Photo Album Book: A pictorial history (photography by Betty Hemstad) of the rehabilitation of Chik-Wauk from 2005-2010 will be available in the Gift Shop for purchase.

Speaker: Bill Douglas introduced Earl Niewald, GTHS featured speaker. Niewald was the Gunflint District Ranger from 1971-1980, during the BWCAW controversy years. (Presentation was recorded.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.

Next membership meeting is **September 14, 2015**, at the Schaap Community Center.

**Gunflint Trail Historical Society Membership Meeting
September 14, 2014 – Schaap Community Center**

Meeting called to order at 1:35 PM by President, Dave Tuttle.

Attendance sign-up sheet attached.

Minutes of August meeting: motion to approve (Wooding/Smith) all ayes.

Treasurer's report: Darling reports financials are looking good, as are membership and attendance numbers.

Museum Managers report: Schudy reports a few members need to renew for 2015. Attendance has been good. Kids' Days were a great success.

Grounds report: benches are stained. Some mice problems in the museum.

Special Events report (by Barb Bottger for Sally Valentini): special events in 2015 raised over \$7200. The 10-year anniversary raised \$4000, Pie and Ice Cream Social, \$1426, serving over 200 people. The Cook County News Herald did a nice article about the Social and Chik-Wauk. In 2016, Shrimp Boil and grand opening of the Nature Center are being planned.

Capital Projects report: Kerfoot stated the community of support makes all the difference in obtaining grant funding. Granters are more confident in organizations which are able to prove operations are sound. The process of obtaining the \$250,000 Legacy Funding was explained, including the special legislation session. This is the first time there was a legislative earmarked project from the Legacy Fund. The contract for the funding was approved by the GTHS board and signed today by Dave Tuttle.

Nature Center: Baker reports we now have a Nature Center "building". Opening is slated for Memorial weekend of 2016. A grand opening is planned. Next construction is the administration building, followed by the cabin. The cabin construction is moving ahead, because the Legacy Grant timeline requirements. Approximate size of the cabin will be 15'X22', in the location of the former "Judge's Cabin" behind the museum, to the left, on the other bay. The Cultural Landscape documentation specifies the size and style of the cabin.

Boat Shelter construction: Smith and Edinger are on the committee for the Boat Shelter with Tuttle. Working with an engineering consulting firm. 16X32' or 20X36'. Extreme weather changes must be considered.

Remembrance of Ralph and Bea Griffis: presented by Sue Kerfoot. Griffis purchased in 1957.

Remembering Irv and Tempest Benson: Bill Douglas introduced and moderated a panel sharing stories of Irv and Tempest, Bob and Betty Robinson, Dave and Carol Seglem, and Dick Powell. The discussion was recorded.

Adjourn at 3:30 PM. This was the final membership meeting for 2015.