

NEWBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

JUNE 18, 2009

Board members present: Shelly Candidus, Alice Lynn, Bill Weiler, Barbara Steward, Mary Thayer.
Members absent: Deane Geddes, Dennis Pavlicek, Margie Weiler.

Members present: Gay and Marty Sheary, Judy and Bruce Healey, Rich Cole, David Thayer.

Bob called the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Minutes of May 8th meeting were reviewed and a spelling error was found under membership. It should have read nothing instead of noting. A motion was made to accept these minutes by Barbara and seconded by Alice. All were in favor.

In Margie's absence Bill handed out the Treasurer's report. This report ended as of May 31, 2009 which is the end of the fiscal year. The ending balance which is \$6,113.73 dropped somewhat because of expenses such as postage and supplies. This does not include money from the sale of books. The membership of \$60.00 is for next years members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ARCHIVES: Bill is looking at the collections trying to reorganize it with the help of Margie. Margie with the help of Elaine Warren, a volunteer continues to work on this project. It will take a considerable amount of time. Bill is still helping Cressy Goodwin. He has made a digital copy of the 1818 map which the Perkin's donated. Bill has completed scanning Tracy's slides. Bob suggested that a form should be developed to provide a record of items donated with information such as, description, picture signed by the donator. Such a form shall be kept on file.

BY-LAWS: Bob, Dennis, Bill and Barbara have completed the proposed by-law revisions that were forwarded to each director for review prior to the meeting. . Bob asked the board if there were any changes or corrections. A motion was made to accept the by-laws as revised by Alice Lynn and seconded by Shelly. All were in favor. They will be sent to the members for final approval at the annual meeting on August 2nd.

HOUSE MARKERS: Gay reported that she has received 4 responses. One of which had not been researched. Gay thought that these might be presented at the Wreath Sale in December. Barbara asked if they might be ready to be presented at the annual meeting. Maybe a few more will be returned by that time.

MEMBERSHIP: Rich present a revised application form. He also presented new membership cards each using the e NHS logo of the Newbury cut instead of the CMH. There were two different card choices.

The first being the same as the old card with logo in the center of the card and the second with the logo placed on the right side of the card. Life membership logo would be in red, individual/family membership would be in blue and business membership would be green. The logo was changed to the Newbury Cut rather than the Center Meeting House. After much discussion Bob asked for a vote. A majority vote couldn't be determined so Bob asked for a show of hands. Directors who voted for location of the logo on the right were: Alice and Bill. Voting for logo at center was: Barbara, Shelly and Mary. The majority vote was for logo to be located in the center. A motion was made by Shelly to accept the old card format and seconded by Barbara. Bob hoped these would be available for the annual meeting. Rich handed out a sample of a decal which we might send with the membership card. This will be followed up by Rich for discussion at a later meeting. Rich also handed out a ballot form for business membership. It stated the benefits offered to businesses such as advertisement space in the Newbury Historical Society newsletter. Businesses shall maintain an annual membership in order to maintain advertisement space. Each business shall receive two copies of the newsletter each time it is published and any additional advertisement space shall be rated the same cost as a like advertisement space in the Kearsarge Shopper. Current shopper rates shall apply. Discounts may also apply. Bruce suggested that web-site space also be offered to business members. After a considerable amount of discussion Bob asked that a motion be made. Shelly made a motion to accept vote on the specific paper ballot which Rich handed out stating that this would be the first step and then at a future meeting we could look at offering web-site space to business members. This motion was seconded by Barbara. Five members Shelley, Barbara, Alice and Mary were in favor and Bill was opposed.

NEWSLETTER: Barbara will get newsletter ready. Jean Cole has offered to help with this project. Mary suggested that maybe something regarding the House Markers project could be put in the newsletter. Gay will put together a small write-up. Rich will also get a photo of "We remember Newbury" to be included with that article.

HISTORY BOOK: They are selling. They can be purchased at Morgan Hill Book Store, The Fells, as well as the town offices. They will also be sold at Old Home Day on July 11th and Shelley will be their to autograph them. Bob discussed that about 20 people who helped to put the book together were not mentioned. Bob suggested that maybe a free membership for a year could be offered to these people. A letter will be sent to these people. Shelly made a motion to give a free membership for a year and it was seconded by Bob.

WEB-SITE: Bruce stated that it was up to date. It has been enhanced to include the history book and post cards.

'WE REMEMBER NEWBURY' Shelly suggested that we reconvene and prepare for the presentation for the Fall.

SOUTH NEWBURY HOUSE TOURS: This project is in limbo. It was suggested that a form or letter be hand deliver to those who live in the village. Rich will work on this and try to have it ready before the first of next year.

NEW BUSINESS

ANNUAL MEETING: Bob asked about having refreshment at the annual meeting. It was suggested that a cold drink and cookies be set out before the annual meeting and people could help themselves. Mary will take care of arranging the refreshments. Mary will e-mail the board to remind them of cookies for this event. Diana and Mary will take care of publicity.

NEWSLETTER MAILING: This has to be mailed out 2 weeks prior to the annual meeting to all members.

Bob asked if there were any open items.

Rich asked about an audit of financial books, catalog of collections. Bob asked Bill if we had any of these items together. Bill stated that they were in the process of doing this. There is not a catalog of artifacts as there is no room for these. Bob mentioned to Rich that when the policy and procedures are put together that this would then include an audit.

Rich also made a suggestion about the members picnic. Discussion was held regarding this. Bill suggested that maybe this could be a pot luck supper. Bob suggested that children should be included.

OLD HOME DAY: Margie and Shelly will work out where they will set up a table for the selling and autographing of the history books. They will probably set up a table somewhere near the library.

Bob made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Barbara.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Thayer, Secretary