

# **ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

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

**Denny called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. There were 23 in attendance including some guests. Denny announced that he would dispense with all the minutes and monthly chair reports to spend the necessary time to review and adapt our by-laws. He then turned the meeting over to the nominating committee.**

**The committee consisted of Julie Johnson, Cindy Lentz, Carol Zamarchi and Carolyn Bogh. They had spent many hours going over the State of ME by-laws; our current by-laws and then made their suggested changes. Paul Johnson projected them on the screen so members could see the current articles and the committees suggested changes. Articles one through eight were then discussed, changed and adopted individually.**

**Major changes included reducing the number of directors from 5 to 3 to serve one-year terms. Officers can serve no more than 6 consecutive one-year terms in the same office. The president will appoint a nominating committee for the following year to provide the slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting in December. The president will also appoint an auditor to get the financial records at the end of a year and the auditor would give their report at the following March meeting.**

**Roseanne Junkins, Jack McDonough and Paul Johnson were then voted in as directors. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Denny Lentz as President, Judith Hilt as Vice President, Dorothy Hansen as Secretary and Julie Johnson as Treasurer. With no nominations from the floor the slate was then voted in. Denny appointed Cindi Sullivan to be the auditor. At Denny's request Julie Johnson, Bobby Atkinson, Helen Sullivan and Helen Goransson agreed to be the nominating committee for new officers to serve for 2010.**

**Denny announced that Julia Roberts, President of the Rollinsford Culture & History Association would be talking about "The Colonel Wentworth House", for the April program. Denny thanked the night's refreshment committee and turned the meeting over to the Program Chairman, Carol Zamarchi.**

**Carol introduced Robert Perham to talk on Maine Humor and Eliot High School Girl's Basketball Teams. Carol said that Mr. Perham had been an**

**educator for 35 years and still does subbing. Mr. Perham said that he enjoys doing humor presentations in FL. He typically puts on his straw hat, his jeans and suspenders as he tells them stories and gives them a taste of Maine humor. Mr. Perham started teaching and coaching in Eliot in the 1950/1951 seasons. The coaching part was a surprise for which he initially received no compensation. He inherited a team with a history of losing. Shortly thereafter Mr. Perham turned the team into winners culminating in a state championship in 1954/1955. His team got so good that they were frequently invited to play much bigger schools and even college teams. This gave his team a chance to do some traveling including the Boston Garden. By this time he was also being paid for coaching. In 1958-1961 his girls' basketball team was undefeated. They won 78 games in a row. He said in 1962 Eliot was on the map for their girls' basketball team. Carol Zamarchi, who played on his team, said that because of Mr. Perham students who might have dropped out of school stayed in school and became successful.**

**Refreshments were then served by Bobbi Atkinson and Bobbi Beavers.**

**Respectfully submitted  
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary**