

Wilmington Historical Society

Minutes of Meeting

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

Wilmington Community Center

Attendees: Karen Peters, Judy Lawrence, Jessica Ano, Linda Joss-Dyke, Gilbert Dyke, Doug Wolfe and Donna Griffin (via conference phone.)

Karen began the open discussion at 6:30. The topic for this evening was “Traveling to Wilmington” (roads, buggies, horseback, cars, airplanes, snowmobiles, etc.) The discussion was recorded for the archives. Karen and the participants listed and illustrated the various methods of transport to and around Wilmington over the years. Pictures included old maps and bridges, boats and logging operations in the river, construction of roads, races up Whiteface Highway, snowplowing, Santa’s Workshop “operation Toylift” planes, the plane crash at the Nazarene church. Also noted was an 1871 ad for horseback rides up Whiteface trails. Doug Wolfe shared an 1875 Railroad access map to the area, and in 1870 the first coach traveled the Wilmington notch road. A cog rail-road up Whiteface was proposed. Judy Lawrence discussed snowmobile clubs in the 1930’s

The regular meeting was called to order by Karen Peters at 7:30pm.

The Secretary’s Report of the June 5, 2019, meeting was presented. Jess Ano moved to accept the report. Linda Joss-Dyke seconded. The motion passed.

The treasurer sent in a printed report and was available by phone to discuss the contents. Jess Ano moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Judy Lawrence seconded. The motion passed.

WHS Bank Balances as of 6.30.2019

Operating Account	\$ 13,073.97
Transfer Account	\$ 128.00
Keegan Memorial (Money Mkt)	\$ 59,339.58
Zachay Foundation	\$ 2,010.00
ADK Foundation	\$ 50,784.97

COMMUNICATIONS:

A thank you was received from Judy Caswell regarding the 10K race as follows:

June 16, 2019

Good morning

I ran the race for the first time yesterday. I just wanted to say thank you for hosting such a great race and all the activities that went along with it. It was very well organized and all volunteers friendly and supportive. To tie it in with the Heritage festival really made it extremely unique. I am an avid runner and this was my 12th race this year. I have to say this one is one of my all time ever favorites. I definitely will be back next year!

Thank you again for an outstanding job!

Kindest regards,

Judy Caswell

It was noted that we have permission to quote the above in future advertisements.

Other thanks were received from several racers who thanked us for placing KM markers of the race course.

Thank you notes were sent to Fred Betters for photos he donated.

Donna will do thank you notes to vendors. Karen will do thank you notes to the Sponsors, Distillers and Raffle Donations. Linda will do thank you notes to volunteers.

We expect a check from Loreman's for direct shirt sales.

There was discussion of the untimely death of Joe Kostoss after the Race and Festival. Joe had been photographing the events. Donna Griffin moved that we send a \$50.00 memorial donation to the Wilmington Wildlife Refuge in Joe's name. Linda Joss seconded. Motion passed.

ACQUISITIONS AND RESEARCH:

Judy Wilkins and Marcia McClellan (on behalf of the Jeanne Ashworth collection) found and donated a 1902 wall map of the Adirondacks, showing the Blue Line.

There was a phone request for research on the Lawrence family.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Library, Museum, Historic Sites committee:

On Tuesday July 16, 2019 Judy Lawrence and Linda Joss-Dyke will cover research day.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: The programs for 2019 have been published as follows:

Wilmington Historical Society—Programs & Speakers for 2019

Saturday, June 15th — Wilmington Whiteface Heritage Festival featuring the *Wilmington Whiteface Whiskey Run* at Festival Field---9:30 am--- www.adkwhiskeyrun.com. Battle of Plattsburgh re-enactors, Dave Ruch musical entertainment, food and whiskey tastings, a Speakeasy, and more... (watch for times & details)

Friday, June 28th --- *Archeology in the Adirondacks*
with author Dr. David Starbuck —7pm---
at the Wilmington Community Center

Wednesday, July 10th —*Adirondack Artifact Night* with author and publisher Andy Flynn ---7 pm--- at Pourman's Tap House side room (bring artifacts and let Andy (and the audience) guess what they are and how they were used!)

Thursday, August 15th —The story of "*Fools Rushed In: the Story of Murray's Fools*" with Adirondack Experience Director Ivy Gocker ---7 pm ---at the Atmospheric Sciences Research Center at 110 Marble Mt Lane (just off Whiteface Highway)

Friday, September 6th ---"*Votes for Women!*" with historian Margaret Bartley--- 7pm---
at the Wilmington Community Center

Saturday, September 14th —*Festival of Colors*—theme "*Hiking the Adirondacks: Searching for the View,*" 10 am-5pm,
Festival Field in Wilmington

Look for details on future flyers, local newspapers or on our website at www.wilmingtonhistoricalsociety.org

Also on FACEBOOK

Summer Speakers Series made possible by the Essex County Arts Council's Cultural Assistance Program Grant with funding provided by Essex County

Karen noted that volunteer help is needed to assist in setting up and hosting the programs.

The August 15, 2019 program With Dr Starbuck was featured in the Lake Placid News.

MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATIONS

The annual elections were held at the May meeting and the current officers and trustees were reelected.

The annual report will be ready next week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Building Committee: Gil Dyke, Karen Peters, and Bob Peters will meet with the town planning board and town committee to discuss the plans and progress with the building.

Steve Peters is researching grant possibilities. On July 9, 2019 we received a \$500.00 grant from the Ironman Community Foundation for the building fund.

Fundraising: Linda Joss-Dyke thanked the committee and volunteers that made the 10K run successful. We received many good comments from the runners and festival goers. We have about 100 shirts left over and they will be sold at upcoming events. Contents of extra swag bags were returned to the sponsors. She also reported that we had \$25.00 in sticker sales. Gail from the Fallen Arch had a concern about sponsorship level. Karen will respond.

There were 1900 plus visits to our website. Sever updates have or will be made.

Email from Dave Fitzgerald on July 2, requested anyone to download and preview his newest book and make review comments.

Correspondence from Harold Hines regarding book sales. We will update list of books that are available.

There are volunteer opportunities at the Ironman event. WHS will get credit and a grant if a "team" can be organized.

Email from the visitors' s bureau asking for volunteer help on August 19-21, 2019 for "Cycle Adks" to operate local van shuttles. We will contact members.

ADK Foundation will host a summer party Friday August 16, 2019, at Heaven Hill Farm.

Our annual report for New York State has been completed and filed.

We completed the Lake Placid School program in June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Our mission statement needs to be revised to include the regional area. Karen will request membership to review and make suggestions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Linda Joss-Dyke moved to adjourn the meeting. Judy Lawrence seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gilbert E. Dyke, Trustee (in absence of secretary Nancy Cressey)