

**Dodge County Historical Society Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2009**

Board Members Present: Sue Harwood, Bob Peterson, Vicki Peterson, Ron Ballstadt, Scott French, Dale Morris, and Museum Director Earlene King. John Kvasnicka came in late at 7:08pm during the Committee Reports.

Board Members Absent: Faye Richter

- 1. Meeting called to order at 7:00pm at the DCHS Museum.**
- 2. Visitors to Board -** Mary Ann Bucher, Lynette Dahms, Thelma Givan, Dick and Mary Leonard.
President Sue Harwood welcomed the visitors.
- 3. Additions and/or Amendments to Agenda**
 - 9.2 1st annual Tour de Dodge Bike Ride
 - 9.3 Election of BOD (carried over from May 2009 BOD meeting)
 - 9.4 Museum Hours (carried over from May 2009 BOD meeting)
- 4. Approve Minutes –May 21, 2009 Meeting**

The minutes reviewed by the board. Bob Peterson made a motion to approve the minutes and Ron Ballstadt second the motion and the motion carried unanimously.
- 5. Treasurer’s Report –** not available
- 6. Museum Monthly Sales & Visitor Report – Earlene King**

Sue Harwood reviewed report with the board.
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - 7.1 Newsletter – Lynette Dahms gave brief report and it is about complete.
 - 7.2 Genealogical Society – Dick Leonard addressed the BOD and passed out an information sheet about what genealogy is and the Dodge County Genealogical Society. Sue Harwood asked Dick Leonard to work with Thelma Givan and create an inventory list of books and materials that belong to the DCGS and review it with Earlene King to establish an index and record.
- 8. Old Business**
 - 8.1 Conflict of Interest Policy – Sue Harwood. The Conflict of Interest Policy had been tabled from the last BOD Meeting to give the board members a chance to review it before voting on it. Sue Harwood opened up the floor for discussion. John Kvasnicka brought up some concerns about nepotism for some of the board members, but it was decided that it was not a problem as long as it is disclosed in the Conflict of Interest form. Sue asked if there are any more questions. Sue then asked for a motion to approve the Conflict of Interest Policy. Ron Ballstadt made

the motion. Vicki Peterson second the motion. “Ayes” Ron Ballstadt, John Kvasnicka, Dale Morris, Bob Peterson, and Vicki Peterson. “Nays” Scott French. The motion was passed. “The Conflict of Interest Policy” was signed by President Sue Harwood and Vice President Bob Peterson. Sue Harwood asked that the Conflict of Interest Policy forms be filled out, signed by the board members and returned by the next monthly BOD meeting.

8.2 Junior Membership – Sue Harwood read out of the DCHS by-laws under membership article 3 about the Junior Membership. We can have junior members that are not voting members. Junior Members get free admission to the museum. John Kvasnicka made a motion to beef up our Junior Membership. Dale Morris second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Seminary – Sue referred to the letter from David McKnight that was included in the BOD packet to help clarify about the monies received from the Dodge County for 2008. The extra \$1,000 was to thank the Historical Society for the work done to maintain the county owned Seminary in Wasioja. The Dodge County Commissioners board leaves the use of the monies up to the DCHS BOD.

8.4 Wasioja school windows - Sue Harwood reviewed the discussion with the Wasioja Township board about the windows at the Wasioja School and their request, asking if we want to have the windows repaired or replaced.

8.4.1 Repair or replace? After some discussion, Bob Peterson made the motion that the windows on the Wasioja School house should be repaired and the Wasioja Township Board pay for the repairs. Dale Morris second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

8.4.2 Wasioja Township board willing to do repairs. They said that they would get the bids and they would pay for the repairs.

9. New Business

9.1 Sign – At Wasioja School - Sue Harwood opened up the discussion about the “Friends of Wasioja” putting up a sign in front of the Wasioja School house advertising the Civil War Days. Sue explained that it was without knowledge or permission from the DCHS BOD. Mary Ann Bucher interrupted the board members conversation, wanting to explain about the sign as a volunteer. President Sue Harwood called her out of order and asked her to wait until she was called on. After some discussion, John Kvasnicka said that they would remove the sign. The conversation about the sign was ended. Mary Ann Bucher was not called on or recognized by the Chair.

9.2 1st Annual Tour de Dodge Bike Ride- Earlene King said that she had been approached by the organizers of the Tour de Dodge Bike Ride and they asked if the Dodge County Historical Society would host a break stop at the Wasioja School house during their event on September 12, 2009. They would furnish the water and refreshments. We would need to have volunteers to man the both. Dale Morris made the motion that we host the rest stop at the Wasioja School for the Tour de Dodge Bike Ride. Bob Peterson second the motion. The motion passed.

9.3 Election of BOD- John Kvasnicka said that what he wanted to say was only informational. John pointed out that there are four of the board members from Wasioja, the Westfield area does not feel part of the Dodge County Historical

Society. John feels that we should have board members representing each of the districts we have in Dodge County. Ideas were talked about to promote getting people in other areas interested in the society. It was suggested that we could have the next annual meeting in or near Hayfield.

9.4 Museum Hours – John Kvasnicka had questions about the museum hours and was asking if we need to be open during the winter. It was discussed whether or not it would save money. President Sue Harwood suggested that this be tabled until August.

* Sue Harwood asked if we wanted to have a meeting before the Fair. It was decided to have a Closed meeting on July 9, 2009 at 7:30pm.

* Scott French asked about flowers at the Wasioja Church. Sue Harwood said that Mrs. Luehmann asked if they could plant some flowers. It was added by Earlene King that at a meeting at the church, and later they talked to her, a group of citizens of Wasioja had asked to do some things in and around the buildings in Wasioja to help the historical society. Scott questioned who had the right to give permission to the group from Wasioja. After some discussion, Sue asked if anyone still had a problem with the flowers. The discussion ended.

10. Adjournment

Sue Harwood asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Bob Peterson to adjourn the meeting. Ron Ballstadt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned.