

**Gilboa Historical Society
Board of Directors
July 26, 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 1:14 p.m. by President Gerry Stoner. Present were Lee Hudson, Linda Karlsen, Christl Riedman (left 3:00), Michael Shiffer, Gerry Stoner, Linda Stratigos, Ellen Thorn, Kristen Wyckoff (left 2:30); Museum Director Nelta Miller

Discussions relating to the current facilities

The Town says that it is looking to hire an appraiser for tax purposes, even though it won't reflect the actual sale price.

Nelta was surprised to find two men she didn't know in the gift shop when she arrived at the museum. It turned out that they were from the Town's crew and were supposed to be only in the Town's storage basement, not wandering the museum. Nelta was concerned and called Gerry, who had Town clerk Linda Wyckoff investigate; she said they were off course for their assigned task in the Town's records storage room.

Janette had reported a stranger at the pavilion, who claimed he was using the WiFi connection. The internet — and the pavilion — are services we offer the community. If someone finds a member of the public uncomfortable, the best protection is to enter the locked museum building or personal car.

There was no update on the expired 2022 one-year lease between the Society and the Town.

President's report

Gerry reminded the board that there needs to be an election of directors at the October meeting, so that nominations need to be provided by the September meeting. Since there are also recommended changes to the bylaws, they should be presented to the membership at the September meeting as well. Ellen will collect all changes submitted and provide the board with a revised draft for review at the August board meeting, so they can be presented at the September general meeting.

Secretary's report

Ellen prepared and distributed June minutes for review, approval, and posting. The board voted to approve the June 28 minutes (motion by Linda S; second by Linda K).

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

Treasurer's report

Michael provided the NBT bank statement balances ending June 30, 2023.

• Checking (account ending #7602)	\$ 9,066.10
• Savings (MMA account ending #3502)	\$ 34,613.50
• <i>Catskill Tri-County Historical Views</i> (account ending #4542)	\$ 8,306.09
• Fundraising (checking account ending #2298)	\$ <u>2,100.60</u>
	\$ 54,086.29

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

• CD 9349 matures 12/23/2023	\$405,618.38
• CD 0290 10-month promo CD	\$ <u>50,537.53</u>
	\$456,155.91

Interest earned, year-to-date (through June) on MMA #3502 = \$225.03. CD year-to-date interest earned = \$6,156.

Michael supplied the board with a year-to-date P&L laid against the 2023 budget. Total income through July 16, 2023, was \$45,068 against an annual budget of \$69,000. Total expense through July 16, 2023, was \$22,581 against an annual budget of \$35,153. Michael reports that cost of goods sold is not tracked here.

The Society got Nelta a credit card for museum and gift shop purchases.

To get funding from the Town of Gilboa, we must submit a voucher form, available from the Town clerk, requesting funds. Although the Town budgets it, we've not always collected such funds the Town intended to contribute.

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

Committees

Archives and Collection Management

Kristen offered to donate to the museum a canoe that her family from the Fulton/Middleburgh area used when she was a child. She suggested it be hung on the ceiling inside the History Center and requested that the Archives committee discuss accepting the possible gift.

The Archives committee has not been meeting to organize and store documents and artifacts until secure facilities are available; we had no idea that construction delay would postpone protected storage for several years! With Rena and Connie no longer active on the committee, only Lee, Linda S, and Ellen currently remain on the committee.

Bylaws

Ellen will distribute the proposed bylaws with changes before the August meeting. Once the board has reviewed, they'll be prepared for approval by the general membership.

Exhibitions

Kristen wants to get more people involved in recommending and creating relevant displays in the museum.

Fundraising (and Advocacy)

The Psychic Fair raised about \$500 for the Society.

The recent mailing garnered a return of over 1% and about \$1,500.

Stein book: Gerry sent Linda S an electronic copy of the cover so it can be posted on Facebook. Some of the science people on a recent museum tour offered to send a list of appropriate journals for reviews of the Stein book.

Linda suggested two possible new books: one on kids visiting the museum; one on families in the Gilboa region — where they come from, where they landed, what they did once they lived here.

The board voted to approve Linda K's fundraising report (motion by Linda S; second by Michael).

Museum, Gift Shop, and Tour Guides

Nelta has been organizing the donated fossils with assistance from Kristen. Kristen will send thank-you notes as appropriate. Ellen will supply Kristen with the most recent gift donation form.

Nelta will order business cards for herself; VistaPrint was suggested as a source.

Nominating

Our annual election of directors to the board is 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.

Officers are elected by the board members serving on the board at the 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.

Strategic Planning

This new committee (Linda K, Michael, Linda S, Kristen) feels it has internal work to do and doesn't recommend hiring Bobbi Ryan of Cleverly Crafted for marketing and events planning at this time; but suggests we might be ready for her services in the future. Linda K will notify Ryan.

The committee finds it confusing to have multiple websites and suggests the fossil website be the main site for the Society, the museum, the cultural history center, the gift shop, and community activities and events sponsored by the Society.

Michael will become administrator of the Facebook website that Amy Sternstein began and managed for the Society.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m. (motion by Gerry; second by Linda K).

Upcoming meetings

[Monday, August 14, 6:30 p.m.: Town board meets]

Wednesday, August 16, 6 p.m.: Ice Cream Social with FisherCats and Stewart's ice cream

Wednesday, August 23, 1 p.m.: Board meeting

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Thorn

Board Secretary