

**New London Historical Society
Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2015
Meeting House**

Present: M. Strachan, T. Little, J. Bonin, L. Jaggard, C. Sheehy, S. King, D. Hall, D. Royle, S. King, D. Hall, L. Lauridsen, P. McGoldrick

Absent: S. Schmid, E. Crane, T. DeMille, E. Chandler

Meeting called to order at 5:05 pm

Secretary's Report: Motion to accept March Minutes: S. King
Seconded: T. Little
March Board Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report: D. Royle
Seconded: J. Bonin
Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

Budget Discussion:

P. McGoldrick and T. Little presented the fourth quarter 2015 anticipated FY expenses. They reported that the budget expenses were under budget primarily due to propane expenses (5220) being under budget by \$1,500. Also, NLHS received unanticipated donations from: Obenshain Family Fund in the amount of \$250 and from the Theodore S. Bacon Jr. Trust in the amount of \$2,500.

Net operating budget result very tentative --\$445 unfunded balance for the year.

Added expense of expanded membership mailing expected to yield increasing memberships over the year

Program Committee:

Curtains Up: 60 attendees, donations of \$260, nine new memberships at \$10 (\$90)

Question at Curtains Up: "does a life membership entitle the member to attend all NLHS events for free?" Action: M. Strachan to check with M. Ford

Sandy Schmid has suggested two new programs:

- June – Flag Day in the Village
- July – Kite Day
- October - Pumpkin People

Major Fundraiser:

D. Royle updated the board on the fundraiser scheduled for September 27, 2015. After much discussion the board approved a change in location from the Cleveland Barn to the Phillips Barn and a change of date to August 22, 2015. The format will remain the same: display of locally

owned Bud Lauridsen art work, auction of Bud & Ade Lauridsen memorabilia and one original Bud Lauridsen painting. Emory Sanders recommends grouping items into no more than 25 total auction biddable items. (could be more than one prop in a bid item) D. Royle will check with Emory Sanders to see if he is available on August 22. Admission and cash/free bar to be determined by the committee.

New Fundraising Idea: J. Bonin suggested we sell pavers for a walkway at the re-dedication of LAB.

Membership:

Membership renewal letter has been drafted. Letter will be sent to current and lapsed members. A membership recruiting letter will be sent to those on the New London tax list. Planned mailing date is June 1, 2015

Facilities

J. Bonin reported that Historic Sash Works has begun replacing the trim on the LAB. The new trim, and eventually the building, will be painted with an oil based gray paint to match the current color. Possibility that costs may come in slightly below the current approved expenditure of \$14,000. Jeremy asked for recommendations for a carpenter and painter. Dave Carroll was suggested as a painter.

Other Business:

Rentals: Only two weddings have been booked for 2016. Rental prices may be out of line with similar venues. Maureen and Patti will review rental prices and make a recommendation to the board regarding a new rate structure. The rental issue is urgent and recommendations will be circulated for approval by email.

Executive Director Position for 2016: Discussion was tabled and will be addressed at an Executive Committee Meeting.

Newsletter Articles due May 18:

J. Bonin: "Raise the Roof" (work progress on various buildings)

D. Royle: "Reflections" NLHS major fundraiser

Listing of Upcoming Programs

D. Hall: Membership benefits

M. Strachan: President's Letter

Copies of Shopper ads will be included if filler is needed

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 27, 2015.

Respectively submitted by,
Linda Jaggard and Clara Sheehy