

## ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting for February 2, 2009  
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

Denny Lentz called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 3 guests including Rose Marie Gilson and the night's guest speaker, Ken Gilson. There were about 30 in attendance.

Secretary's Report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the January meeting. After two corrections the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report Julie Johnson reported that sales from Eliot Books and dues less debits for stamps and Grange rental brought the general fund checking to \$3,547.32. A debit for CMP left a balance of \$933.58 in the #8 schoolhouse fund. Adding interest gave a balance of \$7,154.25 in the savings account.

### Committee Chair Reports

Program Carol Zamarchi said that her new 2009 Program Schedules are available in the back. Denny encouraged members to take them and to give to others or to be put in public places. The speaker for the March program will be Robert Perham talking about "Maine Humor and Eliot High School girls basketball teams."

Membership Report Judith reminded members that 2009 dues are now due. She received a check for \$150.00 from George & Alice Goehrig from Florida for 2 new lifetime memberships.

Building Paul Johnson was out of town. Denny said that Dick Bogh has been helping with work at the Grange. Once the Grange ladies have decided on the colors, painting will begin.

Fund Raising Carol said that their committee continues to meet monthly.

There were no reports for Correspondence, PR/Publicity, Education or Bi-Centennial.

### Old Business

Denny called on the nominating committee for their report. Julie, Cindy & Carol had met and said that they are putting a notice in the local papers about some changes in the by-laws to be voted on at the next meeting including the term limits for our officers. There will be a vote about reducing the number of directors and changing

the term to coincide with the calendar year. There was a discussion about the pros and cons of limiting the officer's terms.

## New Business

Helen Sullivan said that she and her daughter Cindy had visited June Goodwin recently. She brought a card to be signed by our members, which she will send to June.

Ray Faulkner again mentioned his concerns about the town dumping large amounts of snow on newly discovered graves at the Maple Ave. cemetery. Ray feels it is disrespectful to the burial sites. Children are playing on these high mounds, which could also be a safety issue. Rosanne said, "a letter needs to be written to the Board of Selectmen and copied to Bill Shapley to get our concerns on their agenda".

Bobbie Atkinson talked briefly about an upcoming meeting to get the towns to understand what they have in their lands, their flora and fauna. The purpose of the meeting is to help the towns to plan for the future use of their land and to protect what they have.

Denny thanked Sally & Fran Hartford for the night's refreshments. The business meeting was then adjourned.

Denny called upon Carol to introduce the night's speaker. Carol introduced Ken Gilson from Hampstead, NH to talk about "Valentines from the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century". Ken had his collection on display. He said that his cards are a family collection that were made BH (meaning before Hallmark). He said most of these cards were printed in Germany and are embossed. He was very willing to answer questions from members of the society. We were able to handle and see close up the beauty of these antique cards.

Refreshments were then served.

Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary