

**Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, June 19, 2015 10:00am**

Present: Linda DeWitt, Peggy Kearney (arrives 10:10am), Tom Kendall, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Frank Waterman, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Lillian Browne, Cheryl Boyd and Barbara Coleman.

I. Review of May 2015 minutes

Roy requests a copy of his proposed changes to the fiscal policy be attached to the minutes since they were referenced in the minutes. All agree. Linda makes a motion to accept the minutes. Roy seconds. All agree.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Angela reports: **Bryden Farm** on Elk Creek in Meredith - items were picked up Tuesday evening. Farming implements and a great farmers' union poster, framed.

Physical Plant – **Tim reports: Blacksmith shop** work is complete. Cost \$3,939. Almost \$1,000 more than expected due to the fact they had to replace the table the forge was on. We got a grant for \$3,000. They did a good job, it looks great. George Eicher our blacksmith volunteered his time and helped out telling where and how to put the forge table together. He used it for P3 (4th grade program). It worked really well. Tim thanked George and gave him \$100 for mileage and supplies.

10:10am – Peggy arrives.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – **Tim reports:** Uniforms exhibit opened last Friday. All uniforms from DCHA collections. They will be on display until the end of July. **County office** – Samantha is putting a small exhibit in the County Office Building in July. It will feature kitchen implements. Newsletter went out at the end of May. A copy of the newsletter was also hand-delivered to the supervisors' mail boxes downtown.

Public Relations – Tim reports: *Walton Reporter* we have had a regular presence in the *Walton Reporter* thanks to Scott Payne who comes to a lot of events.

Finance – As of June 19 we have \$29,722 in our general checking account

Roy reports: the profit and loss shows we lost \$2,800 but if the blacksmith work has not been paid it is more like \$6,000. Roy plans to do a mid-year comparison to the budget at the end of the month to see how we are doing.

Tim reports: Annual Review is done. It cost \$4,000. Copies are available for anyone who would like. Linda asks if we are required to do a review. Tim answers, depends on each year's income. DCHA may have fallen under the required income. Likes to do a review but it is expensive. Could do one every other year, have the board do an in-house review. Roy explains they also do the taxes, and the 990s. Will ask how much it would cost for them to just do taxes and 990s. Linda asks if the review is not legally required, is there any benefit to it. It shows we are okay, legally above board and makes you feel more secure. Roy – the IRS likes to see them done occasionally. Mike questions what is

required by the NYS Association of Museums. Tim says it might be cheaper if they don't have to come on-site. We can bring the files to them.

Linda points out \$29,000 in the checking is good. Mike asks how the endowment works. Is it always an amount given and it cannot be spent, we can only use the interest and dividends. Discussion on Santora bequest, what is considered the corpus, what can be used, what can't.

III. Director's Report

Robinson-Broadhurst – Received \$2,500 to publish a Bob Wyer book. Had asked for \$5,000, which would have helped cover staff time. The \$2,500 should cover the printing costs. This is going to be a fundraiser; hope to have it done for Christmas. Roy asks if Bob Wyer's son might help fund it.

Arcadia book – Tim and Ray signed the contract for Arcadia book on the History of Delaware County. It is basically a picture book with captions. The first deadline is July 2nd. They need to have 20 images and captions. Plan to use all images from DCHA. This will be another fundraiser. Mike says Arcadia are good. Sidney did one 5 years ago. They didn't reorder after 3 years. The books are still available online at a discount.

Reenactment is set for July 18 & 19. Cross Roads Café will be doing the food. We are looking for volunteers the day of the event. Need help with parking, gift shop and sitting in buildings. Dick says he and Joan can help. Mike will do parking Saturday morning.

Frisbee Evening – July 25th. We will discuss this later.

10:40am – 10:55am – EXECUTIVE SESSION - Angela and Tim leave.

IV. Old Business

144th Golf Tournament – Tim reports not too many signed up. Net profit was \$462.50. We brought in about \$900 that was split 50/50 with the 144th. Linda suggests maybe another time of the year. There were a lot of tournaments at that time.

Bus trip – Tim reports 46 out of the 47 went on the bus trip. We raised \$1,731. Which we believe is the most ever raised by a bus trip. We had several cancellations and many said to just keep the money as a donation. Dick and Linda went on the trip and say everyone enjoyed it. The house was phenomenal and the food was good.

P3 – Tim reports we had about 130 kids. This was less than normal. Stamford did not come. There are also just fewer kids than 10 – 12 years ago. Dick reports there were too many chaperones for Delhi.

V. New Business

RV visit – Tim reports the RVs are coming Oct. 8 – 11th. The Mohawk Roamers Club. They go to different places to camp. We usually make about \$800-900 with very little effort on DCHA's part.

Fall bus trip – Tim reports we are open to suggestions for bus trips. For the fall we were thinking of north of Albany, Saratoga Battlefield, Fort William Henry, Lake George. The bus is the big expense. Peggy asks if you can use a different bus company. We don't know of any. Linda's idea for a tour, Broadlands (Gerry Estate) in Bovina. Tim explains we did a few local tours, one of Anti-rent sites and one of the Turnpike.

Shutters – Roy reminds this was discussed last fall. What do we want to do? Repair or replace? Roy suggests getting new ones that we can close in the winter. Tim mentions Cheryl Boyd’s husband works at the college in carpentry and it was suggested this might be a college project. Mike mentions we need to try to get a grant for \$25 – 30,000 to have the whole exterior of the house done. Tim suggests in the short term the slats could just be put back in place. Dick reminds everyone they had gone through the Frisbee house to see what needs to be done. They would do this again and make up a detailed plan. Peggy suggests there is State money at the Parks and Rec Office. They do have a lot of paperwork. Roy suggests asking Senator Bonacic for a member item.

By-Laws – Dick says we need to get a committee together to do the bylaws/personnel policy. Suggests asking Sheila Ayres and Bill Coleman to join 2 board members. Originally there was Andy VanBenschoten and Katherine O’Connell but they cannot help this time. Dick asks Tim to contact Sheila and Bill.

Handy man – Mike asks if we have an on-call handy man we can call to fix things. No. Suggests if we could find a retired handyman to fix little things. Mike suggests we could advertise for a contractor for the Frisbee House. Dick recommends they walk through the house to see what needs to be done. Roy suggests going through the house after the next meeting. This would include Mike, Roy, Tom and Dick. All agree.

11:24pm – Roy make a motion to adjourn. Linda seconds. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, July 10, 2015 @ 10am