

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

MAY 8, 2009

Board members present: Bob Morris, Shelly Candidus, Margie Weiler, Bill Weiler, Barbara Steward, Dennis Pavlicek, Mary Thayer. Absent: Deane Geddes.

Members present: Diana Morris, Judy and Bruce Healey, Rich Cole, Chuck Crickman, Craig MacKenzie, Ted and Diane Jones, David Thayer.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

Minutes of the February 19 were corrected. The following corrections were made: under PALS the date should have been August 2nd not August 7th. Under Nominating Committee it should have stated they felt it was not necessary and under meeting dates it should have been August 2nd at 1PM.

Margie presented the treasurer's report. The total beginning balance as of 2/19/09 was \$12,645.82 and the total ending balance as of 5/8/09 was \$12,423.83.

There was one new member at \$20.00 and one internet sale for \$12.50. Expenses were for newsletter printing for \$45.00, PALS brochures and advertising for \$211.00 and stamps for PALS mailing for \$43.85. Bob has a check for \$20.00 for membership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Bill said there was no progress with the collection policy. Summer intern was cancelled. Bill has been assisting researchers. Cressy Goodwin who is a descendant of Will Cressy's brother and he has inherited Will's costumes and family pictures, etc. Before donating these materials to the New Hampshire Historical Society, he is trying to collect as much information about Will Cressy as he can. Individuals and local historical societies are helping him in this effort. Bill is contribution pictures and articles he has found. Bill is also assisting Gretchen Gudefin of Sutton writer for Kearsarge magazine. She is doing a series of articles on the oldest continually operating businesses in area towns and wanted to know Newbury's oldest business. Bill concluded that Davis Cabins is the oldest business and put her in touch with Lucile Davis Baker to get more information. Ms Kelly from Maine also contacted Bill about Blodgett Landing history. Bill has e-mailed her after researching some materials. He is waiting for a response.

BY-LAWS: Barbara, Bill, Dennis and Bob have been working on the by-laws. They will be ready to be distributed to the board members for review and comment prior to the June meeting and for approval by the board at the June meeting. Upon approval of the board at the June meeting they will be mailed to all members for their review and vote at the Annual meeting in August.

HISTORIC HOUSE MARKERS: 80 letters were mailed out and only one response has been received.

MEMBERSHIP: Rich had nothing to report. He is concerned about what businesses are offered for their dues. He suggested maybe having them put ads in the Newsletter. He gave many examples of how this is done. Bob suggested that suggestions need to be presented to the board so that they can be reviewed and be discussed and approved at the June meeting. Rich also mentioned the South Newbury Walking House Tour and stated that he has only received one form back. Margie said that she was not happy with how he handled this program. This will be discussed at a later date. Bob presented to each director a table showing the number of member's vs the Newbury population from 1980 thru 2007 showing a per-capita lost.

PICTORIAL HISTORY BOOK: Shelly stated that the arrival date is June 1st. A decision has to be made as to how many books we will purchase. The cost of the book is \$21.99 and the postcards are \$7.99. It was discussed as to where and when the signing of this book would take place. Suggestion was made to have it before the NBC garden meeting on June 1st. It was also suggested that we advertise this on our web-site and in the Intertown and Kearsarge Shopper. They also should be sold at OLD Home Day and at the Annual Meeting. Dennis made a motion to purchase 120 books and 100 postcards. The motion to purchase 120 books and 100 postcards was seconded by Margie. It was suggested that a book be donated to the local libraries.

PALS: Barbara said there is nothing new.

WEB-SITE: significant things such as the house marker program, the Bicentennial cane history and the recent presentation of the cane to Mr. Schroder have been added to the site. The home page has been refreshed with a photo circa 1912 of King's daughter's hall (veteran's hall). There was discussion on updating the website to include pictures and companion write-up for the Newbury pictorial History Book. Bob thanked Bruce for all the work he has done on this web-site.

WE REMEMBER NEWBURY: Shelly thanked Barbara for taking over the task of organizing this event. Barbara re-iterated that it was a huge success and that people are interested in having more such programs. It was decided to definitely have something maybe in the fall. A suggestion was made that old camps and cottages be the topic.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING: The annual meeting will be held on August 2nd at 1:00pm. The PALS event WE REMEMBER NEWBURY will take place after the annual meeting. It is important that all be prepared to have the meeting over in an hour. Election of directors and approval of the by-laws are the main topics for the meeting agenda.

Bob suggested that a newsletter committee be formed. Rich will ask Jean if she is interested. Diana will help. Mary also will help. A deadline date of the 1st week is June was suggested.

An open discussion was held asking for ideas for events that the Historical Society could do. Rich suggested that a family picnic be held in October at Blodgett Landing. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

A motion was made by Margie to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Dennis.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thayer, Secretary