

Minutes from Abita Springs Trailhead Museum board meeting by George Long
November 17, 2020

Abita Springs Park, Abita Beer Stage

Members Present: Courtney Blitch, George Long, GERALYN Lips, Marian Roper, Carolyn Boudreaux, Stewart Eastman, Martha Gruning, Steve Davis, Barbie Bergeron

Emeritus Members present: Ron Blitch; Bryan Gowland absent

Absent with notice: Margaret Blitch, Peggy Scimemi, Annie Weaver, Susan Foster, Larry Bergeron

- Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm by Co-President Courtney Blitch.
- A motion to accept the minutes of the September 29 meeting was made by George Long, seconded by Carolyn Boudreaux and the motion was approved.
- The financial report showed no substantial change due to cancelation of events because of COVID-19. Martha reports a balance of \$30,466.69

Old Business

- Martha noted that docents are needed for Saturdays and Sundays if the Christmas Village is erected and presented as hoped, to occur December 5, 2020 through January 3, 2021. George will contact Town Hall to help promote this need for volunteers.
- George reported that Annie is working on grants for our Preservation Project but no news to report yet.
- Courtney clarified that our by-laws state that the Town “owns and maintains the museum’s building(s) and property”.
- Martha reports that she has been working on a comprehensive update of the by-laws and will present them at our December 29 board meeting. It was noted that the by-laws do not clearly state that board officers serve a two-year term. Martha and George expressed their support of it because it provides for continuity but after further discussion, there was a MOTION by Martha: Make officers’ terms two years. Seconded by Marian. MOTION PASSED. It will be written into Martha’s update of the by-laws.
- It was clarified that Peg will work with Marian, Martha, and Barbie on development of a quilting exhibition for 2021.

New Business

- Nomination of officers for 2021: Courtney nominated herself to serve an additional year as President. George nominated Barbie Bergeron to serve as Vice-President. Marian nominated herself to serve as Financial Manager. George nominated Margaret for the position of Secretary. Voting will take place at the December 29 board meeting and the roster will then be sent to the Mayor for approval.

- George recommended the following strict safety protocols for the Dept. 56 Christmas Village display: masks required, social distancing, no more than ten people in the museum at one time, one-way in and one way out, other standard cleaning protocols.
- Brief discussion of possible change in board meeting start time to accommodate members. Meetings will remain at 5pm on the last Tuesday of each month. Next meeting is December 29.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.