



THE GUNFLINT TRAIL  
*Historical Society*  
A Legacy of the Northwoods

## Annual Membership Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2021

Pursuant to the duly provided Notice of June 14, 2021 GTHS Annual Membership Meeting, and By-Laws Article IV, President Bill Douglas called the Annual Membership Meeting to order at 1:34 pm CDT. The meeting was convened via Zoom, broadcast from the Seagull Conference Center. It appeared to be well attended.

1. President Douglas made an opening statement, welcoming all members in attendance. He summarized a proposed agenda and there were no items added from the floor.
2. The new staff members were introduced: Kendall Prehn, Nature Center Director, and Emma Adams, Campus Assistant. Both are graduates of the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point Environmental Education and Interpretation program. They are working along-side our excellent existing staff: Bonnie Schudy, Kathy Lande and Rochelle Staleg.
3. The Minutes of the August 10, 2020 Annual Membership Meeting were previously circulated by retiring Secretary Fred Smith. It was moved by Richard Allyn and seconded by David Coleman that the August 10, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes be approved. **Motion Adopted.**
4. A financial report was presented by Acting Treasurer, Sue Weber. She provided screen shots of the GTHS financial accounts, balances and financial status as of May 31, 2021. Such reports can be viewed on the GTHS web site. It was moved by LaRaye Osborne and seconded by Fred Smith that current financial report be approved. **Motion Adopted.**
5. President Douglas then introduced the current members of the Board of Trustees. Those present in person were Bill Douglas, David Coleman, Al Flieder, and Sue Weber.
6. Bonnie Schudy then presented a campus overview and update. She provided a summary comparison of campus attendance for 2018, 2019, and 2021. The current year is well ahead of the two previous non-Covid seasons. Other matters included a positive

report from the near-by Loon nest, good gift shops sales, summaries of new programs, the Newsletter had been published, and the GTHS new web site is already looking like a significant improvement.

7. Pursuant to the Notice of June 14, 2021 GTHS Annual Membership Meeting and By-Laws Article IV., President Douglas proceeded to announce the annual trustee election. He stated there were four current positions: 3 two year terms and 1 one year term. A nominating Committee was chaired by Vice President David Coleman and he was called on to announce a slate of candidates who had been screened for qualifications and interest. David Coleman nominated Barbara LaMotte, Paula Powell and Shawn Williams for two year terms and Rene Block for a one year term. Further nominations were invited from the floor. Hearing no further nominations, President Douglas announced nominations were closed. It was moved by David Coleman and seconded by Arden Byers that all four nominees be elected for their stated terms.

**Motion Adopted.**

8. President Douglas then called for reports on new developments at Chik-Wauk:
  - A. David Coleman than gave a report of the website committee and their re-design efforts. Great progress already made and there are numerous interesting drop-downs. It will coordinate with the roof top Night Sky camera. There will be Night Sky programing during the summer and Emma Adams is particularly helpful as she has prior experience.
  - B. Jane Laurence reported on new exhibits under way at the museum. In particular, the Powell Family exhibit with a Dickey Powell film is up and available. Work is still underway.
  - C. Sue Weber described the new fire history exhibit. It shows the locations of hundreds of years of forest fires in the Arrowhead, many natural and some man-made including by Native Americans.
  - D. Bill described an Old Town canvas canoe recently added to the Watercraft Exhibit Building, a gift from Ralph Skrien's family.
9. President Douglas than introduced Larry Wooding. He presented an interesting lecture with pictures from "The Chronical of the Old Gunflint Trail Post Office." It operated from 1950 until 1953 when the Grand Marais Post Office took over.

10. President Douglas closed out the meeting by giving heart-felt thanks to retiring Trustees Fred Smith, Arden Byers and Al Flieder for all their contributions to the GTHS and the Chik-Wauk Campus.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 2:50 pm CDT.