

# **CABLE/NAMAKAGON HISTORY MUSEUM**

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, August 21, 2021 - 9:30 A.M.**

**Cable Town Park**

## **MINUTES**

### **Call to Order**

President Paul Jenkins called the Annual Meeting of the History Museum to order at 10:04 a.m.

### **Attending:**

Deanne Allen, Sara Balbin, Carol Elliker, Maggie Flowers, Karen Gran, Ron Gran, Paul Jenkins, Corinne Rasmussen, Lynn Rasmussen, Kay Rowe, Jean Hansen Zirn.

There were 8 proxy votes submitted supporting approval of the minutes, election of Board members and changes to the By-Laws. Seven non-board members are required for approval. With the votes of non Board members, Maggie Flowers and Ron Gran attending the meeting, there were 10 non-board members voting.

### **Approval of Minutes - 2020 Annual Meeting**

Motion by Carol Elliker, seconded by Sara Balbin to approve the 2020 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Election of Directors:**

The following names were presented for election to the Board of Directors:

Deanne Allen, Sara Balbin, Mary D'Andrea, Carol Elliker,  
Paul Gilbert, Karen Gran, Paul Jenkins, Nova Kane,  
Lynn Rasmussen, Corinne Rasmussen, Sue Rosa, Kay Rowe,  
Jean Hansen Zirn,

Kay Rowe noted that last year when she and Deanne Allen were elected, two members had to go off the board to keep the number at 13. This year no one is going off the board. Carol Elliker explained that a bylaws amendment was adopted to increase the number of board members to 15.

Motion by Kay Rowe, seconded by Karen Gran to elect the slate of directors as listed. Motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of By-Law Changes:**

**Membership Amendment**

An amendment to the Bylaws was presented to eliminate lifetime membership. Each membership will either individual, business, or family.

Motion by Kay Rowe, seconded by Lynn Rasmussen to approve the membership amendment to the bylaws as presented, eliminating lifetime membership. Motion carried unanimously.

**Corresponding Secretary Amendment**

A second amendment to the bylaws was presented for the Secretary to have responsibility to appoint a Corresponding Secretary.

Sara Balbin offered a change that the Secretary would appoint a Corresponding Secretary if needed. Deanne Allen suggested that language not be added because all of the responsibility should not rest with one person.

Motion by Carol Elliker, seconded by Kay Rowe to adopt the amendment to the bylaws whereby the Secretary would have the responsibility to appoint a Corresponding Secretary. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report**

Treasurer Kay Rowe reported the following:

End of year 2020 History Museum’s balance:	\$8,522.35.
Income for the year:	\$9,316.75
End of year 2021 History Museum Balance:	\$20,076.34

Motion by Karen Gran, seconded by Carol Elliker to accept the Treasurer’s report and file it for audit. Motion carried.

**Reports:**

**Membership**

Carol Elliker reported the following:

- Museum has 140 members; 107 are life members
- 32 renewals were received through businesses and yearly members

- The museum received a 50% return on the renewal letters sent out  
These numbers are down slightly from previous years.

### **Exhibits**

Karen Gran reported that the exhibit in the medical cabinet is finished with lighting and new glass shelves. One more light is needed. She plans to condense the ambulance display and include it in the cabinet. She noted one doctor listed in *Cable Cullings* is not shown in the display and needs to be added. Condensing the ambulance display with the medical exhibit will leave a whole new area for a new exhibit.

Jean Hansen Zirn has been working on getting plat pages for Cable and Namakagon from 1906 to the present. She has seven years left to complete. Then a plat display will be added as an exhibit.

Sara Balbin reported that Emily Stone and Molly Krebs, from the Cable Natural History Museum, have agreed to do a walk-through study of the History Museum exhibits and offer new ideas. Rather than the whole board attending they would prefer only the Exhibit Committee. The idea is to have only a small group so they can study what they see without responding to questions and discussion. After the walk-through study visit, they will offer their ideas. The meeting is set for September 7, 2021. Both Karen Gran and Jean Hansen Zirn, Exhibit Committee members, stated that they have a conflict that day. Carol Elliker stated that she will attend.

### **Special Events:**

#### **Ice Cream Social**

All agreed that the Ice Cream Social was a successful event. Sara Balbin will forward the Kathy Lang memorial window presentation to Facebook. The symbolism of colors and images is explained in a standup frame that sits by the window.

Discussion of possible changes for next year:

- Few people stayed until 4:00—perhaps shorten the event from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- Signs for the ice cream social are missing. Karen Gran will check into getting new signs.
- Too many pies?? Some felt it is difficult getting tickets drawn in a timely fashion for all the pies that were brought. One idea is to have a container for each pie. Participants can then drop tickets in the container for the pie they wish to win. This will be discussed in detail before the next Ice Cream Social.
- Also, how and when the tickets are drawn needs to be better managed.

**Cemetery Walk**

Jim Kinzie will lead a Cemetery Walk, Saturday, October 9, 2021. Karen Gran has agreed to portray the character of Dr. Kate Kelsey Clark. More portrayals of people in the cemetery are needed. A scavenger hunt will be included with the event.

**Report Number of Visitors to Museum - 2021**

Carol Elliker presented a chart showing attendance for each weekday during the 2021 season. Donations totaled \$204. One item of discussion for next year is to possibly decrease the number of days open. Deanne Allen noted that it was very difficult to find substitute docents when museum hours conflicted with personal schedules.

**Other Business**

There was no other business to come before the membership.

**Adjournment**

President Paul Jenkins declared the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.