



Citizens Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2019

Present: Paula Klevene, Skip Johnson, Doreen Hartje, John Huilman, Mike Hittner, Larry Knutson, Don Matthews, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel, Dawn Baker, Mary Ann Michau, Kathy Albert.

Minutes from the 5/7/2019: Minutes were read and approved.

Board Meeting Update:

It was decided that all committee chairmen are to make an annual report due in January to the board president, regarding what happened over the past year, and what the committee's expectations are for the following year.

It was decided that Larry Knutson will be the liaison between the Citizens Meeting Committee and the Board. He is the chairman of the Citizens Meeting Committee.

If you have a concern or idea regarding Historic Point Basse you may present it by following the following procedures:

- Present your idea or concern at a Citizens Meeting, in both written and verbal form.
- Include a detailed description of your idea or concern. The more information the better.
- The idea or concern will be critiqued at the Citizens Meeting.
- If the idea or concern needs Board action, either you or Larry will present it to the Board Meeting with a 5 minute time allowance.
- The Board will make a decision.

Citizens are allowed to attend Board meetings but will not be allowed to speak unless they are on the agenda.

Larry wanted to know how the citizens know what the Board Decides. Our president, Don Matthews will decide this.

Committee updates:

The Board has asked for a list of committees and their Chairmen. The following committees were listed:

Citizens Committee - Larry Knutson

Historic Committee - Tina Krummel

Site Committee - Don Matthews

Media Committee - Mike Hittner

Membership Committee - Diane Nickel

Clothing Committee - Diane Nickel

Don will present to the Board about creating a Sustained Funding Committee.

The committees are controlled by the Board. If anyone knows of other committees at Historic Point Basse, please let our president, Don Matthews know about it.

Facebook Update:

Paula will confer with A.J. to see if she is interested in pursuing upgrading the Facebook page.



Membership information update:

The Board has approved a public membership list, only of the members giving Historic Point Basse permission to release this information. If a member did not give us permission to release the information, they will not be on the list. If you would like a list please request it using the site website (www.historicpointbasse.com) and one will be mailed to you. The Board wants the area on the membership form giving us permission to publish private information to remain on the document.

Pioneer Festival update:

All areas are ready for Saturday! Flies have been set up for: soap making, ice cream making, quilting bee, hawk throwing, and ticket selling. Food tent will have 7 adults and 3 teenagers working. The map of the grounds, list of events forms, and membership forms have been copied, and ready for the ticket booth. Skip has made berms, and signs for the site to help our visitors find their way. The heritage gardens will be interpreted by the Master Gardeners. If you are working in the food tent, please wear street clothes. If anyone needs costumes, please contact Diane at 715-886-4230. Reminder, our time frame is 1840-1860 and school goes to 1925. If you have any questions regarding the Pioneer Festival, please call Larry or Mike, or send an e-mail to our website.

Other Matters of Importance:

Domtar Land:

Don, Mike and Paula met with Marty Brickheart and Craig Timm regarding the Domtar land acquisition. Talks seemed favorable. The topic of ownership versus leasing will be discussed.

Inventory:

The school is working on their book inventory. Diane reported, the women's costumes are inventoried and are in the school basement for check-out.

Cameras on site:

Skip would be willing to loan Historic Point Basse some cameras and a system that he is familiar with. After some discussion, it was determined that the Board needs to look into this further before trying this system.

Citizens Committee Agenda:

A concern was presented to Mike and Larry by Diane regarding the timing of the agenda to the citizens of Historic Point Basse. We have members who have paid to receive the agenda and minutes by mail. The agenda has been given to us days before the meeting not giving us enough time for the mail system to deliver the agenda before the meeting. A solution was agreed on. Larry will send us the agenda 1 week in advance of the meeting.

Flax Equipment:

The Master Gardeners will be demonstrating Flax equipment at the Pioneer Festival. After the festival, the equipment will be added to the craft section of the Wakely house for demonstration purposes per Paula.



Classes for the General Public Held at Historic Point Basse:

We may have classes for the general public at historic Point Basse by following the following procedures:

- Present your idea for the class at a Citizens Meeting, in both written and verbal form.
- Include a detailed description of your plan. (Chairperson, teacher, cost, using site materials or are they to provide their own, where on site, need extra insurance, time frame of class, advertising method, etc.. The more information the better.
- The class idea will be critiqued at the Citizens Meeting.
- Either you or Larry will present it to the Board Meeting with a 5 minute time allowance.
- The Board will make the decision if your class idea can be held or give you changes to your idea.

Cooking Class in September:

Flyers are being made for distribution at Pioneer Festival. We have 6 already signed up.

The Historic Point Basse Nature Trail:

Due to this year's river flooding, the position of the trail is being looked at to avoid future flooding issues. The final painting of the sign posts for the bird signs will be completed soon. The placements of the bird signs will be completed after the new placement of the trail is determined. There was a request made for the trail to be completed by fall, to be used for the school groups instead of the game time frame in their schedule. This change will make the student's time a whole more educational. Larry is asking for a Nature Specialist to train us on the Nature Trail. Don asked Diane to check into this.

School Group Report:

We have had 14 school groups so far this school year, with more to come in the fall. Also a girl scout group would like a tour this summer. This program was very successful. Thank you to everyone who helped with this event.

Event Flyers:

Event flyers will be housed in the foyer area in the school for easy access. They are also available on our website.

Citizens Meeting Secretary

Diane Nickel