

Bethel Historical Society Meeting Minutes from June 2, 2008

The meeting was opened at 7:05pm by Nick. 15 members were present

Sec'y report – accepted as presented

Treasurer's report:

Checking account balance: \$3573.93

All bills paid except two which were presented at the meeting

OLD BUSINESS

Postcard & History Fair

Nick says was a success again

\$1091 from ads

\$256 from sales at the Fair

\$750 dealers

\$ 2097 total receipts

Minus expenses, postal cancellation rubber stamp , printing, sign painting

Total profit \$1451.00

Nick says he only heard positive reports about the Postcard Fair. The school is already reserved for 2009. Most of the dealers want to come again next year

One new event in 2009 will be an appraisal

Another idea would be to have a flea market at the same time to attract more people

Kent said that his wife was excited because she found some postcards from the town where she lived till she was about 4 years old, Rumford, ME

Nick said the American Philatelist has an article this month about collecting postcards. The hobby is becoming more popular

The advertising cards for the show were also popular. Nice quality paper.

Nick said one of the most popular displays was his Maple Sugaring pictures

One of the members who was at the meeting, Elaine Geyer, asked if anyone has any pictures of her house. The "Blue Block", aka Doctor Guilmette's house.

Don Hyde says he lived there in the '60's and has some pics

July 23, the Constitution Brass Quintet will present a "Civil War" Concert at the Bethel Common. This will be jointly sponsored by the Bethel Council on the Arts and the Bethel Historical Society

Nick wanted to know if the members think it's a good idea to set up a small tent to have some of our BHS items on display and for sale.

NEW BUSINESS

Branliere –

Eric Benson BBA Pres was our guest

Rick says that one of his projects this year is to develop a trail up to the “Bethel Town Forest”, the Branliere property.

There was a feature article in our last BHS newsletter about Mary Branliere who left this property to the town of Bethel.

Rick wants to know if we would be willing to have a joint meeting to go on a hike up to the Branliere property to look it over. Perhaps to have a BBQ afterwards.

Maybe we could ask John Dutton or Scott Putney to be our guide. The only place one could drive up there now is up to the water reservoir. It’s a jeep trail.

July 17th

Nick made the motion to share the cost of the BBQ with the BBA. The motion passed.

New Law Regarding museums signed by Gov Douglas

We need to finalize the donation forms and use them

Janet Burnham brought a pin from a fireman’s coat.

Donated by Edith Maynard. It belonged to her husband.

Nick says we bought 24 more sets of Vermont Baseball player cards from the VT Historical Soc. because the others we had bought were selling well.

Postcard and History Fair 2009 will be held on May 23rd next year.

One of the special meetings we talked about was an Oyster supper later this year. We need to finalize plans.

Other special meetings:

Don Hyde recommended that for one of our next meetings we should have Kent Batcheller talk about his father’s inventions. Don will bring the display from the Expo and will set it up for the meeting.

The question is where to store these items when they come out from the Expo.

Nick said it didn’t cost us anything to be at the school for the Postcard Fair. He thinks we should give a gift certificate for about \$50 to John Hubble. Don Hyde recommended we give him a gift certificate to Ketner’s Second Cup Café. Final motion made was two gift certificates. \$70 to Ketner’s Second Cup and \$30 to Cockadoodle Café.

Don Hyde suggested we use our Expo exhibit next year at the Postcard & History Fair.

Janet Burnham said everyone is invited to the Johansen's home in Tunbridge after the EXPO on Sunday for refreshments

Nick asked Don Hyde and Don Brown if they need help at the booth during the Expo. Don Hyde said they'd appreciate some relief during lunch hour.

Next meeting is July 7, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi M. Nikolaidis