

Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
July 27, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 p.m.

Present: Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Ellen Thorn, Kristen Wyckoff

Absent: Rena Kosersky, Nelta Miller, Janette Reynolds, Connie Ruehle

President's report (Gerry)

In connection with the Town board

The Property: The Town hired Steve Sibbern to survey the land likely to be involved in rental or sale to the Society. While we wait for Steve Sibbern to schedule the Town's mapping project, Gerry met with the Planning Board, which is supposed to meet only with property owners (which currently excludes the Historical Society) to see if they'd possibly have a problem with a subdivision.

The Society also has spoken with attorney Mike West, who will represent GHS when the two boards have generally reached agreement. After general agreement, a public hearing would have to be held before any progress can be made.

Access to the museum facilities and parking on the Highway Department's drive seem to be the current major roadblocks. Our patrons need space for school buses, convenient access for seniors, and level parking space for all patrons. Construction equipment access and well drilling might be negotiated with a short-term lease and specific insurance.

Use of Town's facilities: Gerry reported a slap on the wrist from the Town: a Facilities Use Form for the Psychic Fair was not filed with the Town before the July 6 Town Board meeting.

Any major activity on Town property used by GHS (more than about 20 people) has to have a Facilities Use Form approved by the Town *before* the event can be held. Copies of the form are available and must be completed and submitted at least before the first of the month, in time for Town Board review and approval at its meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Architecture plans: We're expecting a revised set of plans from Chase Barber, the architect from Lee R. Marigliano's Delhi office for Rich Tate. Tate worked on building the History Center addition in 2016.

Resolution of appreciation for Carolyn Brown: With Carolyn's resignation, a resolution of appreciation should be prepared and passed, thanking her for her charter membership, interest, and support in the GHS; and for her lifelong beneficial impact on our community.

New board member: We welcome GHS lifetime member Ellen Thorn to serve on the board. She has many years of recording history for other local nonprofits, including the Stamford Library and the Middleburgh Historical Society, as well as organizational skills that will ease the tracking of details.

Approval of President's report (motion by Lee; second by Kristen)

Treasurer's report (Linda S)

Invoices approved by Board on 7/27					
July	July 27, 2022				
To	For	Amount	Notes	Check #	Date Paid
Rich Tait	second half architect's fees	\$ 7,750		2118	27-Jul
NYSEG	6/23-7/23	\$ 38.31		elect	23-Jul
MTC	6/23-7/23	\$ 60.02		elect	23-Jul
Decker Advertsing	Ad County Shopper	\$ 130.00		2119	27-Jul
Generic INV #83100	Catskill Fossil Forest printing	\$ 1,533.79		2120	27-Jul
Generic INV # 83101	Lite bulb changer	\$ 29.99		2021	27-Jul
Generic INV#83102	Donation Box	\$ 8.98		2022	27-Jul
Generic INV# 83103	Scanning arch. Materials	\$ 189		2023	27-Jul
Generic INV#83104	Music field trip	\$ 350		2028	27-Jul
Generic INV # 83105	Frame for Juried Chamber	\$ 47.99		2024	27-Jul
Generic INV#83106	Lite Bulbs	\$ 15.29		2025	27-Jul
A Time and Place	Ad	\$ 100.00		2026	27-Jul
Kristen Wyckoff, credit card charge	Fossil Age Minerals	\$ 221.50		2027	27-Jul
Christl Riedman	Receipt Books	\$ 25.89		2129	27-Jul
Waterford Publishing	Trifolds	\$ 113.20		2130	27-Jul
Fred's Septic	port a potty	\$ 165.00		2131	27-Jul
Total		\$ 10,778.96			
Checking Opening Balance		20,681			
These payments		10,779			
Balance		9,902			
Savings		79,697	84,500	Nicks	164,197 total
Fundraising		2,257			
Tri County		15,962			
Total		107,818.04			

Approval of Treasurer's report (motion by Kristen; second by Gerry)

Fundraising Committee (Linda K)

Upcoming activities and meetings:

- 7/31 Psychic Fair (rain date 8/7)
- 8/17 Ice Cream Social, with music by The FisherCats
- 9/11 Psychic Fair (rain date 9/18)
- 9/21 General meeting
- 10/19 General meeting
- 11/13 Holiday Fair
- 11/16 General meeting
- 12/14 Raffle & Bottle Auction (moved up a week earlier in December)

The field trip to Rockland Cider Works — Upstate ("the Cidery") on July 20 had 16 of us attend from GHS. Arrangements and interface with Elisabeth and Delana on the particulars were great.

We are reminded that Town property is dry and that we must enforce this law.

The donation box has been installed as recommended near the corner of the Gift Shop nearest the bathroom; and at less than the estimated cost of \$98.30.

The 50-50 Raffle is proceeding well. Gerry will supply two donation cans for use outdoors during the Ice Cream Social.

It had been suggested that we set summer hours for meetings as 7 to 9 p.m.; and winter hours as 6 to 8 p.m. This could be considered for future board discussion.

Approval of Fundraising report (motion by Christl; second by Kristen)

Finance Committee (Linda S)

Membership Committee (Gerry)

The membership for in	June	July
Total memberships	351	362
Lifetime memberships †, †	116	116
Annual memberships *, **, ***	235	246
Total households	274	280
Lifetime households	152	158
Annual households	122	122

Facilities Committee (Gerry, Val, Mike, Vincent Acocella)

We have equipment to replace lightbulbs, even those with housing on the History Center cathedral ceiling.

Educational Committee (Kristen)

Publications Committee (Gerry, Lee)

Fossil book: Stein, Hernick, and Mannolino's book, *The Catskill Fossil Forest*, has sold about 60% of its first printing. To-date income covers the entire cost of manufacturing. The profit this year will be about \$1,000, based on 40 books @ \$30 per book, less membership and marketing discounts.

We have kept the list price low on this book (at \$30) despite its high unit cost and its short length, because our prime goal is to maximize market penetration (i.e., sell a lot of books) rather than emphasize profit. GHS has recouped the entire cost of its publication already — and all revenues now are purely profit.

As the authors have donated all royalties to the Society, Gerry intends to send the authors a royalty statement at the end of each year based on 15% net price, so they can claim the amount as a donation for tax purposes.

Gerry asked the board to grant GHS lifetime membership to the three coauthors (motion by Linda K; second by Kristen).

Newsletter: Gerry hopes to get a newsletter ready for distribution this fall.

Approval of Publications report (motion by Linda; second by Christl).

Public Relations Committee

Policy Committee (Linda S)

Collection Management (Rena)

Gift Shop Committee (Christl)

Displays and Exhibitions Committee (Gerry, Lee, Marianne, Kristen, Linda K)

Grant-writing Committee (Linda K, Nelta)

Nominating Committee (Linda K, Connie)

Refreshments Committee (Janette)

Marketing Committee

New business

Plaques: Kristen reported that Linda Newerla is checking on sources and prices of plaques and will be order new or replacement plaques.

Fire alarm hammer: Kristen will follow up with Carolyn Brown regarding a hammer for the fire alarm ring outside the fossil shed.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m. (motion by Kristen; second by Christl).

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary