

**Delaware County Historical Association Board Meeting
Friday, August 21, 2015 10:00am**

Present: Cheryl Boyd, Linda DeWitt, Dick Meyer, Roy Scrimshaw, Frank Waterman, and Tim Duerden. Minutes taken by Angela Gaffney.

Absent: Peggy Kearney, Tom Kendall, Lillian Browne, Barbara Coleman and Mike Wood.

Dick reports at the “Boast and Toast” someone asked if DCHA would be interested in a ski lift chair. Gives Tim a card of woman to contact.

I. Review of June 2015 minutes

Cheryl makes a motion to accept the minutes. Linda seconds. All agree.

II. Committee Reports

Collections – Tim reports we have had a lot of donations: Angela reports Arthur Zapf from CA contacted DCHA through the Genealogy website and after corresponding thru the spring and summer we have begun to receive the donations. First two boxes arrived with papers and a few items. More furniture will come in Sept. There is great provenance on all these objects. All from Delaware County families mostly in the Walton/Franklin area. Delhi Coverlet received. It is an 1850 blue and white coverlet in excellent condition.

Physical Plant – Tim reports: Outhouse was leveled and stone put underneath. Work done by Pete and the mowing crew. Looks much better. CDO workforce painted most of the schoolhouse and the legs/borders of the signs. They also helped set up for the re-enactment and Frisbee Evening. Valerie the crew chief was great. **Frisbee House –** Tim reports Pete and the mowing crew took the shutters off in July. We are waiting on a decision as to what to do next. There is a leak in the “ballroom” of the house. We need to get someone to look at it and at least put a tarp on for winter. The roof was replaced in the 1990s. It is cedar shake wood shingles. Will need a grant for the work. Tim called Leland Stein to ask him to take a look at it. See how much it will cost and can he do a temporary fix before winter.

Programs, Publications & Exhibits – Tim reports it has been a very busy summer. **County office building exhibit** was set up in July by Samantha. It was on display until this week. The current exhibit *Heroes* put up by a teacher at SUCO. The opening was well attended -120 people. This only shows the Delaware County heroes. In October the exhibit travels to Fenimore Art Museum where it will include Otsego Heroes. Newsletter - plan to get it out in the next couple weeks.

Public Relations – Tim reports: Arcadia book – we have contracted to do an Arcadia book on the History of Delaware County. It is mostly pictures with a little text. Ray and Tim sent in the first 20 images and captions. They all need to be in by January/February 2016. Tim reports: **Wyer book** is in process. He has most of the text written. Got a grant from Robinson Broadhurst to publish the book. Plan to have it out for Christmas. Would like to talk to Frank about self-publishing.

Finance – Endowment Appeal letters went out on Wednesday. As of August 21 we have \$14,784 in our general checking account

O'Connor FY 2016 – O'Connor has promised \$20,000 in general operating for next year. The same as this year. We have already received \$9,000 for this year.

FY 2016 budget – Roy reports. He ran the proposed budget for 2014 and did a comparison through June 30th of this year. Expenses are more than they had thought. Health care is different. Tim's healthcare falls under salary. Membership showed only \$2,000 received, expected \$7,000. As of June 30th we received \$2,805 in membership. Tim explains for the entire year we should get about \$7,000. Membership comes in all year. Roy says Foundation Grants are \$19,000. Tim explains we have not received Tiannaderah yet. Roy says the bottom line as of June 30th we are at a loss of \$13,000 for the year. Down \$20,000 as of today according to the profit and loss report from Quickbooks. Tim explains we got the money for work on the Blacksmith shop last year and paid out this year. It was about \$1,000 more than expected. Roy points out with the new by-laws all items for the budget need to be presented to him by the end of August. Tim asks for clarification. You want what expenses DCHA is to expect next year by the end of August? Tim reports the Frisbee House roof will need work and his health insurance will be changing back to DCHA since he is not teaching this semester. Tim reports the fuel bill will be less. Last year we paid about \$600 a month, this year it will be about \$300 a month. Linda wants to shop around for fuel. Thinks we can get a better deal. Tim has already signed a contract with Kiff. Roy makes a motion for next year to not sign a contract with Kiff until other companies can be looked at. Cheryl seconds. All in favor. Other companies suggested are JK & Sons Margaretville, Sunrise in Stamford and Allison Oil in Andes.

Dick asks if we can find out for sure if we need an audit or review each year? Could we skip a year? Tim reports according to the Museum Association we have to have an outside review. It was \$4,000 this year. Cheryl suggests shopping around. Suggestion that it may be cheaper if they do not do an onsite visit. Roy will ask.

III. Director's Report –

Reenactment – went well, had about the same number of people as last year. A little disappointing, thought we would have more reenactors. Got a grant from Santora for \$6,000 to cover costs. Made a profit of about \$4,000. Roy asked about the food? Linda said it was good. Dick asks if they were happy. Tim reports the food vendor seemed happy. Dick did not like the RV in front of the main building. Suggests we need to find a different location for it next year. Linda reports Saturday night at 9pm she got a call from one of the Hamilton Drive neighbors telling her they were shooting the cannons off. The neighbor called the Sheriff. Linda drove down to talk to the Reenactors. Tim says we were told that the neighbor sent a letter to the board. No board member received a letter. Tim reports on Saturday afternoon some people from Falls Mills called the Sheriff because of the loud noises. The thought there had been an accident or explosion. A deputy stopped by. Tim talked to them. Next year Tim will contact the Sheriff to let them know the reenactment is going on.

Frisbee Evening – had about 140 – 150 people. Good evening. Got 8 new members and 14 renewals. Brought in \$694 in membership and \$74 donation for Samantha's photos.

Fall Bus trip – planned for Oct. 1st. going to Lake George, visit Fort William Henry, lunch and then a 2-hour cruise on the lake.

RV visit – coming Oct. 8 – 10th, Columbus Day weekend. They usually make a donation of about \$600 -700.

Quilt Show – Sept. 19 – 20. A good fundraiser. They donate the gate proceeds.

IV. Old Business

Food workshops – Tim reports the last food workshop was last Saturday. WWII ration recipes. Got a fairly good attendance. Plan to continue these next year. One for next year will be Pullman Car Railroad food recipes.

V. New Business

Tim's Health Insurance – Tim reports he will not be teaching this semester so he will be reverting to DCHA for his health insurance through CDPHP. It will be an individual health insurance.

Lantern Tour – scheduled for Oct. 24th. It was very popular last year.

Rotary – Tim will be talking about DCHA to the Delhi Rotary next Tuesday.

New Programs – Linda suggest a talk on Temperance in Delaware County.

Frisbee House – Dick reports the last meeting he, Linda, Peggy, Roy, Tom and Mike walked through the Frisbee House. Tom took the notes. General consensus was 2 large projects; the exterior and the interior. Would like to focus on the exterior first. They plan to make a list of what needs to be done and put it out to bid to local contractors. Tim agrees the house needs work, but there may be a question as to how fancy to make the house look. Many people who tour the house seem to like as it is. Linda had an idea to paint the house without the shutters and paint the details of the house a different color. Roy likes this idea. Tim reports the house was painted in 2007 by Second Nature, it cost about \$25,000. Roy asks if there is State funding available for this work? Suggested a member item. Tim says they are difficult to deal with, but it's probably the way to go. Could also ask local foundations.

Dick will not be here for the Annual Meeting.

11:25pm – Linda make a motion to adjourn. Roy seconds. All in favor.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, September 18, 2015 @ 10am