

Minutes of  
Ira Historical Society Meeting  
January 27, 2016  
6:30 PM at Town Office

In attendance: Regina Buffum, Rick Gallo, Jerri Hoffman, Lew Hoffman, Alta Johnston, Allyn Kahle, Bob Kirbach, Jean Kirbach, Ellen Lloyd, Fran Lloyd, Shona Marston, Daland Potter, Bob Toppin, Bill Whiteman, Di Whiteman

Bill Whiteman once again reviewed the process necessary for the organization to become recognized as a non-profit. The draft of by-laws dated November 18, 2015 was discussed. Bill explained that these were quite broad and could be amended any time after acceptance. There was discussion of the fiscal year ending on June 30<sup>th</sup> rather than December 31<sup>st</sup> and it was decided to maintain the June 30<sup>th</sup> date. Melanie noted that Section II, Item 1 of the draft stated a founding date of 2013 of the Society; this will be revised to 2016. The By-Laws were accepted with this one revision.

The next order of business was to solicit and elect the Board of Directors and Officers. The following individuals volunteered to serve on the **Board of Directors**:

Allyn Kahle

Bob Kirbach

Melanie MacDonald

The **Officers** of the organization were elected as follows:

President                      Daland Potter

Vice President              Lew Hoffman

Secretary                     Jerri Hoffman

Treasurer                     Bill Whiteman

There was discussion on the warning, Article 8, which is to be voted on by Town voters on February 29<sup>th</sup>. The amount warned was \$825 for filing fees to incorporate and apply for tax exempt status as well as establishing a checking account for the organization. Melanie noted that the money, if approved, would not be available for distribution from the town until after taxes are received in October. Bill will speak to the Town Treasurer to see whether it is possible to get funds prior to October if the voters approve the funding. If that is not possible, Bill offered to set up the checking account with his personal

funds to get the process started with the understanding that he would be reimbursed once the funding from the Town is available.

Rick Gallo indicated he thought it was important to promote the Ira Historical Society at the Town Meeting and offered to make a presentation to the voters. It was agreed that it would be beneficial to have a spokesperson address the voters and Daland indicated he would plan to do so.

Annual Membership dues were discussed. It was motioned and seconded with unanimous agreement that annual Individual Membership will be \$10.00 and annual Family Membership will be \$15.00.

Melanie updated the attendees on the visit of Scott Newman, Field Representative of Preservation Trust. Scott, Lew and Melanie toured the Ira Center School on January 25<sup>th</sup> ....the first floor, attic and exterior. Current issues are roof leaks, front entry, and electricity. Scott recommended getting a Preservation Trust Architect and Engineering Survey. The total cost of the survey would be \$500 and Preservation Trust would pay \$250. The remaining \$250 would need to come from the Town and Lew is on the agenda to discuss at the February 1<sup>st</sup> Select Board Meeting.

The next meeting of the Ira Historical Society is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30, at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerri Hoffman  
Secretary