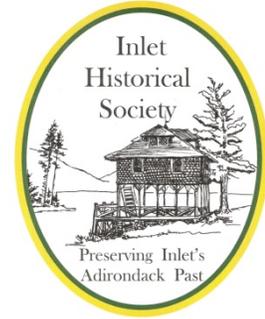


INLET HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Thursday, 15th July 2010

Annual Membership Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Pres. Charles Herr at 7:13 p.m., with the following Board members present: Chas. Herr, Pres., Dave Scranton, Vice-Pres.; Greg O'Hara, Treas.; Dianne J Thibado, Rec. Sec.; Adele Burnett, Corres. Sec.; Mitch Lee, Director-at-Large; and Letty Haynes, Inlet Town Historian. Additionally, the meeting was attended by members: Sue Beck, Kay & Daniel Carmichael, Ron Dearlove, Bob & Sheila Emmert, Lisa Gambacenta, Peter & Nancy Hadley, Raquette Lake Historian Jim Kammer, Barbara Murdock, Town of Webb Historical Association Director Gail Murray, Carolyn O'Hara, Bruce O'Hara, Margie Hodel O'Hara, Richard Ralph, and Craig & Sally Woods.

Opening Address:

Charlie opened the meeting by leading with the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. He followed with a brief moment of remembrance of members who have passed away during the past year, and invited those present to name anyone of their household or acquaintance who may also have passed away. He then asked the Recording Secretary to read the minutes from last year's Annual Membership meeting.

Minutes, 30 June 2009:

Dianne Thibado gave the report of our last year's Annual Membership meeting. Last year's meeting was attended by twenty-two members and, at that time, the Inlet Historical Society was still selecting its official name, deciding upon a legal address, discussing its potential locations, and taking steps to obtain NYS Charter and 501[c]3 / tax exempt status with the IRS. We were voting on our Constitution and our newly-established Bylaws, setting membership categories and rates. We were discussing programs the Historical Society would be offering to the membership and to the Public at large.

Charlie asked for a motion to approve the minutes, which was made by Mitch Lee and seconded by Peter Hadley. There was no discussion, and the minutes were approved.

Reports of Officers:

Charlie led with the **President's report** of our progress during the past year as well as the status of our current Society.

Since last year, the Inlet Historical Society has: applied for and received NYS Provisional Charter and IRS 501[c]3 tax exempt status; held presentations of the popular 'Then and Now' series; increased our membership to 103 Charter members and a total of 137 memberships in all; and, having met the stated criteria, we have begun taking the necessary steps to accept the donation of the American-Legion building: the IHS Board has accepted an engineer's proposal for structural analysis to facilitate our wish to use the site as the Inlet Historical Society's primary location.

Charlie addressed the types of memberships presently offered by the Society, and gave the breakdown for the current fiscal year: 137 memberships, of which 82 are households & organizations at \$20; and 54 individuals at \$15; with 1 additional, sustaining membership. Membership funds brought in a total of \$2500, with an additional \$1500 received from donations. [Current membership list attached]

Charlie reported that these funds were applied towards necessary application fees, setting up bank accounts, membership in a national historical society and towards a nationally recognized museum software program [*PastPerfect Museum Software*], which was received by donation. Donations also presented us with a computer.

Charlie then addressed the estimated annual costs for overhead of the American-Legion building [over \$4700] and noted that dues and donations are insufficient to maintain the building. We will need to work actively this next year on additional funding, looking for grants, and moving forward on obtaining the equipment which the Society will need, including archival materials, exhibits and displays, office supplies, computers / printers / scanners, filing systems... not to mention any necessary work on the building itself. Charlie noted that *we* are the Society... the work is done by volunteers, and we need involvement on all of our committees and fund-raising attempts.

Charlie went through the list of IHS committees, with a brief description of their purpose(s) and named those currently serving on the various committees, and invited those present to join and actively participate on any committee which they felt most suited to. Gail Murray joined our Funding Committee, bringing much experience to its meager roster.

Charlie closed his report by once again stating: we are a State-Chartered society with IRS 501[c]3 tax-exempt status. [Copy of President's report attached]

Treasurer's Report –

Greg O'Hara presented the current Balance Sheet, as of July 15, 2010, giving **total Liabilities and Equity** as **\$3,321.30**. The Profit & Loss Detail covered from August 1, 2009 to July 15, 2010, and detailed total member contributions (donations), other types of revenue, memberships dues and our expenses & fees (IRS, AALHS, Wolf Engineering, postage & mailing fees, office supplies) for **the cost of Total Operations** as **\$1,077.85**, leaving a **Net Income** of **\$1,998.30**. And he presented the Statement of Cash Flows [August 1, 2009 through July 15, 2010], with **cash at the end of the period** at **\$2,599.30**. [Treasurer's report attached]

Dave Scranton made the point to the membership at large that the \$722.00 donation in Greg's report which references software is the *PastPerfect Museum Software* to be used for **Collections**, and was donated by Charlie & Marsha Herr.

Craig Woods moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jim Kammer. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Old and Unfinished Business:

Charlie informed the membership that, due to necessary changes made to the IHS **Constitution** and **Bylaws** during our application to the NYS Department of Education, Board of Regents, for NYS Provisional Charter, it is now necessary for the membership to review the changes made and vote whether or not to approve them; discussion followed, detailing the changes. Craig Woods moved, seconded by Jim Kammer, to approve the Constitution & Bylaws in their new forms. Vote was approved.

Charlie moved that an Amendment be made to the **Constitution, Article IV**, wherein the Annual Membership meeting be changed from the month of July to being held during the first two weeks of the month of August, as it is simpler to bring our membership year into alignment with our fiscal year than to change our fiscal year to meet our membership year. Bruce O'Hara seconded the motion, and it was carried.

There was discussion regarding the **Constitution, Article VI, Section 3**, as to the wording of 'A candidate for election shall be an individual active member' ... as to whether, since we have an 'Individual' membership the wording might exclude someone from a 'Household' or other membership from being elected; discussion followed. It was felt by all that the wording should be left unchanged.

New and Other Business:

Annual Elections –

Per the **Inlet Historical Society's Bylaws, Article II, Section 4**: "One-fifth of the active members of the society shall constitute a quorum." Therefore, with twenty-seven members present, representing eighteen voting memberships, we are lacking the necessary quorum to hold Annual Elections.

Peter Hadley moved, seconded by Craig Woods to suspend the required 'one-fifth / quorum' for the duration and purpose of elections. The motion was passed.

Letty Haynes, Town Historian and member of the Board of Trustees *ex-officio*, presented to the membership the current slate of officers to fill a second term. Charlie invited nominations from the floor / membership at large. Discussion followed.

Dianne Thibado stated that, excepting Letty Haynes [Town Historian], whose position is appointed by the Town of Inlet, and Charlie Herr (Pres.) & Dave Scranton (Vice-Pres.), who may serve three consecutive one-year terms, none of the remaining Board of Trustees will be eligible to serve again at next year's elections without first stepping down for a minimum of one year. While the membership noted that they could vote to change the eligibility restrictions, Dianne also stated that (having worked closely with NYS to have IHS be granted its Provisional Charter), the restrictions were strongly suggested by the Board of Regents [substitute 'required'] and that Charter could also be *revoked*; therefore it would be inadvisable to do so.

Dianne also noted that some positions (notably, Treasurer) require special skills and ...if anyone in the membership at large is interested in possibly filling that position next year, it would be helpful for them to begin training with Greg well before the next elections.

As no other nominations for election were made from the floor, the secret ballot was discarded and the vote was made. The current slate of officers was re-elected for the coming year.

Other Business –

Gail Murray, Funding Committee, strongly suggested the Society set up a table this weekend for the Arts in the Park two-day event, sell raffle tickets on the afghan, solicit new members, and in general make our existence known. Volunteers to sit the table were: Saturday, 10-2, Dave Scranton; 12-2, Letty Haynes; 2-4, Craig Woods; Sunday, 10-12, Ron Dearlove; 12-2, Sue Beck; 2-4, Margie Hodel O'Hara.

Business completed, Dan Carmichael moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Bruce O'Hara. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne J Thibado
Recording Secretary