

## **Town of Horicon Historical Society – May 13, 2024, Monthly Meeting Minutes**

The Town of Horicon Historical Society May 13, 2024, monthly meeting was held at the Horicon Community Center and was called to order by President, Sylvia Smith at 5:58 pm. Board members present were Kathy Hill, Diane Loika, Mary Ann Hill and John Caruso. Other members present were Jim Ventura, Barbara Blum, Camille Dougan, Robert Smith, Dan Smith, Jacob Smith and Jaden Smith and guest and Horicon Town Board John Francisco.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April 22, 2024 monthly meeting were provided to everyone by email from Janet Early on April 30 and hard copies were available at this meeting. Sylvia Smith noted that there was an omission in the April Monthly Minutes being presented and asked for a motion to receive the April minutes with amendment. John Caruso motioned and Mary Ann Hill seconded that the April Minutes be received with amendment and the motion carried unanimously. Thank you to Janet Early for posting the corrected April minutes to the new website.

**Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the treasurer's report for the Period of April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024 was presented by Diane Loika. John Caruso motioned and Mary Ann Hill seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as received, and the motion carried.

**Town Supervisor's Report:** Supervisor Mike Geraci was not present at the meeting but had met with Diane Loika after the last meeting and advised that no payments from HHS towards the testing at the Adirondack Museum annex would be due until invoiced by the Town of Horicon. Sylvia Smith asked treasurer, Diane Loika to revise the presentation of the monthly treasurer's report beginning in June to reflect any holds on funds waiting to be allocated

**Town of Horicon Historian's Report:** Historian Colleen Murtagh reported that she was actively working on projects: a new Fall article for the Brant Laker, research on: CCC camps and Duell Hill Rd families and preparations for the two upcoming HHS presentations. She had met with Sylvia Smith and Mike Geraci regarding the receipt and installation of an Adk Architectural sign at the Heintzleman Library and would be participating in Historian guided boat tours on the Mill Pond during the Woodstock Revisited event in June.

Tues, July 16 - 6 pm at the Horicon Community Center "The Bustling Days of Early Brant Lake"

Wed Aug 14 - 6 pm at the Adk Annex "Adirondack Through the Eyes of an Early Photographer"

**Old Business** – Joan Johnson will be speaking with the Horicon Library Board about a joint presentation by Marty Podskotch, author of the Adk 102 Club and Fire Tower books. This presentation may be held in Horicon to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 102 Club Book. The first signing of this book was held in Horicon. Barb Blum agreed to chair this event committee through the Program Committee and she was the second reader to complete the 102 location identifications.

-Camille Dougan provided a status update on the celebration of life for Thomas Johansen, past president of HHS to be held at the Horicon Museum on 6/27/24. Graveside services will take place at 1 pm, followed by a celebration of life at the Museum from 1:15 to 3pm and light refreshments will be served. This will be the opening day of the museum for 2024.

-John Caruso provided a status update on the BLA Founders Day event to be held August 10<sup>th</sup> after the Brant Lake Canoe race at the Horicon Museum. It was decided to close and sign the Adirondack Museum Annex that day.

-Mary Ann Hill attended the CFGMR instructional meeting in North Creek on 4/25/24 with Barbara Blum and the Horicon Library committee and brought back details to the HHS and Kathy Hill will submit the application. Application suggestions were discussed and it was decided that wall mounted quilt displays and archival notebooks with HD sleeves will be applied for. Application must be submitted prior to 5/31/24.

### **New Business –**

Sylvia Smith asked members and volunteers to contact her or Janet Early to make commitments for the May/June cleanings and new display setups to be conducted on:

5/14 – (Tues 1-3 pm), 5/20 (Mon 1-3 pm), 6/7 (Fri 10 am-12), 6/11 (Tues 10 am-12) and 6/17 (Mon 10am-12)

**Donations** – Three artifacts were presented for approval as donations to the museum collection:

The watering tub stone fountain from the Schroon Lake park district property on Watering Tub Road: John Francisco recalled a brief history of the watering tubs to date and advised that the current stone was available as a donation and would need to be relocated soon. Mary Ann Hill motioned and John Caruso seconded to accept this stone contingent upon a decision of where to place it at the Horicon Museum and that the history of the watering tub site and this last stone be documented and the motion carried. Dan Smith agreed to research and report on the history.

A MacPhail piano and a collection of western saddles and accessories: These items were not accepted as donations due to the fact that there was no direct historical significance to the Town of Horicon.

Sylvia Smith suggested the creation of two new committees for Membership Drives and Additional Grant Funding Opportunities. She advised that Kayla Carlozzi, Town Board member of Horicon has extensive grant writing experience and Mary Ann Hill volunteered to contact Kayla to get her ideas for new opportunities that HHS could pursue. Meeting attendees were asked to consider appointment to these committees and to confirm their participation at the June meeting. Diane Loika has been actively contacting local business by mail and soliciting their memberships and has received one new business as a member and welcomes Hidden

Pond Campgrounds. Janet Early reported on the status of the Adk Historical Alliance advertising, which was recommending use of the Adirondack Almanac as the advertising vehicle. Could be considered as a viable resource for future.

Sylvia Smith asked the board to consider a contribution to the Chestertown Historical Society in memoriam for Kathy Barlow McCann. John Caruso motioned and Mary Ann Hill seconded that \$100 be contributed and the motion carried.

Budget Committee members present, Kathy Hill and Diane Loika scheduled a meeting for Tuesday 5/21/24 at 2 pm at the Horicon Museum Carriage shed and will confirm that date with Barbara LaFond who was not present at the meeting. Update: Meeting has been confirmed as Thursday 5/23/24 at 11am same location.

Museum porch renovations have been scheduled by Rob Wallace, Tow of Horicon Parks and Rec Dept on 5/28 and 5/29 at the Horicon Museum location.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Program Committee:** Dates of Sun July 21 in the afternoon and Monday July 22 in the evening were suggested as possible for Larry Meltzer to provide an offering of music from Jimmy Van Heusen. Barbara Blum will follow up with Larry and confirm for the June monthly meeting.

**Sunshine Committee:** Barbara Blum said that a sympathy card was sent to Vicky Monthony and a get well card to Robert Smith and asked that all members contact her directly to request cards be sent during the dates between meetings.

### **President Sylvia Smith opened the meeting for comments from the floor:**

-Camille Dougan asked the HHS to consider planting a tree in memory of Thomas Johansen and she will check out a location at each museum. .

-Dan Smith advised he has officially retired, but would like to continue as a volunteer at the Adk Museum Annex during the 2024 season.

**Adjournment:** Janet Early moved and Mary Ann Hill seconded the motion to adjourn and the motion carried. Next meeting, June 10, will include the 2024 budget and be held at Town of Horicon Community Center, 6pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Hill, Secretary

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**The 2024 Summer museum schedule** is June 27 thru Sept 28 as follows:

Thursday 11 to 3 Brant Lake

Friday 11 to 3 Adirondack and 5 pm at the Food Truck Friday with displays

Saturday 11 to 3 Brant Lake and Adirondack

**Volunteers are needed:**

-for May and June upcoming clean, prep and decorating sessions with new albums and artifacts

-for all special events

-as docents at each location during the 2024 Season Schedule

*Prior experience is not necessary and training will be provided.*

*Come, join the fun and be a part of making new history!*