

BIGWILL BOARD MEETING --- 17 MAY 2008

Present: President Roger Higgs, Secretary Margaret Zook, Rick Dexter, Nancy Holder, Karen Glass and her husband. Absent: Maureen Brady, Kathy Brady-Blake, Peggy Gleich, Jackie Torrance.

Agenda attached.

Minutes of March 15th were distributed. Accepted on a motion by Nancy Holder, seconded by Rick Dexter with the correction that Mary Mallow is a member, not a guest. Treasurer's Report is same as meeting report. Jackie was unexpectedly absent, due to ill health. 2008 Budget is not yet completed. Following discussion it was agreed Margaret will contact Jackie to sound her out on whether she would like to get out from under this load, given her health and multiple other major commitments including the upcoming Scottish Games in June.

Newsletter Editor candidate Karen Glass brought samples of her newsletter work. Has a writing/publishing background with Allstate Insurance, and various volunteer groups; writing/editing for 20 years. The motion to appoint Karen as our new newsletter editor made by Rick Dexter, seconded by Margaret Zook was accepted. Karen will follow up with Dave Dexter for transfer of necessary information; will work with Nancy Holder on the e-mail/hard copy mailing list. Following discussion it was agreed Nancy and Karen will create a unique permanent membership number for each member. A membership card will not be needed. It was agreed to submit two copies of two past issues to NGS for evaluation for their Newsletter awards.

Library Report – Tentative approval has been received to place lockable file cabinet at library for storage of active and historical materials. Motion made by Nancy Holder, seconded by Rick Dexter for Margaret to price and acquire a 4 drawer cabinet; motion approved. Margaret will advise cost, via e-mail, prior to purchase.

Discussion of the Historian's responsibilities was tabled. Search for a Historian is on-going.

Following discussion it was agreed our remaining inventory of books will be sold at meetings at slightly above cost; at cost if necessary, to eliminate the inventory. Internal sales will eliminate need for sales tax, and limit shipping expenses.

Membership Flyer has been updated. There were several suggestions on placement possibilities at upcoming local events and locations.

Programs for 2009 meetings are due by next Board meeting in September, to facilitate publicity. Peggy to advise.

Policies and Procedures put off until September for finalization. Peggy to provide final draft to each Board member for prior review.

Potential newsletter articles were discussed. Karen Glass brought up several genealogy-oriented radio programs several of us had not previously heard about. An article about these programs would be of interest; also paragraphs on either new/updated websites, or interesting websites might be possible.

NEXT BOARD MEETING - Next meeting is scheduled as a Planning Meeting September 13th from 10 AM to 4 PM to be held in Beloit, WI. This is the week prior to the September meeting. Rick is making arrangements, and will advise, with directions, via e-mail. If necessary a brief meeting will be held before/after the July 19th meeting to appoint an interim Treasurer, and take care of minor business.

Other items - Karen, Rick, and Nancy agreed to work together to establish an ID number for each member. Karen will also be following up with Dave Dexter, Nancy, and Rollie on transition of the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.