



Citizens Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Larry and Mike.

Those in attendance were: Don, Tina, Tom, Joe, Paula, Mike, Larry, Dawn, Bonnie Jackie and Joni

First Order of Business – Discuss events for 2021

Ice Harvest has been cancelled.

What about Winter Feast? Mike has already called Dan Schmidt at the Nekoosa Community Center to tell him we are not going to have Winter Feast this year. Suggested we give him \$100 for good will. Don Matthews will bring this before the Board. Tom Bremer will call the band and tell them the event will not take place.

Sugar Bush may be able to be held because most of it is outdoors. It was suggested that someone get a hold of Brooke Mitchell. We may be able to be in the house and admit one family unit at a time. We should know by March 1 if this is taking place.

Pioneer Fest – It was mentioned that one of the vendors did not get paid. Vendors usually don't get paid. Maybe \$50? This will be investigated by Joe, Larry and Mike.

Budget for 2021 – Paula reported that there is a loss for 2020 of \$1,094. This included all expenses and gifts received during the year. She shared a report with Board members. It was mentioned that we did well last year. Don said that with the roofing materials for the cabin, etc., this was a great report. He will pass the Treasurer's Report on to the Board

Status of Membership – No one was charged for membership renewals for 2021. However, some gave anyway. Here are the stats for the current 3 years running: We have 1 new family.

	2019	2020	2021
Life Members	55	54	55
Citizens	39	44	46
TOTAL	93	98	100

Potential Work Projects for 2021 – Trails, Coal Bin in Blacksmith shop, Cabinet in 3 Bay shop, Organizing School House. In the Spring, we can look at a ramp at the cabin, one wall of the warehouse is bowing out and refinishing the floors in the schoolhouse. Some discussion was had on each of these items.

Pavilion – Mike will apply by Mid-February for funding through the Mead/Witter Foundation for roofing material, concrete and 6 x 6 support posts. If we cannot get a donation from Mead/Witter Foundation, it was suggested that we harvest pine for posts for the 6 x 6's. We have about ½ of the wood shakes we need but could get by with rubber on one half for now.

There is a new cul-de-sac at the site now and it makes things look different. We will continue to find ways to have handicap parking at the cul-de-sac.



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Last year we started doing inventory. Jim and Diane worked on repairing, sharpening and photographing planes for the inventory and the costumes and patterns. Paula, Jackie and Tina worked on the inventory in the school house. Tina and Diane started doing an inventory in the house.

Much of the Monday crew's time was spent removing a lot of trees for the cul-de-sac. More trees were taken out in the new parking lot area. Matting was placed on the ground to prevent erosion. Buckthorns were also removed. The Monday crew put a floor in the blacksmith shop. The Monday Crew re-roofed the cabin. They also burned off the prairie. Apple trees were pruned.

Paula and Mark Klevene made a trail on the north side of the Domtar land.

Skip installed cameras during the summer. We now have six working cameras on site.

Dawn Baker cleaned the tablecloths from the Wakely Winter Feast.

Schoolhouse – Tina mentioned that there needs to be steps on the side of the school because food and other supplies are brought up and down the hill. 15ft of sidewalk and stairway were torn up when the security cameras were installed. Replacing the sidewalk and steps will be one of the projects for the summer. We can use railroad ties when this is redone.

Historic Committee – Joe commented on the Historic Committee being part of the inventories. Tina said at this point, they have been finding the items, adding them to the inventory and locating items has been difficult. Larry said we would complete the inventory first and then sit down with the Historic Committee and take from there. Tina and Jim have been taking pictures and Tina has done some barcoding along with matching things up with the 2009 inventory. Some things are missing. There needs to be a list of what is there. Tina, Bonnie and Larry all agreed that irreplaceable items need to be identified for insurance purposes. Back to Joe's question, we are still getting this together and preparing an inventory. Tina mentioned that if something could not have a sticky barcode, the picture and the barcode would be attached to a board in the place where the item is located. Joe mentioned 3 planes that were his dad's that he would like back someday but Point Basse is welcome to use them.

Other Items – Discussion was held regarding irreplaceable items. These could be placed under Plexiglas or in glass cases. Mike said that this brings us back to, 'do we want a museum or a living history park'? Tina suggested that some items be covered or put under lock and key. Tina asked the guys to show her what is in the cabin. They would know what should be there. They will be working on this. Larry said that Tina needs all the items to complete the inventory. Discussion took place regarding pieces being moved from one location to another. Tom mentioned that Open Air Museums also have this problem with things moving around.

It was mentioned that the Annual Meeting might have to be postponed. Don suggested moving the September Meeting to December. Mike mentioned that we may have to adjust the by-laws for our current situation. Larry suggested having a meeting in the spring. Don said the meeting would be in September.



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Other Matters of Interest – Larry mentioned the history lessons from Bonnie. Bonnie did updates with Point Basse History and it is available on Channel 3 (Wis. Rapids Public Access), home videos, YouTube and on our website, Historic Point Basse.

Tina asked Bonnie if she knew what was in the house as far as items for inventory and asked her to make a list. Some discussion was had regarding this point.

Mike made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Tina. Meeting ended at approximately 7:15p.m.

At this point, the Citizen's Meeting ended and the Board Meeting began. Larry and Mike took their places in the audience and Don took over the meeting for the Board.

Minutes recorded by Joni Wolf.