



Citizens Meeting Minutes
July 6, 2021

Those in attendance: Don Matthews, Mike Hittner, Larry Knutson, Dawn Baker, Diane Nickel, Jim Nickel.

Pioneer Festival:

Pioneer Festival was discussed. Everyone agreed that it was a successful event. It was a well attended event. In the house, the Krumkake making did not work well. They kept sticking to the iron. More practice is needed and possibly rework the iron to make it fit in the stove. The loom was re-warped prior to the event. It was decided that the rugs that came off the rug loom will stay in the house. Games area for next year will have a different look than this year. All of the games will be placed on something laid on the grass with benches around the area and children will be able to play with them. Bags of the games that the children play with will be available in a kit form for them to purchase for \$3.00 and then they can take the kits home and make them. The three bay shed had a new idea this year. It was very successful and we will do it again next year. The 4-H helpers were given instructions on how to make a wooden mallet and then they made one. Visitors then had a chance to see how they were made and we only had to talk about what the helpers were doing. On the Sunday, one of the 4-H kids did a handmade dovetail joint using the same principal as was done on Saturday. Don Mathews worked on carving out the sign for the kayak landing. We had many visitors from all over versus just one area.

Larry Knutson would like to see a passport booklet for next year to ensure that all buildings are visited. Each area on site would have an area to be stamped. After all sites are stamped, a souvenir would be given to the participants. The souvenir would be available at all of the sites.

We are to look for catalogs for souvenirs.

Who Dunit?

- The title is The Much Murdered Trader.
- The cast has been chosen.
- The brochure will be typed by Diane and Jim Nickel
- The brochure will be printed by Don Matthews. 75 copies.
- Water will be available with a donation box.
- Diane Jim Nickel will do the advertising will be at channel 7, 9 and 13 calendars and on the Domtar marquee.

Guest Book:

- Where is it?
- Why aren't we using it?
- It should be at the ticket table for every event.
- We would like to use the e-mail information from the book to build a visitor database to be used for advertising upcoming events.

Kayak Landing Sign:

Don Matthews has completed the sign.

The sign is for brochures and advertisements.

Skip Johnson is making a trail map to put in it.



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Saratoga Township Meeting:

Historic Point Basse was invited to the Saratoga township meeting for a discussion on writing a grant. Mike Hittner and Don Matthews represented Historic Point Basse at the meeting. In the fall we will find out the results.

Corporate Contribution Letter:

Larry Knutson has rewritten the letter with the help of Don Matthews and Mike Hittner. Larry Knutson will contact Diane and Jim Nickel for help with mailing the letter.

Membership/Media Committee meeting:

A meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2021 at 5:00pm at the Nekoosa Library for new ideas on how to attract new members. Also, to set the schedule for next year's events.

Other Matters of Interest:

Don Matthews was on a history quest. He obtained the following items for Historic Point Basse.

Tap for a keg.

A surveyor's map and notes from 1851. Copies will be available for the Historical Committee members.

Larry Knutson wants more information about the two cement and rebar pads. They are about six feet apart located by the river.

Twelve Boy Scouts were given a tour of Historic Point Basse.

Don Matthews would like a cobblers display in the new visitors center to include the sewing machine that was acquired by Diane and Jim Nickel. The sewing machine is currently in the school basement.

Don Matthews would like to have the Citizens Meeting minutes approved at the next Citizens Meeting for approval and then published on the web site.

Meeting adjourned

Recorded by Historic Point Basse Secretary Diane Nickel