

Gunflint Trail Historical Society
Membership Meeting
August 10, 2020

The meeting, in Zoom, was called to order by President Douglas at 1:30 pm. The President welcomed 32 members to the meeting and introduced new Trustee members. The president asked if there were any agenda items from the floor to be added, and hearing none the meeting moved forward..

1. Minutes of the September 9, 2019 meeting were addressed having been sent out to members previously via "E" mail by Secretary Smith. With no comments, the minutes **were approved on a motion by Les Edinger, Second by Dick Allyn, with all ayes.**
2. Financials were reported by Treasurer Byers as of July 31, 2020 reflecting a GMSTBK Checking account balance of \$30,993.21; *GMSTBK money market balance of \$136,321.18; **Vanguard Endowment Fund balance of \$221,068.20; ***Inventory Assets of \$11,163.97.
*Includes \$25,000.00 in Reserve Fund; \$20,000.00 in Reserve Savings for General Operations; and \$9,050.00 in Gift Club specific donations.
Does **NOT include an anonymous donation of \$100,000.00 in deposit transit.
***Includes \$1160.76 in unspecified funds. Report **was accepted with all ayes on MM by Dick Allyn, Second by LaRaye Osborne.**
3. Director Schudy gave a Campus operations update reviewing facility changes due to the COVID-19 situation (safety protocols, staffing adjustments, interns and virtual programming from Memorial Day until re-opening on July 10th, and many programs having been cancelled).
Since opening attendance has been slow to return, but is increasing slightly. Low visitor attendance is necessitating additional facility operational changes. Affective August 15th (Nature Center & the Watercraft Exhibit will no longer be staffed with paid employees, and open on days only when volunteers are available). At the moment only Wednesdays and Saturdays are secure with volunteer supervision. GTHS Membership renewals are coming in slowly (this is critical) requiring a second mailing notice to go out within days. She reported the Interpretive Cabin exhibit is complete, but is also not open to indoor viewing due to the Pandemic (can be viewed through the deck windows, however). She also reported on the UMD student intern program which provided two wonderful students (one an undergraduate and one graduate) who worked with diligence and energy in spite of difficult circumstances from late May through August 14.
4. Vice President Allyn reviewed the GTHS/Chik Wauk process of Trademark protections for logo use. He explained the completed applications have been submitted by the Law Firm of Robins-Kaplan to the Trademarks office in Washington DC. for final approvals.

5. On behalf of the Artifact & Exhibit Committee, President Douglas encouraged member comments on ideas for exhibits and programs. A member suggestion was to perhaps survey the membership seeking such.
6. As is done bi-annually, the GTHS 2020/2021 slate of Board officers was presented to the membership for their approval. President, William Douglas; Vice President, Richard Allyn; Secretary, Fred Smith; Treasurer, Arden Byers. **The slate was approved unanimously by the members in attendance.**
7. Further membership action for an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation was reviewed by VP Allyn, having been submitted in advance for membership review in accordance with Incorporation by-laws. In abbreviated explanation of the amendment, by approving such: “the GTHS members have determined that it is prudent and necessary for the GTHS’s sound operation and management to enable the Board of Trustees who are members to elect the non-profit corporation’s officers of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.” This action changes what was done in item #6 above for the future. **The Amendment was approved by a majority of those members in attendance with one nay vote.**
8. Being no further agenda considerations, the business meeting was adjourned to the program.
9. The annual Remembrances program, coordinated by Barbara Bottger recognized a number of GTHS members, family, friends and neighbors who have passed from our midst over the last year.
A wonderful video narrated by Mrs. Bottger recalled the lives of “Gunflinters”: Nancy Caple Borson, Robert Einsweiler, Alice Weck, Mary Posner, Thomas Schank, Jean Oleheiser, Barbara Graham, Ronald Sutphin, Albert Niewald, Douglas Tuttle, William Sueppel, Beverly Keller, Marjorie Grinnell, Marion Powell Johnson, Joan Elbers and Sam Reipas.
10. Meeting & Program was adjourned at 2:39pm.