# ALTOONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022

The Altoona Historical Society met at the Altoona Historical Society Museum located at 506 - 9th St. West, Altoona, WI.

Don Winrich called the meeting to order Pledge of Allegiance said

Board Members Present: Don Winrich-President; Mark Quam-Vice President; Jim Hager-Treasurer; Karen McCoury-Secretary; John Glassbrenner-Historian; Roger Rasmussen-Parliamentarian; Lee Lundgren; Dawn Severson; Jim Klingbeil

Members/Guests Present: Vicki Iverson; Dan Hanson; Nathan Harris; Steve Thompson; Herb Ruscin; Sue Rasmussen; Judy Harris; Gary Dorn

Motion made by John Glassbrenner and second by Herb Ruscin to accept September minutes. September minutes were approved.

John Glassbrenner and Herb Ruscin motioned and seconded to approve Nathan Harris as Board Member. Motion approved

Gary Dorn advised the group of memorabilia he has to offer to the AHSI for loan. He has a 12 x 4 baggage cart he wants to loan if we have a place to display it. He has boxes of literature and a lot of RR items to loan. It was discussed at this time the future need for a museum in a new location. Roger R did state per our by-laws a Committee (Treasurer with 2 board members or non-board members) should brainstorm about a new facility and bring to the board.

Correspondence - MN Flooring Ad money received

Treasurer's Report read and Lee Lundgren motioned to accept; Dan Hanson seconded the motion. Treasurer's report was approved.

# Business Activities:

Numbering system was discussed in length; Jim Hager stated from what he has seen we should not try to re-invent the wheel. Past Perfect is the system many historical society's use with excellent results. Past Perfect software is approximately $800 and Jim H stated he would donate $500 to put towards the program and Dawn Severson stated she would donate $300 to purchase the software. John Glassbrenner motioned to purchase Past Perfect and Dan Hanson 2nd motion; motion approved to purchase Past Perfect for our numbering system.

Dan Hanson, Jim Hager, Judy Harris, John Glassbrenner, Vicki Iverson, and Sue Rasmussen will be the committee going to Fall Creek and report back to November meeting on how they use Past Perfect and

Fall Creek Historical Society's recommendations.

Discussion was had for an intern to input our items in system; Vicki Iverson will contact History Dept. at University for information.

Speeder - Mark Quam and Judy Harris talked to Mike Golach about the speeder and our contract. The city’s main concern is we are doing something with it more than they are concerned about the contract ending. AHSI would like to buy it to get out from under a contract. AHSI will need to go to

a City Council meeting with a plan in place, this should take place in next 2-3 months. City of Altoona will not approve a Sam's/Menards shelter. Discussion on how to display will be put on hold until meeting with City of Altoona takes place.

A discussion continued regarding WIFI for our building. It was mentioned that we may be able to use WIFI from the new Fish House building. The question was asked if we could use the City of Altoona’s wireless network. John Glassbrenner moved that we get an estimate of the cost to bring WIFI into the AHSI building. Lee Lundgren seconded the motion. Approved.

Nate Harris volunteered to help.

Don Winrich stated that we do need to start using the AHSI computer. It can be used for anything involving AHSI.

Vicki Iverson informed us that the 2023 calendars are completed and will be picked up Friday.

The cost per calendar this year was $1.80 each, and we received 1,700 calendars. We have an extra 100 calendars. There are 23 sponsor ads. 460 calendars will be delivered to the sponsors leaving 1,200 to 1,300 to distribute however we wish. Vicki Iverson thanked Dan Hanson for his wonderful help in educating her on various railroad functions.

An extra sheet has been prepared with business, organization and individual donations received above and beyond the sponsors. Vicki Iverson is looking for volunteers to help stuff the calendars with these extra sheets. She would like to meet at the AHSI Museum Monday, October 31st at 10:00. Herb Ruscin, Judy Harris, and Don Winrich volunteered to help with this endeavor. Don Winrich will bundle the calendars and will start the distribution to sponsors.

Vicki informed the Board and members that she already has some ideas for the 2024 calendar.

Jim Klingbeil asked if we can make the process for taking payments for ads easier. He reminded the group that everyone can sell ads. He suggested that we move the sales up.

Jim Klingbeil suggested that we attempt to work with the school, especially the history classes.

Don Winrich recommended that we make a display with the Roundhouse whistle. Jim Hager volunteered to help Don Winrich with this project.

The Board was informed by Don Winrich that he and Mary may go to Florida from December through May. Mark Quam asked if we could Zoom meetings with Don, however Don was not in favor of that.

Mark Quam informed the Board that a Nominating Committee needs to be established for the elections that will be held at the January 2023 Annual Meeting. The volunteers for the Nominating Committee are Roger Rasmussen, Herb Ruscin, and Mark Quam, Chairperson. Mark Quam indicated that four positions are up for election. Those Board members with terms expiring are Dawn Severson, Don Winrich, and Jim Klingbeil. The fourth position has never been filled.

Mark Quam suggested that the Annual meeting be held Wednesday, January 25, 2023.

Dawn Severson moved to accept the date of Wednesday, January 25, 2023 for the Annual Meeting, seconded by Jim Klingbeil. Approved.

Per Don Winrich, the Board needs to think outside the box and find ways to draw people to attend our meetings and to pitch in to help. It was mentioned that the Executive Committee needs to pick up some of the load.

Vicki Iverson will speak at the Lions Club for five minutes regarding AHSI. $750.00 was donated to paint our building.

The Lions Club will again have Santa in the Park in December, however we do not have a definite date yet.

Roger Rasmussen asked that Jim Hager check on our liability insurance policy to be sure AHSI has coverage for any persons who are not Board members but are so willing to help