

Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, June 10, 2016 10:00am

Present: Barbara Coleman, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Mike Wood and Tim Duerden.
Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Cheryl Boyd, Peggy Kearney and Tom Kendall

Brief discussion on needing new board members.

10:15am meeting called to order

I. Review of April 2016 minutes

Mike makes a motion to accept the minutes. Barbara seconds. All agree.

Bus trip – Trip was yesterday. The boat cancelled due to wind and they do not give any refunds. They will send everyone who went on the trip a rain check. Dick would like Tim to write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce saying we were displeased and send a copy to the boat company too. Roy makes a motion for Tim to write a letter to the Chamber of Commerce & the boat company voicing our displeasure. Mike seconds. All in favor. Tim suggested DCHA could offer \$20 off any of the next bus trips we do to those that went on this trip.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – no report

Physical Plant – Frisbee House roof – Tim reports he had hoped to begin work this week, but Lee Cohen can't start until June 20th. This would be too close to the re-enactment so he will ask him to wait until after June 26th. Money raised includes: \$20,000 promised from O'Connor, \$5,000 from Tianaderrah, \$12,835 from the mailing appeal, and \$240 from the tee shirt sales. This should cover everything. Dick picked up some of the fundraising tee shirts to be sent as a special thank you to those who donated more than \$300. He also suggests if we can get some more made, they could be sold at Fair on the Square.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Recent Acquisitions – Tim reports the new exhibit is all recently acquired collections. **Arcadia** – Tim reports the Arcadia book is scheduled for publication on July 25th.

Public Relations – Mike reports Sidney has been getting the press releases. The paper and radio both mention DCHA.

Finance – Roy reports: net profit for this year so far is \$4,700. We are doing well. Discussion on income from deaccessions. Do we have to pay taxes on this? Roy will ask the auditors. Angela suggests since it is sold at auction, the auction house is the one who collects and pays the taxes. Mike agrees. Roy suggests BJ's for buying checks.

As of June 10 we have \$35,255 in our general checking account

III. Director's Report

Bus Trip – raised \$1,324.95 Dick and Barbara both disappointed a bit in the gardens at Sonnenberg. Lunch was okay.

Auto Run – Tim explains we are a non-profit for Robert Selkowitz to work donations through for a planned event based on the 1903 Auto Endurance Run. Robert did a talk in East Meredith last night. Beginning planning an event for 2017. Will involve DCHA, and other groups.

Duda Talk – Tomorrow John Duda is talking about the Delaware and Northern Railroad at 2pm.

Re-Enactment – June 25 & 26. Tim hands out brochures for people to place in their towns. Mike will cover Sidney, Barbara will get them to book stores in Hobart. Roy will take some to the Legion. This year we are doing a dessert sale. Request for volunteers. Mike volunteers to help with parking both days in the morning. Roy will make cookies for the dessert sale. Dick and Joan will help both days. Barbara will make something and volunteer on Sunday morning. Tim reports we will have lunch for sale. Jeff Ackerly is doing it by himself this year. Pam at Crossroads is away that weekend. Tim worries this is also Graduation weekend, but we are having 3 battles instead of 2 this year.

Delhi HS Talk – Tim and Ray are doing a presentation on Bob Wyer for the Delhi Historical Society On Tuesday June 28th at the Cannon Free Library in the evening. July 9th a Wyer exhibit will open in the Cannon House. It will be on display through September.

IV. Old Business

P3 – Tim reports: Last Wednesday and Friday was our 4th grade program. Stamford school did not make it again this year. Wednesday was the lighter day. Friday was busier. Tim sends a letter in March to all the schools in Delaware County inviting them to come.

NYSEG – Lime – Tim reports: New lights were installed last month. We got the bill for \$1,633. The lights should save us money in the long run.

Volunteer Workday – Tim reports: We had a good group of kids from SUNY Oneonta. They cleaned the cemetery and site.

V. New Business

Fuel Oil – Tim reports: several weeks ago he got the Kiff's notice but didn't sign the contract for a set price as requested by the board. Requests places to get quotes from. Suggestions: Boulder in Unadilla. Blue Ox advertised in Sidney *Penny Saver*, Allison in Andes, COD in Stamford. Roy suggests DCHA not sign a contract to lock in a price for the whole season. Just go with the current price. Tim will shop around for a better price. Tim asked if we should still keep our service contract with Kiff's. All agree yes keep the service contract with Kiff's.

11:15am – Dick calls an Executive meeting. Angela and Tim leave room.

Next Board Meeting: Friday July 8, 2016 @ 10am