

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
August 24, 2022**

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 p.m.

Present: Linda Karlsen, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Connie Ruehle, Gerry Stoner, Ellen Thorn, Kristen Wyckoff

Absent: Lee Hudson, Rena Kosersky, Nelta Miller, Janette Reynolds, Linda Stratigos

President's report (Gerry)

In connection with the Town board

Parking and access: If we can get parking and access compatible with past years, we should press for a signoff on these and all other open questions regarding property for the museum.

Comprehensive Plan: We must get people out to the regular Town board meeting on September 7, starting at 6 p.m. Public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan begins at 7 p.m. The goal is to press for oral or written support for the Gilboa Museum, Juried History Center, and Dorothy Cox Juried Pavilion as essential attractions for the Town of Gilboa.

Approval of President's report (motion by Linda K; second by Val)

Treasurer's report (Linda S)

- Gift shop sales are up slightly from last year, \$2,466, both cash and credit, tax not included
- Donations from box in museum are \$984, up triple
- Bookkeeper: Linda cannot continue all the tasks currently required; hiring a bookkeeper is essential
- Linda gave Nelta her P.O. Box key to pick up Juried's check for \$100,000, and deposit it in NBT in Grand Gorge into the Savings account ending in 3502.
- Invoices: Spreadsheet for invoices approved by board on August 24 is attached

Invoices approved by Board on 8/24					
August					
To	For	Amount	Notes	Check #	Date Paid
The Cidery	Scholarships?	\$ 3,000		2134	22-Aug
Linda Stratigos	Printer ink, paper	\$ 84.69		2135	25-Aug
Generic Compositors	Ice Cream Social Expenses	\$ 839.10		2136	25-Aug
Daily Star	Ad Upstate Life	\$ 219.00		2137	25-Aug
MTC	Internet/phone	\$ 60.02		electronic	23-Aug
NYSEG	Power	\$ 55.95		electronic	21-Aug
Fred's Septic	Porta Potty	\$ 165.00		2138	25-Aug
Total expense for August		\$ 4,423.76			
Opening Balance Checking 8/1	\$ 21,028				
Balance 8/23	\$ 13,200	\$7500 to Rich Tait			
Opening Savings 8/1	\$ 164,197				
Savings Balance 8/23	\$ 364,212	284,500 for building			
Our Balance	\$ 79,712				
Opening Fundraising 8/1	\$ 2,257				
Deposits	\$ 1,154				
Balance	\$ 3,411				
Opening Tri County 8/1	\$ 15,962				
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Approval of Treasurer’s report (motion by Gerry; second by Christl).

Fundraising Committee (Linda K)

Upcoming activities and meetings:

- 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)
- Date to come: Ghost Hunters or Big Foot lecture

For the summer of 2023, we plan to hold a Gilboafest in June, a Psychic Fair in July, and an Ice Cream Social in August.

Approval of Fundraising report: motion by Christl; second by Val

Gift Shop Committee (Nelta)

Staffing: Tour guides have been very busy. Sales are up and visitors are between 25 and 50+ a day. Connie Bates reported 55 people with only herself and Janette present! We should prepare a roster of possible docents who can be called at the last minute to work when we have more visitors than anticipated.

Tour guides need more “Daily evaluation” sheets. Gerry will provide.

Inventory: Minerals and books are big sale items. More minerals have just been ordered.

Nelta gave Janet Orlando a copy of all the fossil identification signs for items for sale to review for accuracy and to fill in missing information as possible. Janet's efforts should be acknowledged.

National Fossil Day, October 11, 2023: Nelta will work with Gerry, Janet, and possibly The Dirtmeister to create kid-focused fossil activities for a Fossil Day event. We should plan with the school to have an event at the museum to celebrate National Fossil Day or arrange a celebration for the whole community.

Approval of Gift shop report (motion by Gerry; second by Christl)

Finance Committee (Linda S)

Membership Committee (Gerry)

The membership for YTD in	July	Aug
Total memberships	362	365
Lifetime memberships †, †	116	116
Annual memberships *, **, ***	246	249
Total households	280	281
Lifetime households	158	159
Annual households	122	122

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

- Gerry will work with Mike Shiffer on the security cameras

Educational Committee (Kristen)

- Kristen reported on a field trip to the Cairo fossil site with the Rochester people, who then came to the Gilboa site
- Kristen also has several school tours scheduled

Publications Committee (Gerry, Lee)

- In Lee's absence, Ellen reported on the progress of the Fall issue of *Catskill Tri-County Historical Views*: most of the content is in and is being edited. It is still on schedule for a November appearance.
- Gerry hopes to get a newsletter ready for distribution this fall.
- Gerry proposed that the three authors of the Stein fossil book (Bill Stein, Linda Hernick, and Frank Mannolino) be granted membership in return for gifting their royalties to the Society (motion by Linda K; second by Val)

Public Relations Committee

Policy Committee (Linda S)

- Linda and Gerry will provide the revised bylaw recommendation for Society members to vote on at the September General membership meeting.

Collection Management (Rena)**Gift Shop Committee (Christl)****Displays and Exhibitions Committee (Gerry, Lee, Marianne, Kristen, Linda K)**

- *New exhibits in the works*: include redoing the natural history wall and including the 3D fossil print; an exhibit entitled "Village Highlights"; an exhibit of the cash drawer from the display case along with some early money; items from a Parlman christening and other family items
- New typewriter ribbon for the children's activity area will be purchased and installed by Gerry

Grant-writing Committee (Linda K, Nelta)

- Linda will attend the CREATE workshop in Schoharie so that we can apply for funding an art education program.

Nominating Committee (Linda K, Connie)**Refreshments Committee (Janette)****Marketing Committee****Old business**

- Letter of appreciation to Carolyn Brown: Christl reported she sent a resolution from the board

The meetings adjourned at 4:30 p.m.; motion by Linda; second by Connie

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn
Board Secretary