

ELIOT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of the Meeting for December 6, 2010
John F. Hill Grange Hall, Eliot, ME

President, Denny Lentz called the business meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. There were 27 people. Denny reminded people that the Historical Society is planning another yard sale in May so he would ask everyone to start saving items. We did well on it last year and had a good time doing it. It was also a chance to give people tours of the schoolhouse. Denny cited all the accomplishments of the society this year: members visited the elementary school, members hosted the student visits to the schoolhouse in May, all the bicentennial planning for the work to prepare the Grange Hall, #8 schoolhouse, the parade float and the Ball. The Ball went over so well that people are asking if we are going to do it again. It is possible that another Ball could be tied in with Eliot Day. There was all the work done by various members to create the driving tour and the boat tour. There was a new Eliot book that came out authored by Helen Goransson. He said wherever he went during the Bicentennial week there was a presence of the Eliot Historical Society. Denny mentioned all the activities monthly throughout the whole year. He felt proud for all the Historical Society's accomplishments in 2010.

Secretary's report Dorothy Hansen read the minutes of the November meeting and they were approved as read. Denny said that he did send a letter to the Eliot Conservation Committee giving the Historical Society's support.

Treasurers report Julie Johnson read the Treasurer's Annual Report, 12/1/09 - 11/30/10, giving a balance of \$14,552.50 in the savings account. She showed in the savings account credits from the Town of Eliot, fund raising efforts, dues and interest. The balance of the checking account was \$3,014.61 which included all the operating costs and expenses, as well as income from the Bicentennial. The certificate of deposit had a balance of \$10,567.01. Her report was then approved. Julie made detailed copies available.

Committee Chair Reports

Denny called upon Helen Goransson to speak for her nominating committee, which included Jeff Koch and Roseanne Adams. Helen read the nominated slate of officers and directors: Officers: Dennis Lentz, President; Judith Hilt, Vice President; Dorothy Hansen, Secretary; and Julie Johnson as Treasurer. Directors: Cindy Lentz, Paul Russo and Jack McDonough. There was a motion and seconded to accept the slate from the nominating committee. There was a vote on both slates and they were elected. Denny then ask volunteers to serve on next years nominating committee.

Eric Christian, Helen Goransson and Jack McDonough offered to be on the nominating committee for 2011.

Cyndi Sullivan is the current auditor. Her report will be presented at the March meeting. Cyndi agreed to do the auditing again next year.

Zip Zamarchi reported that his Building Planning Committee would have its next meeting Monday, Jan. 2nd.

Jack McDonough stood up to say a thank you to Denny and all the officers for a fine year.

Carol Zamarchi, program chairman, said she would have a new program schedule for the January meeting.

Helen said that the Bicentennial committee has come up with a video, which will be on sale. If anyone is interested they can get on a list to get one. Helen was not sure of the price.

Julie said that the Society was successful Saturday at the Marshwood Christmas Fair. They sold \$116.00 in merchandise and sold several of Helen's books. Some of our merchandise is at the back of the room for sale if anyone is interested.

Denny said that he and several others went to Augusta to see Bobbi be sworn in as a state representative. Bobbi thanked them for coming.

Ray Faulkner told the members about a new Bernard Cornwell book, called "The Fort". He said it is a great read with fictitious characters set in what is now part of Maine.

Denny mentioned about tomorrow, 12/7 being an important date to a lot of people. Flags should be at half-staff remembering Pearl Harbor Day.

Paul Rousseau mentioned that the old Tea Room has been renovated. It was part of what was the Lanier Camps, a very well known camp for years. Paul wondered if we should come up with an Eliot Historical Society certification for those who restore old buildings back to the original condition in Eliot. Carol said that going through some of our collection she remembered seeing that years ago the Historical Society did give out something they called "Recognition Awards".

Denny thanked Carol & Zip Zamarchi and Ray Faulkner for the night's refreshments.

Denny closed the business meeting and turned the floor over to Carol. Carol then asked people to come forward for our annual show and tell. Most members came forward with many interesting items to show. Some items and the history behind them had been handed down through the presenter's family. Sometimes we had to guess what it was. Each person told about their item. One item of particular interest was brought forward by Roseanne Adams. It was a special ledger book that belonged to Asa Brooks with records of the #8 schoolhouse with entries dating from 1841 to 1871. We all enjoyed sharing the history with each item.

We then had our Christmas Party. The hall was quite festive with Christmas decorations done by Cindy and Denny. The refreshments were served by Carol, Zip and Ray.

Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Hansen, Secretary