

Minutes of the June 20, 2023, Regular Meeting
of the
Historical Society of Lake Pleasant and Speculator

Officers Present: Sally Cross, Karen McComb, Pat Best, Toni Morrison
William Weaver - Trustee

Society Members Present: Aaron Weaver – Town of LP Historian,
Tom Cross, Bev Hoffman, Robert Hoffman,
Emma Hoffman, Sandy Lavarney

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

I. Secretary's Report – T. Morrison:

1. Copies of the minutes of the May 16th, 2022, meeting were available to those in attendance.
2. A Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 16th, 2022, as written was made by Pat Best, seconded by Sandy Lavarney and passed unanimously.

II. Treasurer's Report – P. Best:

- Balance on 5/16/2023: \$ 7,802.12
- Current Balance: \$ 7,248.18

III. Membership Report – K. McComb

1. K. McComb reported that currently there are 50 Lifetime members and 53 annual members. She has sent out reminders to the annual members that dues are payable now.

IV. Museum Manager Report – S. Hoffman

1. R. Hoffman reported that twelve individuals have visited to date. He stated that some visitors were reluctant to sign the guest book because of the information requested (e-mail, Phone number, etc.) and suggested a new guest book be used in the future.

V. Old Business:

1. Incorporation -

S. Cross reported that the ST-1192 form for tax exempt organization certificate has been received and the society is now exempt from paying sales tax. A form will be required to be filed with any vendor to receive the exemption.

2. Foundation Repair – S. Cross

The raffle to benefit the foundation repair is ongoing.

3. Historical Markers – A. Weaver

A. Weaver stated that two new Historical Markers are on order and are expected to be delivered soon.

4. Route 66 Repairs – T. Cross/W. Weaver

A huge thank you to W. Weaver for replacing the six rotted church pillars. The annual clean-up day was held today and thanks to P. Best, S. Lavarney, T. Cross, S. Cross, R. Rowe, M. Weaver, all of the buildings have been cleaned. Some of the buildings need "touch-up" painting. S. Lavarney volunteered B. Schoonmaker to contact Camp of the Woods to inquire if that project is something the LIFT students could complete in the fall.

5. T-Shirts – S. Cross

The new T-shirts will be picked up tomorrow and be available at the Farmers Market on Thursday.

6. Books – A. Weaver

No report.

7. Applefest – S. Cross

The applications for Applefest have been mailed out. The date of the event is September 23, 2023. Volunteers will be needed.

8. Library Program - S. Cross

There is a joint program (with LP Library) on July 6th regarding the history of the CCC Camps. Water and cookies will be available at the program, members are asked to provide cookies. T. Morrison will purchase the water.

VII. New Business

1. Donation for Old Fire Truck – S. Cross

A. Weaver made a motion to donate the sum of \$200.00 to the Speculator Volunteer Fire Department for the express purpose of reducing the expense of maintaining the old fire truck. Motion was seconded by K. McComb and passed unanimously.

2. Shed Replacement – S. Cross

One of the storage sheds at the town complex needs to be replaced. S. Cross contacted Larry Tortorello from Wells and was quoted a price of \$3,500.00 for a 10x14 shed delivered. A motion to purchase the shed for \$3,500.00 was made by W. Weaver, seconded by T. Cross and passed unanimously.

3. Audit Committee – S. Cross

An audit committee is needed to review the society's financials – A. Weaver, T. Cross and E. Hoffman volunteered to audit the books.

4. Election of Officers – S. Lavarney

S Lavarney presented the slate of current officers (S. Cross, K. McComb, P. Best, T. Morrison) for reelection. She informed the members that there are two candidates for Treasurer (P. Best and D. Benkovich) that will serve as Co-Treasurers. Ballots were distributed to the members in attendance. The current officers were elected to a two-year term. There were no write-ins.

5. Other – A. Weaver

A. Weaver informed those in attendance of an upcoming (Oct. 2023) program presented by Adirondack 102 Club with Bev Hoffman as the special speaker. It will be held at The Inn at Speculator from Noon-3 p.m. Open to all. In addition, lunch will be available for \$30.00.

Motion to adjourn was made at 7:58 p.m. by A. Weaver, seconded by B. Hoffman, and passed unanimously.

Next Meeting at the Lake Pleasant Library: July 20th, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Toni E. Morrison, Secretary