

Gunflint Trail Historical Society Membership Meeting June 13, 2016 - Seagull Lake Community Center

Call to order and welcome - Dave Tuttle at 1:30 P.M.

Introductions - Barb Bottger

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the October 14, 2015 meeting (Sharlene LeTourneau/Fran Smith) – all ayes.

Treasurer's Report - Bud Darling

No negative trends have appeared. The GTHS board approved the May 31, 2016 financial report.

Membership Report – Bonnie Schudy

May 28 was this year's opening day. Good attendance already this year. Jacqueline Mallinson doing a wonderful job as the naturalist. Membership renewal letters have been sent out. Summer programming is on the calendar. Something is scheduled for each Sunday this summer. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to assist with the Nature Center and Museum. Call Bonnie for more information and to schedule times.

Grounds Report – Fred Smith

Request everyone keep an eye on the grounds, pick up litter, remove dead limbs from trails and driveway, pull invasive weeds, etc.

Special Events – Dave Tuttle reporting for Sally Valentini

1. Shrimp Boil was successful with 150 people attending, raising \$2200 gross.
2. Nature Center Grand Opening is July 3.
3. Gunflint Woods, Winds, and Strings is August 14 at Schaap Community Center.
4. Pie and Ice Cream Social is September 4.

Buildings Report – Bob Baker

An update on all the building projects was provided, including a timeline for future construction. Thank you to Bill and Tre Douglas for constructing the steps to the existing latrine. Boat Shelter timber frame class is August 12-21, one or two more students needed.

Fundraising Report – Bruce Kerfoot

GTHS is still in need of additional funding support to complete all the projects, and support operations.

Outgoing Trustees were recognized and thanked: Betty Hemstad, Bob Baker, Phyllis Sherman, Sally Valentini, Les Edinger

Election of Trustees – nominations:

Chair – Barb Bottger, Vice-Chair – Sue Weber, Secretary – Fred Smith, Treasurer – Bud Darling; new trustees: Helen Muth, Tersenia Schuett, Don Wendell, Judy Edlund.

Motion to close nominations (Kerfoot/LeTourneau) – all ayes. Motion to accept the slate of officers, note Tuttle moves to Museum Chair position. (Smith/Hemstad) - All ayes. Motion to accept the board of trustees as nominated. (Kerfoot/LeTourneau) All ayes.

GTHS Membership June 13, 2016 (cont.)

Thank you to outgoing Chair, Dave Tuttle – Barb Bottger presented several gifts to Dave, and he thanked the GTHS.

Mystery Speaker(s): Dave and Barb Tuttle were honored/roasted for their contributions to the Gunflint Trail. (Audio was recorded.)

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 P.M.

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July 11, 2016 - A. Paul & Carol Schaap Community Center

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Bottger at 1:35 pm. There were 32 members in attendance.

Electronically filed minutes of the June 13, were approved upon motion by Vi Nelson and second by Carol Byers.

A Financial Report was presented by President Bottger in the absence of Treasurer Darling...Revenues are up over the same period of 2015 with a noted increase in 2016 membership renewals to date (thanks to all for your prompt re-upping)...At the same time expenses are up somewhat due to some one-time start-up costs (most notable in technology equipment) and additional staffing for the Nature Center... The report was previously approved at the Board of Trustees meeting.

Museum manager Bonnie Schudy gave her report on operations to date, stating that the 2016 season has been hectic but off to another great start. She indicated that upwards of 100 membership renewals are still to be received as of this meeting, encouraging those members to not forget us. Further she reports things are going great in the Nature Center with much enthusiasm and activity, led by our new Naturalist, Jacqueline Mallinson...Sunday NC programming is going well as are the Forest Service program contributions, and Tuesday Kids Days are great.

In a brief facility report, Smith reports grounds are in good shape but always need attending, encouraging everyone to help out whenever possible. Thanks once again are extended to the wonderful efforts by Kathy Lande and Les Edinger for their on-going maintenance work!

Special events chair and Trustee Judy Edlund gave a summation of the Nature Center grand opening reporting that some 220 people were in attendance, while extending thanks to all who provided and served treats, parked cars, shuttled visitors, greeted guests and to Gunflint Lodge for the use of their shuttle van. It was a swell afternoon. She then gave a reminder of the Labor Day weekend pie and ice cream social (specifically Sunday, September 4), giving a heads up to all Trail pie makers that their talents are needed. Call Judy at 388-4400 to confirm your pastry contribution.

Susan Scherer gave a report on the coming Wood, Winds, and Strings Concert scheduled for the 14th of August. Once again it will be held at Fire #1 beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket reservations are being handled by the GTHS through Chik-Wauk Museum...call 388-9915 to confirm your seating reservation...Adults are \$20 and kids 5-18 are \$5.00. Susan is looking for a volunteer/s to head up the reception which will follow the concert.

Updates were then given by President Barb and Past President Dave Tuttle on the boat shelter and cabin projects. The Executive Committee is working with the USFS and SHPO in moving the projects forward.

The program feature for the meeting was a memorial remembrance of our Gunflint Community of friends and neighbors who passed from our midst during the past year. The celebration of their lives and place in history of the Gunflint was led by Barb Bottger and Bill

Douglas.

Those remembered were: Marilyn Sly; Diane Stahnke; Ann Peters; Jeff Drogue; David Clutter; Lincoln Sherman; Gene Groth; Fred Norlien; Joe Sierakowski; Louis Keeseey; C. Paul Lund; Ann Larsen; Dr. Robert Hyatt; George Rhodes; Bette McDonald; LeRoy Lilienthal; Marty Clark; Anna Marie Meissner; and Harriet Boostrom-Taus.

Meeting was adjourned to the treats table furnished by Carol Byers, Lee Zopff and Judy Edlund. Our next gathering will be on August 8 in the Seagull Lake Community Center at 1:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Smith, Secretary

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August 8, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Bottger at 1:30pm. There were 50 members in attendance.

Electronically filed minutes of the July 11 mtg. were approved upon a motion by Vi Nelson and second by Sharlene LaTourneau.

In the absence of Treasurer Darling, President Bottger gave a brief report of our financial picture indicating a solid financial status for the organization. The checking /savings account reflects a current balance of \$154,726, which includes a sizeable amount of "Capital Campaign" funds for the Society's rehabilitation projects, in addition to seasonal budget operations reserves.

Museum manager, Bonnie Schudy gave an update on GTHS membership renewals for 2016 (273 to date), and indicated that some 200 reminder letters will be going out in a few days to those not having re-upped for this year.

On the museum operations side, she reports daily operations are going well with daily attendance predictability hard to estimate from one day to the next. One day may see 100 plus visitors while another may see 30 to 40, but on the average, visitor numbers are similar to last year. Sunday programming presentations in the Nature Center continue to be excellent but with limited attendance which may be due to conflict with other events and activities going on around the county. She continues the search for volunteers to help out in both the museum and NC, please call if you can help out. Finally her report indicated the Loons from the earlier hatching have returned to the bay following an extended absence, and are almost adult size, obviously surviving both predators in the sky and underwater, Hurrah!

Bonnie's grounds/facility report provided insight into a rain water accumulation problem around the door of the NC. Both she and Dave Tuttle are working to seek resolution to the problem.

Judy Edlund then reminded the group of the Labor Day weekend pie and ice cream social which will be held on the CW grounds, Sunday September 4th. She passed around a sign-up sheet for pie donations, and then asked for volunteers to provide treats for the September gathering at Mid-Trail.

Bruce Kerfoot gave brief mention to the Capital Campaign which is on-going to ensure funding to finish our project goals. He is currently working on one grant while the Society coffers remain open for any and all donation to the cause.

Bob Baker Sr. and Dave Tuttle gave project updates on the Cabin and Boat Shelter. Both clarified the need to work thru some planning issues as the process moves forward. Dave reminded the group that the timber framing efforts for the boat shelter would be commencing at the North House Folk School on the 12th, running through the 21st with 18 volunteers participating.

The general meeting was then adjourned to Bill Douglas for presentation of the program speaker. He introduced Patricia Emerson of the MNHS who proceeded with an interesting program on the Granite River underwater exploration program that was carried out between 1963 and 1970. She also brought along several artifacts that were recovered during

the diving process. These were found to be most intriguing for member observations following the presentation. Bruce Kerfoot, who was involved in some of the exploration as a young man, offered some enjoyable anecdotes to Ms. Emersons' agenda.

Announcement was made of the next meeting being held at the Schaap Center on September 12th, 1:30 pm. Treats were served after thanks were extended to the member providers.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred Smith, Secretary