

**GUNFLINT TRAIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Summer Monthly Membership Meeting
Gunflint Lodge Conference Center
July 9, 2012 1:30 pm**

Present: Bob Baker Sr., Dave Tuttle, Fred Smith, Barb Bottger, Kate Kelnberger, Les Edinger, Roma Leuty, John Schloot, Phyllis Sherman, Sally Valentini, Susan Scherer, Nathalie Rusk, Terri Hyzer, Dave Larson, Sharon Baker, Ken & Bev Lind, Earl & Nancy Niewald, Linda Hendrickson, Tom Schank, Carol Byers, Sharlene LeTourneau, Vi Nelson, Judy Edlund, Lee Zopff, Julie & John Hendricksson, Barbara Zemke, Harriet Taus, Alice Weck, Biz Clark, Jim Johnson, Jim Edlund, Tom Probst, Jean Probst, Larry Wooding, Bill Boissenin, Sue & Larry Schei

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Baker, Sr..

An attendance sheet was passed around.

Minutes of the July 9, 2012 meeting have been electronically filed by Secretary Barb Bottger.

Motion to approve minutes. Sharlene LaTourneau moved & Alice Weck seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report - Bob Baker, Sr.

Net income Jan-July is \$22,132.00 which reflects the change of collections of membership annual dues and the increase in our admission fees.

Membership Report - Kate Kelnberger

Ada is very pleased with the change made in the membership drive from monthly to annually. We have 346 current members. We have 178 lapsed memberships, some of which will go on an inactive list. Bottom line is that membership numbers are good!

Museum Report - Fred Smith

Attendance at the museum is running par with last year with a monthly average of 60-61 visitors per day. The first 10-11 days of August are above average with 88 per day versus 69 last year.

The museum really needs volunteers. Please consider this and encourage others to consider this. Ada has two days off a week. We currently have only four people covering for Ada which entails full job duties of opening and closing.

The Thursday and Sunday naturalist programs average 18 people on Sundays with lower attendance for the Thursday program put on by the USFS.

The Cultural Landscape Report will be underway by November 1 after receiving acceptance for grant funds. This will show us what Chik-Wauk was back then, what it is now and what we'd like to do in the future to honor the historical significance. These plans include a boat storage, the restoration of a building for storage, and an open air pavilion for gatherings and events.

Betty Hemstead passed around an updated schedule for a 5-year plan for the Chik-Wauk temporary exhibit. Our plan for 2013 has been changed to "Gunflint's First Pioneer Family - The Charlie and Petra Boostrom Story". For 2015, we are doing a Gunflint Trail Paper Trail. Betty asked the membership to please send her an email telling her what you have (journals, photos, etc.) that we could use for this one summer. If we get no responses, we will cancel this exhibit. Please get in touch with her!!

Grounds Report - Bob Baker Sr. for Kathy Lande

This spring the Blueberry Trail was established and it has been a booming success. Kathy has a group of 20 smoke jumpers that will do volunteer work to improve treading, put in steps, etc. She is working on a grant application to create new maps and signs for the trails.

The Blueberry Trail is a spur off the Gneiss Lake Trail. We are at the point now that we will request permission from the USFS to continue on with the restoration of the rest of the 2.5 mile Gneiss Lake Trail.

Fresh gravel will be put on the road coming into the museum.

Special Events - Sally Valentini

Pie and Ice Cream Social - Sally asked if the owner of the lone left behind pie plate was in attendance! We had 42 pies donated by 26 ladies and Don Lease with some pies leftover. We made over \$1,100. Sally thanks Gunflint Lodge for their donation of the ice cream, beverages, plates, forks, napkins. Sally thanked the servers, the people that helped set up and take down, Dave Tuttle for his truck, Fred and Fran Smith, Bob Baker for the great weather, Suzanne W. for the publicity, and anyone else who helped in any way!

Hungry Jack Historic Tour of Homes - September 8.

Lee Zopff reported that we will tour 10 cabins with 2 being outside tours only. These cabins include the notorious Tommy Banks' gangster cabins. This is only open to GTHS members with a limit of 60. We have 10 spots left and hopes to sell those today! A beautiful brochure will be given to each participant. Lee Z. reminds the group to honor the cabin owners by not broadcasting to others about the household items in these cabins!

Gunflint Trail Scenic By-Way Committee request - We need someone within the Gunflint community to step forward and become the chairperson of this committee. We have benefited greatly with this partnership and want to see this continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Guest Speakers:

Bill Boissenin - Gunflint Trail CCC Camp History

Bill researched this for the benefit of the museum in 2007. His bound work can be found at the museum. It includes lists of names of all of the camps that worked on the Gunflint Trail. Bill told of how quickly the Civilian Conservation Corps legislation was passed in 1935, how it was put into action and the people that participated. There were six significant camps along the Gunflint Trail. Fascinating information! Be sure to read through these books at the museum next time you are there!

Vi Nelson, Sharlene LaTourneau and Carol Byers - Growing Up on the Gunflint Trail - "The Ladies of the Lake"

Thanks ladies for the rich stories of growing up together on Gunflint Lake and the wishes that children today are still having the same thrills!

Other Items:

Next Meeting - September 10

Thanks to Joan Perusse and Harriet Taus and Sharlene LaTourneau for the treats today!

Motion to adjourn. Kenny Lind moved. Fred Smith seconded. Motion passed. 2:45 p.m.

**GUNFLINT TRAIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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August 13, 2012 1:30 pm**

PRESENT: Bob Baker Sr., Fred Smith, Barb Bottger, Kate Kelnberger, Les Edinger, Sue & Larry Schei, Sharon Baker, Lee Zopff, Julie & John Hendricksson, Heidi Doo-Kirk, Joan Perusse, Don & Eleanor Lease, Tom & Linda Hendrickson, Bob & Ann Carlson, Bill Boissenin, Niel Atkinson, Oz Twedt, Vi Nelson, Ken & Bev Lind, Carol Byers, Sharlene LeTourneau, Susan Scherer, Gay Lynne Liebertz, Richard Fink, Tersenia Schuett, Sue & Bruce Kerfoot, Judy Edlund

Meeting was called to order by President Bob Baker, Sr..

An attendance sheet was passed around.

Members in first attendance: Tersenia Schuett and Gay Lynn Liebertz. Welcome!

Minutes of the August 13, 2012 meeting have been electronically filed by Secretary Barb Bottger.

Motion to approve minutes. Sharlene LaTourneau moved & Bill Boissenin seconded. Motion passed.

FINANCIAL REPORT -Bob Baker, Sr.

Bud Darling, Treasurer, submitted a financial report to the board. As of the end of August, we are \$24, 906 ahead of last year. Net income is \$40,920.00. Gift shop sales are up \$6,600 up from last year. Memberships are up \$7,300 from last year.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Bob Baker, Sr.

Ada offered the following report. Total membership - 514. 382 are current, 132 overdue.

MUSEUM REPORT - Fred Smith

Attendance figures: In 2011 we averaged 68 visitors per day. In 2012 we averaged 63 visitors per day. We are happy with this. The object of our operation is to keep things fresh with gift shop ideas, programming, exhibits, etc. to attract return and new visitors.

We are addressing the sound issues in the museum. We hope to install a sound dome over the pioneer kiosk before the season ends as a trial solution.

Betty Hemstead is working with the Boostrom family for the temporary exhibit of the First Pioneer Family on the Gunflint Trail.

The architect that will be performing the analysis for the Cultural Landscape Report has been on site and proves to be a very helpful person.

GROUNDS REPORT - Bob Baker Sr. for Kathy Lande

A group of retired smoke jumpers worked on the Gneiss Lake Trail on Sept. 5 and 6. This group travels around the country and they basically work for food!

Kathy is working with the USFS to gain permission to continue on with the restoration of the rest of the 2.5 mile Marobouef Lake. Kathy has already been out there with Jim W. to tag the trail.

A request for funding to help with gravel work was submitted to the Resources Advisory Council.

SPECIAL EVENTS REPORT - Lee Zopff for Sally Valentini

a. Hungry Jack Historic Tour of Homes - Sept. 8

Everyone was pleased with this event. \$1,860 has been given to the GTHS. Most people spent 2-1/2

hrs. to see the 7 cabins and grounds. The cabin owners gave great historical information on their respective cabins. The committee members were recognized - Lee Zopff, Sally Valentini, Phyllis Sherman, Barb Bottger, Linda Hendrickson, Judy Edlund

b. Chamber Music Concert - The board has approved the proposal by GTHS members to offer this event next summer. The date, place and time will come out in the Spring newsletter. Vi Nelson and Susan Scherer are taking the lead on this. If you are a classical musician or can volunteer, please contact Vi at vi@vinelson.com or Susan at scher012@boreal.org

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION - Bob Baker, Sr.

Lee Zopff, Phyllis Sherman, Sue Kerfoot were at the museum every Monday. Fred and Fran Smith were there every Tuesday. Bill Boissenin and Harriet Taus were there every Wednesday. Vi Nelson, Bev Lind, Carol Byers, Sharlene Latourneau covered every Thursday. Thanks for you consistent summer volunteer time!

2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS - Bob Baker, Sr.

We will keep the same number of membership meetings for 2013, the second Monday of each month, June-September. Our July meeting may be an evening, potluck meeting.

Other plans (watch for Spring newsletter for exact dates:

Fish Fry in June

Tour of Homes in July?

Music Concert in August?

Pie and Ice Cream Social on Sunday of Labor Day

Weekend

MEMBER NEWS -

a. Taste of the Gunflint Trail Cookbook

Gay Lynn works for Adventure Publications out of Cambridge, MN. The book is out of publication and a second printing will not happen because sales do not support that. The book needs to be reconfigured in order to be kept in print. Gay Lynn suggests that you contact the book company with your suggestions to keep this in print. Here is the contact information she provided:

Gay Lynne Liebertz
Paula Ellis pjellis11@juno.com
Adventure Publications
877-869-5394

or

Gerri Slabaugh
763-689-9800
gerrie@adventurepublications.net

b. Charlie Boostrom

Oz Twedt announced that, as relatives, they are in the process of documenting the cabins that Charlie Boostrom built. If anyone has any information please contact him. His number is 388-2247.

BOARD NEWS

a. Cook County Commissioner

Jim Johnson is finishing his term this year. He was very faithful to the efforts of the GTHS. Towards the end of our fundraising effort, Jim realized that there was some monies tied up with the school land and got unanimous support from the board to use those monies for the GTHS/Chik-Wauk.

Rick Austin and Heidi Do-Kirk are running for county commissioner. Heidi is present today.

Motion for the GTHS board send a letter of appreciation to Jim Johnson for his efforts in supporting the GTHS. Judy Edlund moved. Sharlene Latourneau seconded. Motion passed.

b. Museum Site Manager

We will be offering Ada a contract to continue her employment as director. The board has authorized a committee to move forward in drafting a job description for a second employee next season.

c. Chamber of Commerce

The board has moved to lend support to the formation of a Cook County Chamber of Commerce with a \$175 annual fee to the organization once it is formed.

GUEST SPEAKER

Neil Atkinson lives on Clearwater Lake with his wife and child. He grew up on Clearwater Lake during the pre-BWCA days. He told stories of treasures found in the woods including some rare beer cans. Today, he is a sawmiller as a hobby. His sawmill is about 200 yds. from Charlie Boostrom's sawmill. Thanks for the stories Neil!

Motion to adjourn. Don Lease moved. Carol Byers seconded. Motion passed. 2:30 p.m.

Thanks to all who provided the treats and to all who lingered to enjoy the treats and good conversation!