

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
August 23, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. by President Gerry Stoner. Present were Lee Hudson, Christl Riedman, Val Riedman, Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Ellen Thorn, Kristen Wyckoff

Discussions relating to the current facilities

The Town board passed a proposal on August 14 to sell GHS the property on and around the museum, pavilion, and surrounding area for \$1, assuming there's no request for a public hearing. (Supervisor Terry says a public hearing is required if requested because the sale price is less than actual value.) Once Gerry questioned a "whereas" that was initially included, the Town board approved a revised proposal to strike it out; this pertained to building a separate driveway and a well.

Gerry will contact Rich Tate to update plans for construction.

Gerry submitted Facilities Use forms to the Town clerk for recent additional planned Society events.

President's report

Gerry distributed bylaws with proposed revisions for discussion and approval. The board approved changes to Article III (motion by Michael; second by Linda S); Article IV (motion by Kristen; second by Michael); Article V (motion by Michael; second by Kristen); Article VI (motion by Michael; second by Christl); and then added to Article III a range for the number of elected board members (motion by Kristen; second by Linda S).

Neil Snedeker was selected to fill Connie Ruehle's term as director.

Changes to the bylaws that the board approved must be submitted to the membership at the September general meeting so that the membership can vote on changes at the October meeting.

At the September meeting, nominations for directors need to be provided so that an election of directors can be held at the October meeting. Directors whose current terms are expiring are Christl, Gerry, and Linda S.

In the pass-the-sweets forward category, the leftover ice cream from the ice cream social was donated to the Gilboa-Conesville Senior picnic the following day. After that, the toppings and sprinkles left over were donated to a county nonprofit, RSS (Rehabilitation Support Services), where our active member Connie Bates works.

Secretary's report

Ellen prepared and distributed July minutes for review, approval, and posting. The board voted to approve the minutes (motion by Michael second by Lee).

Ellen continues to update the working calendar as details are fed to her.

Treasurer's report

Michael provided the NBT bank statement balances ending July 31, 2023.

• Checking (account ending #7602)	\$ 9,938.76
• Savings (MMA account ending #3502)	\$ 34,679.64
• <i>Catskill Tri-County Historical Views</i> (account ending #4542)	\$ 8,306.09
• Fundraising (checking account ending #2298)	\$ <u>1,695.20</u>
	\$ 54,619.69

In addition, the bank has CDs as a building fund:

• CD 9349 matures 12/23/2023	\$407,035.27
• CD 0290 matures 1/9/2024	\$ <u>50,714.07</u>
	\$457,749.34

Interest earned, year-to-date (through June) on MMA #3502 = \$291.17.

Michael supplied the board with a year-to-date P&L. Total income through July 2023 was \$50,758.68. Total expense through July 2023 was \$25,782.07, resulting in a net income of \$24,976.61. (The most recent budget draft projects an annual income of \$69,000 and an annual expense of \$35,153.)

Michael submitted a voucher to the Town clerk to get \$1,500 budgeted by the Town of Gilboa for the Historical Society.

The board voted to approve the Treasurer's report (motion by Kristen; second by Linda S).

Committees

Archives and Collection Management

Kristen said she recalled that items larger than a book should not be accepted as donations without Collection committee review. Committee members suggested that nothing be accepted for donation without a deed of gift form being completed and committee evaluation as to article deposition. The committee emphasized a need to reiterate a clear policy for items gifted to or intended for the museum's collection, so that gifts don't stray.

The majority of the committee, present at the board meeting, agreed to forgo Kristen's offer to donate to the museum a canoe that her family from the Fulton/Middleburgh area used when she was a child.

Bylaws

Ellen will distribute the bylaws approved by the directors to the membership at the September general meeting so they can review the revised bylaws and then vote at the October general meeting.

Fundraising (and Advocacy)

The board agreed to not spend \$125 to advertise in the October issue of Catskill Guide; we officially close after just one week in October.

The Ice Cream Social raised about \$630 for the Society.

Michael is exploring possible funding sites within the county and nearby.

Michael suggested buying an actual guest book for the podium near the museum entrance that has room for email addresses and other contact information; we can use this data for follow-up and reaching out. The board voted to approve this purchase (motion by Kristen; second by Linda S).

Ellen reported that CORE Values of Stamford made a donation of books to the collection on the pavilion's book swap.

Nominating

Our annual election of directors to the board will be held at the October meeting, so nominations must be presented to the membership at the September meeting. Board members with terms expiring are Christl, Gerry, and Linda S. There are no term limits, so any Society member can be re-elected.

Board members elect their officers at the first board meeting following the general meeting at which the membership elects directors.

Refreshments

We haven't seen any updated lists of who volunteered to provide refreshments for upcoming events. Have arrangements been made for the Conesville Historical Society visit on September 12 and for the general meeting on September 20 with Bobby Curious entertaining?

Old business

Board members discussed the value of having a single website that identifies the Society and the losses we'd face by limiting ourselves to just one. Many internet visitors find us because of their interest in fossils; others find us through their interest in our cultural history and our social activities and events. We must be sure that whichever URLs we use contain live links to the many pages and records we maintain.

Michael has become an administrator of the Facebook website that Amy Sternstein began for the Society in 2015.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m. (motion by Michael; second by Ellen).

Upcoming meetings

Sunday, September 10, 11 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.: Psychic Fair (rain date 9/17)

[Monday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.: Town board meets]

Tuesday, September 12, 6 p.m.: Conesville Historical Society to tour the museum

Wednesday, September 20, 6 p.m.: Singer Bobby Curious will entertain, followed by refreshments and short general meeting to inform members of projected changes to Society bylaws and nominees for Society directors.

Wednesday, September 27, 1 p.m.: Board meeting

Sunday, October 8, 4:30 p.m.: End of regular season; private arrangements for tours and gift shop purchases can be made

[Monday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.: Town board meets]

Saturday, October 14, 2 p.m.: Talk on Justice Bliss & taxing NYC for use of Gilboa's water supply

Wednesday, October 18, 6 p.m.: Annual meeting

Wednesday, October 25, 1 p.m.: Board meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn

Board Secretary