

Gunflint Trail Historical Society
Membership Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Weber at 1:30 pm in the Seagull Lake Community Center. There were 27 members in attendance. The President welcomed all and started an around the room of everyone introducing themselves and where they resided in the territory.

The agenda was approved on a **MM by Fran Smith; Sec by Barb Bottger passing unanimously.**

Minutes of the September 10, 2018 meeting were both electronically filed by Sec. Smith and hard copies were passed around for review. On a **MM by Ina Huggenvik; Sec. by Harry Ervin the minutes were approved unanimously.**

Society financials were reviewed by Sec./Treas. Smith showing a checking/savings account balance of \$ 6580.73; a money market balance of \$ 103, 992.85; an Endowment Fund balance of \$ 164,886.95; petty cash/register balance of \$ 800.00 and Museum inventory assets of \$ 9370.25. The report was accepted on a **MM by Judy Edlund; Sec. by Bruce Kerfoot with all ayes.**

Chik-Wauk Campus Director Bonnie Schudy updated the attendees on: 1) 2018 Museum/NC 2018 attendance (8357) which was up over 2017; 2) 2019 Newsletter mailing; 3) Temporary exhibit changes and the new authors' display; 4) membership renewal letters coming out soon; 5) welcomed our new NC Naturalist (Ed Moran); 6 mentioned the Museum Memorial book procedures; and 7) additional trail cams are in place due to some private donations.

The President then paid tribute to two outgoing Trustees (John Hanson & Mona Hanson) and retiring Treasurer Bud Darling, Thanking them for their service to the Society.

An introduction of new Trustees candidates (Dick Allyn...Gunflint Lake & Al Flieder...Aspen Lake) was made by Smith. A call was made for any additional nominations from the floor. Being none, a **MM by Sharlene LaTourneau; Sec. by Carol Byers to close the nomination process and passed with all ayes.**

A **MM by Larry Wooding; Sec. by Jim Edlund to approve the candidates was approved unanimously.**

Committee reports were given by Bill Douglas on the WEB and Bob Baker SR. on the Cabin. While attention was called to summer programming on the Campus reminding all to check both the Newsletter insert and chikwauk.com for the calendar of events. Trustee Judy Edlund reported on another swell Shrimp Boil event, thanking the Schloot's, Voyageur Brewing, Gunflint bakers, many volunteer workers and all the attendees. A gross total of \$3231.00 was raised.

In other announcements, Bob Baker pumped up the July 17th canoe races and Bruce Kerfoot mentioned the A & E Committee is looking for old Duluth Packs and any old maps for display in the WEB.

The President adjourned the business meeting announcing the next GTHS gathering on July 8th in the Schaap Community Center at 1:30, where we will celebrate the lives of neighbors in our "Remembrances" program.

The meeting was then turned over to Richard Fink who introduced the speaker for the day. Ina Huggenvik (Poplar Lake) then gave a delightful sharing of her family's life in the mid-Trail area entitled, "One Man's Dreams."
Treats and conversation followed.

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July 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Weber at 1:34 pm. After a welcome, an around the room of self-introductions were made by the 34 members in attendance. The agenda was presented and approved with no additional items on a **MM by Ina Huggenvik, Sec. by Sharlene LaTourneau with all eyes.**

Minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting were both electronically filed on the GTHS web site and observed with hard copies by the membership. They were approved on a **MM by Arden Byers, Sec. by Les Edinger with all eyes.**

The Financial report was given by the President showing a checking/savings account balance @ Grand Marais State Bank of \$17,303.44; A money market account balance @ GMStB of \$83,611.62; The Vanguard Fund Endowment balance of \$164,886.95; petty cash of \$800.00; and Inventory assets of \$9,370.25. The report was accepted on a **MM by Les Edinger, Sec. by Jim Edlund with all eyes.**

In the absence of the Campus Director, the President gave a brief report on the Chik-Wauk Campus. Included were items of monthly Campus attendance numbers, gift shop sales, GTHS membership renewals, a review of the acceptance process for donation of items to the Society, and the ongoing need for both paid help in the WEB and more volunteers. Committee reports came from the Artifact & Exhibits (Bill Douglas); Nature Center Programming (Fred Smith) and Special Events (Judy Edlund).

Being no further Society business, the meeting was turned over the Past President Barbara Bottger for the annual Remembrances program of Gunflint Trail resident/members.

With both comforting and celebratory reflections, those in attendance remembered the following friends and neighbors who have left their historical mark along the Gunflint Trail:

Vern Eklund (Seagull lake); **Marge Estle (Gunflint Lake)**; Mary Anne Norton (Hungry Jack Lake); **Bud Byer (Gunflint Lake)**; Robert "Bob" Sirois (Seagull Lake); **Terry Brown (Saganaga Lake)**; Irene Baumann (Flour Lake); **Rolf Skrien (Saganaga Lake)**; Rob Nicholson (Loon Lake); **Mark Patten (Bowe Lake)**; Ken Brown (Gull Lake); **Edward Harris (Loon Lake)**; Ronald Hemstad (Gunflint Lake); **Darwin Hindman (Hungry Jack Lake)**; Paul Kelnberger (West Bearskin Lake); **Barabara Tibbets (Seagull Lake)** and Marge Cushman (Seagull Lake).

Meeting was adjourned to treats and conversation at 2:35 pm.

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August 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Weber at 1:35 pm. After a welcome, an around the room of self-introductions were made by the 32 members in attendance. The agenda was presented with a request for other items. An GTHS Committees discussion was added, said agenda was then approved on a **MM by Bruce Kerfoot and Sec. by Sharlene LaTourneau with all ayes.**

Minutes of the July 8, 2019 meeting were distributed for review as well as having been posted on-line prior. They were approved with no changes on a **MM by Arden Byers and Sec. by Fran Smith with all ayes.**

The Financial report was given by Sec./Treas. Smith showing a GMSTB checking/savings account balance of \$54,806.19; a GMSTB money market account balance of \$68,105.50; the Vanguard Fund Endowment balance of \$ 174, 217.93; petty cash of \$800.00; and inventory assets of \$9370.25. The report was accepted on a **MM by Betty Hemstad and Sec. by Sharlene LaTourneau with all ayes.**

The Chik-Wauk Campus Director, Bonnie Schudy updated the group on GTHS membership renewals, great efforts by volunteers (but need more), Nature Center goings-on with Tuesday Kids Day, Thursday afternoon Dark Sky programs, Monarch Butterfly emergence and releasing, upcoming Sunday afternoon programs and facilities attendance. The Director also reminded folks of the UMD Dark Sky Caravan event on Friday/Saturday at Seagull CC running from 6:00 to 10:30 pm each evening.

Facility/project updates on the WEB and the Interpretive Cabin were presented by Bruce Kerfoot and Bob Baker Sr. respectively.

Special Events Chair Judy Edlund spoke to the annual Pie & Ice Cream Social coming on the 1st of September on the CW Campus. An all call was made for pies by passing around a sign-up sheet, and a request for set-up volunteers. The event will run from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm with live music from the North Shore Swing Band, a book signing, a side walk gift shop sale and another chance to visit the Museum, NC and WEB. Parking shuttle service will run from the Sag Lake Landing.

President Weber gave a brief introduction to Committees of the GTHS and encouraged membership involvement beyond the Board of Trustees. If interested in serving as non-Trustee member on any Committee, please contact an officer or advise Bonnie at the Museum. Member expertise is invited.

In another report, the next meeting was announced for September 9th. The gathering will be at the Schaap Community Center (Mid-Trail) beginning at 1:30 pm. The program of our historical perspectives will feature Dan Helmerson..."Canoeing Along the Gunflint Trail."

The business meeting adjourned at 2:35pm to the program of the day, where Dr.

Richard Fink gave an enlightening and entertaining presentation of the Bunn Family and their life and times at the old Swanson's Lodge on Hungry Jack Lake.

Conversation followed with treats furnished by Judy Edlund and GTHS friends.

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September 9, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Suzanne Weber at 1:35 pm. After a welcome, an around the room of self-introductions were made by the 33 members in attendance. The meeting agenda was presented with a request for additional items of business. Being no suggestions, the agenda was approved on a **MM by Sharlene LaTourneau, Sec. by Pam Spangler, with all ayes.**

Minutes of the August 12, 2019 meeting were distributed for review as well as being posted on-line prior. With no comments, the minutes were approved on a **MM by Ina Huggenvik, Sec. by Fran Smith, with all ayes.**

The financial report was given by Sec./Treas. Smith showing a GMSTB checking account balance of \$65,757.74; a GMSTB money market account of \$66,430.23; a Vanguard Endowment Fund balance of \$174,217.93; petty cash of \$800.00; and inventory assets of \$9370.25.

A summary of year-to-date (Jan. 1st thru Aug. 31, 2019) financial activity reflected... total income of \$183,985.91; Cost of goods sold in gift shops \$20,513.26; and Expense of Operations \$64,323.00. The report was accepted on a **MM by Vi Nelson, Sec. by Sharlene LaTourneau with all ayes.**

The President then announced there will be four vacancies on the GTHS Board of Trustees at the end of June, 2020. A request was made for any member interested in serving to contact one of the nominating committee (Executive Officers) for information on Board governance/responsibilities.

The President then acknowledged Dr. Richard Fink for his dedication to program planning for the member meetings, also hoping for his continued service to the organization. Dr. Rich confirmed his pleasure in doing this and that he has several speaker/topics on board for 2020. Thanks to Rich!

Committee reports came from Programming and Special Events. Smith announced September Nature Center program speakers on Saturdays, the 14th and 21st. Trustee Edlund gave an update on the Pie & Ice Cream social. She reported that total receipts from the day amounted to \$2411.00 and thanked all the volunteers for a great effort. It was estimated over 400 people attended. For more information on all Chik-Wauk events, got to chikwauk.com.

A final item for the business meeting announced that the Arrowhead Electric Cooperative will be hold an open house at the Schaap Community Center on October 10th beginning at 11:00am, all AEC member/residents are invited.

The business meeting was adjourned to the days' program. Dan Helmersen of Grand Marais presented an interesting pictorial review of a 1917 Canoe Trip on lakes along the Gunflint Trail.

The final meeting of the 2019 season came to an end with treats and conversation. Thanks to Trustee Edlund and her usual crew for the sweet delectables!