

## **BIGWILL**

Minutes to Board Meeting 21 February 2004  
Nippersink Library, Richmond, Illinois

**Present:** Dan Kane, Rollie Littlewood, Dave Dexter, Prudy Sullivan, Peggy Gleich, Ann Wells; visitor: Karen Morrison

The meeting was called to order by President Peggy Gleich at 10:12 a.m. at the Nippersink District Library.

### **Minutes**

Minutes were reviewed and the following corrections were made:  
It was moved and passed to remove Jackie Torrance's name from those elected in November and to include Vice-President/Membership - Karen Morrison. This reflects the actual position open for election.

### **Treasurer's Report**

There was no treasurer's report.

### **Budget**

The budget was approved by an e-mail vote in December.

### **Old Business**

#### 1. Change of positions

Dan Kane has been appointed by the President to continue the term of Karen Morrison who asked to resign. Dan's position of director is to be filled by Susan Sincere.

#### 2. Sherry Irvine conference

Discussion of the future conference with Sherry Irvine resulted in not knowing the exact date. That will be clarified with Sherry and McHenry County College. Also discussed was the possibility of having an early morning session for beginners to British research.

#### 3. Future program listing

Peggy announced the programs for the upcoming months. Carol Knigge will present the program in March, with Robert Kelly speaking in May on the Isle of Man.

#### 4. Newsletter

Dave indicated he has included the BIGWILL logo in the new newspaper format, but isn't entirely happy with the look. He suggested maybe that someone within the society might be able to sketch a clearer example of the logo. This will be included in the next edition of the newsletter.

Dave will use photos of the various contributors to the newsletter. He also raised the issue of the font size in an attempt to make the newsletter very readable by all. The publication dates for the newsletter will reflect the odd/even month combination rather than even/odd so that the November/December issue is the last one for the year. The current issue of the

newsletter will also be sent to all members who have an e-mail address on file, with a note in the newsletter requesting feedback from the members.

It was decided to start putting in an article in the BIGWILL newsletter about one particular research source, showing how to access it and how to use it for best results.

## **New Business**

### 1 Memberships in other societies

It was moved and passed to add the Illinois State Genealogical Society to our list of memberships to compliment the Wisconsin State Genealogical Society membership.

### 2 Bus Trip

Peggy suggested organizing a bus trip to the Wisconsin Memorial Library in Madison so members might have an opportunity to do some British Isles research. This will be mentioned in the newsletter and at the next meeting, before deciding on a date to do this.

### 3. Incorporation, etc.

Ann said she would look into this and find out what exactly needs to be done.

### 4. Policy and Procedure Manual

Peggy indicated a desire to do this and make it available for board members. Ann said she had a generic manual and would get it to Peggy.

A meeting cancellation policy was discussed and it was decided that every effort would be made to notify members through e-mail and via WGN-Radio if the weather is deemed too hazardous to drive by the Richmond Police Department.

### 5. Ancestry and Heritage Quest Memberships as Benefits

In an effort to make things available for our members as a benefit of membership these two options were discussed. It isn't known how much such a membership would cost, or how our members would access it. Dan agreed to contact Arlington Heights Library to see how much their membership is. Other options were discussed and those will be looked into.

### 6. Upcoming Events

Peggy announced the Walworth County Family History Genealogical Fair on 9 October. She would like for our society to have a booth at this event.

### 7. Membership Directory

Supplying membership lists to our members was discussed. While it would be easy to get the list to members, it's not known how many people would agree to have their names on such a list. This will be looked into.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Ann L. Wells, Immediate Past President

