

North Island Heritage Society
Annual General Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2012 at 3:00 pm
RDMW office in Port McNeill
Based on Notes by Jane Hutton and Sharla Pelosse

Attending:

Pat Hole	Coal Harbour
Sharla Pelosse	Coal Harbour
Andrew Hory	Coal Harbour
Jane Hutton	Port Hardy Museum
Mary-Ann Smith	Port Hardy Heritage Society
Maggie Hanuse	Port McNeill Museum
Patrick Donaghy	Port McNeill Museum
Hiltje Ramsay	Port McNeill
James Furney	Port McNeill
Sue Ness	Sointula Museum
Greg Fletcher	RDMW liasion

Agenda:

- No agenda presented for the meeting.

Establishment of 2013 Membership and Dues Collection:

- Dues (\$2.00) collected by Maggie Hanuse, Sharla Pelosse documented those who paid their fees.
- No receipts were issued

Minutes:

- The Recording Secretary brought one copy of the minutes of the 2011 AGM which were photocopied & passed around.
- No motion to accept the minutes.

Financial Report:

- No written report or AFS available.
- Only one cheque written was \$2,500 to Derek.

Election:

- Lack of knowledge regarding constitution and an absence of the document being on hand resulted in confusion in number of Directors required.
- Greg Fletcher commented that in order to qualify for Heritage grants an organization needs twice as many members as Directors to attend the AGM.
- Discussion regarding the role of the secretary and/or treasurer.
 - Request made for an RDMW employee be the secretary, but Greg says it wouldn't be right to have a paid employee serve in an elected position.
 - Secretary will record & distribute minutes & send out notices of meetings.
 - Treasurer will submit the Society Report to the province.
- Given the absence of Joey Eilertsen from Coal Harbour and Perry McGhee from Quatsino, it was decided that 2 additional Directors would be named to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Elected of Directors of North Island Heritage Society

- Chairman Hiltje Ramsay
- Vice-Chairman Jane Hutton
- Secretary Patrick Donaghy
- Treasurer James Furney
- Director Sue Ness

Joey & Perry will be made Directors (if they are willing) at the next meeting.

Community Museums Reports

- Sointula Museum:
 - The donated fishing boat *Sturgeon I*, built in Sointula in 1948, is being restored with local donations of money and materials; next step is finding a place to put it
 - A former resident of the Sointula commune became a famous American anthropologist who coined the phrase “Culture Shock.” Several scholars will give talks, workshops at a weekend conference next September special rates for North Islanders
 - There is a possibility that a Finnish theatre group might bring their play “Sointula” to Malcolm Island
 - Remembrance Day being celebrated on a consistent basis despite no cenotaph or Royal Canadian Legion there.
 - The author of the new book about the Uchuck is coming to Sointula for a presentation
- PM Museum:
 - Still limited hours
 - Jenny Durke in association with Froghouse Productions created a 20 minute video about women log scalers, can be accessed from the PM website
 - Planning another video

Regional District of Mount Waddington Report

- Greg Fletcher discussed the Hornsby:
 - Money from the Albertan HIS in trust for return of the Hornsby
 - NIHS used \$2,500 to pay Derek Kowalchuk to do the preliminary work re legal means of getting it back
 - RDMW budgeted \$10,000.00 for Hornsby. They repaid the \$2500 to NIHS and have sent the cheque for \$5,000 to Alberta but hope the Albertans might not cash it.
 - Currently at Lemare’s shop
 - Permanent home to be decided by NIHS
 - Quatsino: RDMW is of the opinion it would be too hard to get it there and, not accessible enough for visitors
 - RDMW would be happy with Coal Harbour but decision rests with NIHS
 - Coal Harbour Community Club has applied for Heritage Registry & is in the process of selling land where the fire hall sits to RDMW so it will be appropriate (Hornsby has to be on public i.e. government owned, land)
 - RDMW says Hornsby must be accessible, cannot be moved “for parades” or anything else
 - RDMW apparently sent a list of requirements for a permanent site to NIHS in July 2012

- All expenses to be borne by the host, i.e. RDMW won't contribute any money, now or in the future
- Greg also discussed a couple of trains:
 - 112 is at Beaver Cove, rusting away, no work on it is planned, but "it will be welded to the tracks to prevent anyone from taking it and they'll weld down anything that might be stolen off it
 - 113 at Woss and the community want to move to a more accessible spot. There is a small hill nearby which is suitable for a picnic spot. It is Greg's personal opinion that the train should not be covered so that people on a picnic can take a picture of it with other trains in the background.
 - Woss got Heritage Grant for signage but neither train will be restored, too much money

Next Meeting

- Date of next AGM was discussed.
 - Hiltje & James will search out the constitution & discover when our financial year is, then we can arrange AGM to follow within 6 months.
- Next meeting (about the Hornsby) will be held after Christmas.

Meeting ended about 4:30 pm.