

Starksboro Historical Society
Minutes for ANNUAL MEETING: January 19, 2010
Starksboro Town Office, 7PM-8:30PM

NEXT MEETING: MARCH 9th : Starksboro Town Office at 7PM

Members Present: Jim Lockridge, Sarah Adams, Linda Barnard, Cynthia Kling, EmmaLou Craig, Elsa Gilbertson, Olive Phillips, Cecilia Elwert, Ruth Beecher

Pre-meeting chatter

- 4H history given by Linda Barnard to SHS with photos in 4 scrap books mid 1970s-early 80s.
- Olive returned funeral books – now housed upstairs at Town Office with other SHS memorabilia.
- Discussed need for sharing updated SHS member list with SHS Officers.
- Jim got a \$2,500 grant from the VT Community Foundation for the Old Gordon Store project. Will use for foundation and paint. Still need more but it's a good start. Also received a white van from the Good News Garage as a donation.
- Elsa gave EmmaLou a copy of *The New Museum Registration Methods* for accession purposes.

Meeting called to order at 7:14

1. *Minutes* approved from 10-20-09 meeting.
2. *Treasurer's report* submitted. Had 12 renewals and 2 new lifetime members. Expenses for programs were minimal this year with thanks to Elsa for organizing. Donation basket at events helpful. Currently have \$1,122. 31.
3. *Program overview* for the year
 - Feb. Sheldon Museum Exhibit on One Room Schoolhouses of Starksboro
 - Mar. Caro Thompson's film: The Lake Between with local reenactors
 - May John Stark program with Karl Crannell
 - Oct. co-sponsored with Jerusalem Schoolhouse: Mike Winslow Lake Champlain book
 - Nov. co-sponsored with Green Mt Audubon: Hillsboro Hike
4. *Election of Officers for 2010*

Before elections, we thanked Jim for his two years of excellent service as SHS President - a job very well done. Thanks, Jim!

President: Robert Stokes (confirmed with phone call)

Vice President: EmmaLou Craig with caveat that she won't be future president unless she wants this position again)

Treasurer: Sarah Adams (reelected)

Secretary: Ruth Beecher (reelected)

Corresponding Secretary: Cynthia Kling (reelected)

Trustee: Linda Barnard (reelected); Olive Phillips

Jim kindly offered to continue carrying on the meeting since Robert was unable to attend.

5. *Public Relations*

Linda offered to post notices on Front Porch Forum. Cynthia agreed to post notices in the Gazette. Both requested being notified about what to post (!).

6. *Starksboro Historical Society Annual Report 2009*

Jim wrote up a very detailed report for the Starksboro Town Report (attached).

7. *Membership*: Sarah suggested having a written year end report for people who don't come to meetings, or who don't have email. It was mentioned that the Annual Report basically is a year end report that will reach a broad audience in Town. This prompted a brief discussion about having an additional newsletter. Does anyone want to take this on?

Ruth mentioned that folks without email do get snail mail copies of meeting minutes and some attachments. If any of these folks get email, please let Ruth know so we can save on postage! Email her at ruthbee@gmavt.net with your email address – thanks.

8. *SHS website* is attracting people who are seeking info about Starksboro connections. Some of these folks are sending donations for SHS. Sarah wondered if Kevin could post comments that folks send with their memories? Again, special thanks to Kevin Hanson, our very own Web Guru.

9. *Program ideas for 2010* (brainstormed list)

- Lewis Creek Lost and Found, Kevin Dann: about the Lewis Creek watershed, present and past, as well as people with connections to it
- Wayside Exhibit at Gordon Store
- More connections with Quadricentennial: lake, watershed health
- The Watershed Center
- River Watch
- Green Mountain Club
- History of Baldwin Creek – Carroll Stokes again?
- Lewis Creek Festival
- Lewis Creek Association Annual Meeting – they request different sites in community
- Cota Field
- Event involving water for kids
- Summer or Fall hike in Starksboro
- Using LS Gordon Store as a turnout with parking/trailhead/feature facility
- Cynthia's program on the Mormon Trek following Brigham Young to Utah

Ruth offered to contact The Watershed Center; Cecilia offered to contact Lewis Creek Association; Linda offered to contact Kevin Dann. Anyone else have an offer?

10. Elsa mentioned that the *Lake Champlain Basin Program* is requesting proposals for grants regarding habitat improvement related to the health of the lake. Would anyone be interested in spearheading a grant proposal and project? If so, please call our new president: Robert Stokes at 453-3068. **Applications are due March 1, 2010**

Here is more information including a direct link: LCBP has released a new round of implementation grants, focused on wildlife habitat and connectivity improvement. These Wildlife Habitat Protection and Improvement Grants of up to \$10,000 support habitat restoration and wildlife connectivity in the Lake Champlain Basin. Great Lakes Fishery Commission funds supporting this grant category were secured by Senator Leahy. Please see the LCBP website for more details.

<http://www.lcbp.org/research.htm>

11. Linda mentioned upcoming programs with *Jerusalem Schoolhouse Lecture Series* in Feb. Walk down memory lane with Valentines, and in April with the Depression Era.
12. *Art and Soul* is currently working on Storygathering, Art, Communications, Recreation (trail from school to Cota field).
13. Cynthia offered to do her program on her relatives' Mormon Trek on FRIDAY, APRIL 16th. We will have a potluck at the Baptist Church if it's available. Linda offered to check. We need to determine who will do what to make this happen, and times.
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Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Beecher