



THE GUNFLINT TRAIL
Historical Society
A Legacy of the Northwoods

Membership Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2021

Pursuant to duly provided notice, Vice President David Coleman called the Membership Meeting to order at 1:30 pm CDT. The meeting was convened in person and via Zoom, broadcast from the Seagull Community Center. It was well attended.

1. **Opening.** Vice President Coleman made an opening statement, welcoming all members in person and on zoom. He summarized a proposed agenda and there were no items added from the floor.
2. **Secretary Report.** The July 12 Member Meeting Minutes will be presented at the September Member Meeting.
3. **Treasurer's Report.** LaRaye Osborne reported on the GTHS's current financial condition. She summarized the account balances, noting that the GTHS was in a strong financial position. The earlier PPP loan has qualified as a grant and not have be repaid. Fund raising efforts and events will continue to be pursued, including the Pie Social and the Gift Club. LaRaye, and fellow trustees Barb LaMotte, and Bruce Kerfoot lead the "North Star" fundraising campaign.
4. **New Website.** David Coleman reported on the new website nearing completion. It is including the land acknowledgment statement, and description of the Dark Sky Collaborative webpage, linking the roof-top camera scanning the night-time sky. David offered a video demonstration. This later project is being jointly developed with the University of Minnesota Duluth Alworth Planetarium.
5. **Campus Report.** Campus Director Bonnie Schudy welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the calendar of recent Chik-Wauk activities. The campus staff continues doing good work. We hope most can stay through mid-September. Face masks are required in all campus buildings. The Pie Social is planned for September 9 featuring the North Shore Swing Band playing on the porch. More pies are needed. The next Membership Meeting is Monday, September 13 at the Schaap Community Center. Jim Wiinanen will speak about historic sites on Seagull Lake.

6. **Volunteer Request.** Renee Block reported that we need more volunteers at Chik-Wauk, particularly on weekends. We will have a pressing need later in September after the summer staff has left.

7. **Guest Speaker: Sandy Skrien.** Sandy's Mom and Dad are Gail and Rolf Skrien. Her dad returned from World War II and went to work as a fishing guide at End of the Trail Lodge as well as at other area lodges. Sandy's Mom and Dad met there, married, and lived on Seagull Lake, raising their family in the wilderness. Eventually they owned and operated Way of the Wilderness canoe outfitters until the BWCA arrived. Sandy offered a number of interesting anecdotes about her folk's hard work and what it was like to grow up near the end of the Gunflint Trail.

David Coleman adjourned the meeting at 2:37 pm CDT.