



**ALTOONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024**

The Altoona Historical Society met at the Museum located at 506-9th Street West, Altoona, WI. President Don Winrich called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance sited.

BOARD MEMBER PRESENT: Don Winrich-President, Mark Quam-Vice President, Jim Hager-Treasurer, Karen McCoury-Secretary, Roger Rasmussen-Parliamentarian, John Glassbrenner-Historian, Dawn Severson, Dan Hanson, Lee Lundgren

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Jim Klingbeil, Nathan Harris

MEMBERS/GUEST Vicki Iverson, Judy Harris, Cathy Colvin, Mike Golat

April 2024 Minutes reviewed—two corrections made. Semish Family spelling corrected to Semisch Family. Lee Lungren motioned to change verbiage with regards to newsletter to: Newsletter will be prepared by Publication Committee which consists of Secretary and two board members. Final newsletter will be reviewed and approved by President prior to distribution. Dawn Severson 2nd motion to approve change.

Jim Hager motioned to approve April Board minutes with corrections, John Glassbrenner 2nd motion. Corrected minutes stand approved.

GUEST SPEAKER

Mike Golat (Altoona City Administrator)

Mike Golat started by stating "AHSI has helped build Altoona's identity and for that he and the board of 7 members are grateful for." He went on to give an update on what direction the City of Altoona is headed with the completion of River Prairie project. He stated their focus is on Altoona proper with the new container park which will be named "The Yard" a contribute to Altoona Rail History and the development going east. Mike Golat discussed the lease of the AHSI building with the city which comes to term 01/01/2026. The thought was City of Altoona would let AHSI take over the building do all the maintenance and the City would take a hands off approach. He stressed maintenance is the most important thing to stay current on. He was unsure if council would approve funds to help paint (if discovery of lead is determined). He suggested we put a plan In place making sure we know what our ask is and well defined and present to city council. The city council felt it was a good step in the right direction in providing the current building. Don Winrich stated AHSI would like to keep moving forward and offered to go before the council with our plan. Don Winrich also stated the public does find value in AHSI. A new location was discussed and Mike Golat suggested we think about other options that might work. Joining with Hockey Club or Library, the speeder may be able to be on display in the new container park. Don Winrich agreed to put plan in place and present to City Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received tickets for Shrine Circus in Eau Claire.

Don Winrich received info from Fall Creek Lions Club regarding their parade. Tim Wagner offered to pull speeder in parade. Mark Quam motioned to take part in Fall Creek Lions Parade, Dawn Severson second motion. Motioned passed to take part in Fall Creek Lions Parade on June 30, 2024.

Financial Report given by Jim Hager - Lee Lundgren motioned to approve report, Dan Hanson second the motion. Financial Report approved.

CATALOGIT

Karen McCoury gave update on Catalogit. Items continue to be added

CALENDAR

Vicki Iverson gave update on 2025 Calendar pages. Discussion was had about the ads and prices. Jim Hager motioned Judy Harris be the Chairperson of Ad Committee and the prices of ads be \$200 (no increase from last year). Lee Lundgren second motion. Motion approved.

FUNDRAISING

John Glassbrenner suggested we set a goal, purpose and dollar amount. He would come up with suggestions once we have these 3 items. Mark Quam was going to check with Lions Club to find out what is all required to sell raffle tickets.

JANE SEYMOUR UPDATE

Mark Quam will report back at later date on his discussion with Jane Seymour on what kinds of funds are available through the Wisconsin Historical Society.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE:

Jim Hager and Dan Hanson will take care of broken window.

Don Winrich stated he talked to a home owner inspection group and they suggested doing our own test for lead on the building. Don Winrich will take care of this and share results. All plans on painting have been put on hold at this time until we have lead paint details and what steps will be required from those results. Don Winrich did cancel our scheduled painting with Western Dairyland at this time. Attached are the minutes from our Emergency Meeting 5/10/2024 with regards to painting of the building.

NEWSLETTER

Updated Newsletter--Karen McCoury suggested to use the newsletter Don has prepared making any corrections in dates and adding membership/donation form Vicki Iverson is preparing. It was suggested newsletter go out in October as we have no meetings July/August; that allows the board to come back in September and review all details of the newsletter.

Pricing Structure--John Glassbrenner stated his contacts were very similar to what Don Winrich had provided in our April meeting for pricing. Jim Hager stated Documentation has agreed to print 100 free newsletters and also provided guidelines for door-to-door delivery.

Distribution--Distribution was discussed such as email, Facebook, City website, include in calendar distribution. Don Winrich stated a distribution plan needs to be put in place and presented at our June AHSI meeting.

JUNE OPEN HOUSE

June 8, 2024 Vicki Iverson states she will work on letter to AHSI members as well as advertising in local publications and social media. Request was made to have Mark Hagen show his fire video as well as being in touch with Sanwick family to display their Centennial quilt made for Altoona Centennial. Volunteers are in place to help at the Open House serving ice cream, water and pulling the speeder in the Cinder City Day parade.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Don Winrich signed AHSI up and they will take part in National Night Out at River Prairie Park, 08/06/2024

RETIREMENT LETTER

Don Winrich presented his resignation letter as President and Board member of AHSI effective 12/31/2024. Mark Quam motioned to maintain ALL social media accounts and have them transferred over to a current member prior to end of 2024. Roger Rasmussen agreed to pay internet fees thru 12/31/2024. Lee Lundgren second motion. Motion approved.

ALTOONA HISTORIAL SOCIETY SHUTDOWN PLAN

AHSI By-Laws includes verbiage if an AHSI shutdown would take place, the Wisconsin State Historical Society will step in. Wisconsin State Historical Society does have authority to step in and dissolve AHSI. Mark Quam will revisit this confirming all is in place and report back to the board.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:

Don Winrich requested Karen McCoury send out minutes from our emergency meeting 05/10/2024 to all board members.

Lee Lundgren motioned to adjourn the meeting; Dan Hanson second the motion.
Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted;
Karen McCoury