

Annual Meeting GCIHS Aug 22, 2012

President, Phil Whitney called the meeting to order at 7:35.PM

He stated this was our 5th year at Cranberry House, and our 19th year as a society, which was started in 1993.

Wini Smart read last years minutes, which were accepted as read.

Treasurer, Jim Bradley, on teleconference call, gave a summary of our finances: cash is down from last year by \$3000, to a total of \$19,000. We still have some large outstanding bills including \$1500 we owe for the loan. We now have an Outbuilding account which was \$42,000. O.P. Jackson paid for the two cabins to be moved, which was \$36,000. The deck construction was paid by the His Society. \$102,00 has been put into the endowment fund which now has a market value of \$112,000.

On the profit and loss report our income is down but expenses are down also. We stand at a loss of \$1000. Jim urged us to keep donations coming. Kitty motioned, Beverly seconded and the report was accepted with many thanks.

Phil gave the presidents report: memberships now stand at 141, with families this represents 350 people. We gained 9 memberships this year. We tried to have more incentives for membership, with discounts on merchandise and the Baker Island trip, also they had first choice on seats. We need to increase donations at events. We have increased awareness of the society and the island. Newsletter goes out 3 times a year, in March, June, and Nov.

We continually get donations to archive: tools, photos, etc. Much work is done on archiving in the off season.

The landscape is constantly being improved, with tree clearing, a new pond, and well kept gardens. He stated the museum personal gave good service. they are Ruth Westphal-2 days, Gail Grandgent-3 days, Katherine Whitney-1day, Nancy Wood-Sundays as a volunteer. Phil states, "We aim try to have something for everyone."

The cafe is running well under Karin Whitney, with 2 helpers this year. Museum has a well received exhibit of Baker Island but our count of visitors is down. Possible cause is a faulty counter. Phil states we have 25-60 people a day. All revenue is down but this is true on MDI and the boat traffic,30-35% down this year.

Phil told of cabins being moved in January and February with no trouble, Jesse Jameson added deck and repairs.

With Gail Grandgent's help the events were successful and she added several as well. To name a few notable events: Open House, July 1, Bell Choir, July 8. Gail assisted Wini Smart, chairman for the Baker Island Tour and lunch (July 12 with 48 people) which went flawlessly. Rebecca Guyver arranged "Mail Art" show with a good reception, "Art of Cranberry island", which was hung by Wini, Fred Quackenbush, Geoff Wadsworth and Bruce Komusin was a great success with good attendance and 13 pieces sold. Other popular events were Ashley Bryan's "memories of CI", Sea Shanties and "The Steve Spurling Day", chaired by Wini Smart with a video of Steve that she, Fred and

Bruce made.

Fair day was the cafe's 3rd highest income days, (possibly due to no fish chowder at the Fair).

The individual art shows have been successful and the present show of Linda Madara's photos is beautiful and thanks to her we will receive total income from all sales. New this year are yoga classes given 3 times a week.

The Unity College students couldn't come but we had an Outward Bound day with students cleaning up the beach at Whistler's Cove, at the trail's end. New publications this year were the book "Baker island" and 8 old postcards reprinted.

The affordable Housing will proceed, and more work on the trail was done, it being diverted to avoid the proposed houses.

Challenges are to get more donations, and endowments, also work on a reduced budget for next year.

We have been offered an air conditioner and the Operations committee is working on that. Important is to get younger people involved. Phil took 2 videos to SWH chamber to show there daily.

Dick Pierson praised Phil for bringing the history of movies to the island, 3-4 times a week.

The people who were so helpful were recognized: The trustees for security at art show, Wini and Fred for many hours behind the scenes on publications and museum display, Linda Madara for support, O. P. Jackson for outstanding generosity, Terry Towns (Maine Coast Heritage Trust) for help on the trail, Nancy Wood for volunteer time, Rodney Wimer for lawn care, Donna Sunday who goes beyond her job in garden maintenance, Karin Whitney who runs the cafe 136 straight days, Samson Gaither who is wild life collector, and finally Bruce Komusin ,who fixes, repairs, and works night and day to keep the Cranberry House running.

Beverly Sanborn presented the slate: a second term for Elaine Buchsbaum and Ted Madara to fill Morrie Newell's term.

Wini told of Teds interest in Cranberry House and donation of heat for the cultural center. Ted spoke of his youth on Sutton Island. Leslie motioned to accept the slate, Malcolm seconded and the vote was carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned for refreshments and the showing of the film, "Dancing At The Mill."