

Cherokee County Historical Society

Board of Directors Meeting: July 12, 2005

Meeting Minutes

On January 12, 2005, the Board of Directors held a scheduled meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Crescent Farm Historical Center. In attendance were President Kathy Day, Vice President Peggy Corbett, Secretary Marcia Mosher, Directors Carol Lavoie and JoEllen Wilson, Executive Director Stefanie Joyner. Absent were Past President Skip Spears, Treasurer Judson Roberts and Director Charlotte Land.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by President Kathy Day. The Minutes of the previous meeting were distributed to the Board, reviewed and approved.

Introductions

After calling the meeting to order, the Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Information on the details of the Folklore seminar was given to Stefanie Joyner by Peggy Corbett for inclusion in the next newsletter.
- The trophies continue to be worked on and it is hoped will be installed by the beginning of the school year August 1.
- P. Corbett will continue to attempt to follow up on the status of Canton Elementary and the possibility of taking pictures inside the building before it is torn down. Kathy Day contacted Letitia Cline who had no further information.

Report of Upkeep at Rock Barn

- It was noted that rodent droppings were found in the Rock Barn and an exterminator will be called immediately.
- Howard Ray will be contacted to work on the foundation/drainage issue at the front corner, and also if possible, to work on the foundation for the corn crib.

Outbuildings

- As noted above, Mr. Ray will also be asked about doing the foundation/site work for moving the corn crib.
- K. Day may also have contact through Frances Hardin of someone who could do stone pilings if we need to go this route.
- S. Joyner showed the site plan for the proposed location of the building. We may need a 5 ft. variance but Jo Ellen Wilson felt that this would not be a problem to receive.
- Marcia Mosher made a motion to accept the site plan, J. Wilson seconded and all voted in favor.

New Business

Sale of Coggins House

- Nothing new has been learned about the fate of this property other than the sign outside says “Estates at Crescent Farm” leading us to believe this will be subdivided into a residential development.
- J. Wilson noted that it would be entirely appropriate for us to write a letter, as previously discussed, to Hasty, Pope, and Ball asking if we could help find a preservation minded buyer. The Georgia Trust could also be enlisted in this endeavor. S. Joyner will draft a letter for the Board’s signature. The possibility of using that as a site for a possible “Crescent Club” was also discussed.
- JoEllen Wilson made a point of adding what an asset our new Executive Director had been in recent Preservation related issues involving the courthouse and the City.

Membership

- The need to increase membership and the falling earned income over the past 3 years from membership dues was discussed.
- P. Corbett noted that we need to be able to offer tangible benefits of membership to prospective members.

- M. Mosher noted one of the most tangible things necessary to attract members was programs. We discussed the direction of programs; this has traditionally fallen under the Vice President. Does a complete committee need to be formed to address only programs which would fall under the Vice President, be separate from the Vice President, or should it be a part of a membership committee? It was felt that joining the two would create too much of a burden for one committee and it should remain separate. Initially S. Joyner will go through the membership and contact those members who have expressed an interest in specific areas and contact them to determine potential committee composition.
- Several programming/committee ideas were advanced.
 - Each member's invitation to the upcoming barbeque will issue a challenge/invitation to bring a non-member guest.
 - P. Corbett suggested different colored badges for members and guests so that we can be sure and welcome new members. M. Mosher noted Carol Lavoie's suggestion that we need membership committee members to function as ambassadors and be tasked to specifically meet and greet new members and guests, introduce them to other members, etc.
 - Non-members who attended the Derby and expressed an interest in membership will be contacted as soon as possible.
 - Those individuals who have expressed an interest in doing a music program should be contacted and encouraged to proceed. J. Wilson noted that there may be a possibility of partnering with Reinhardt College in such a venture.
 - Tom Brooks should be asked to be on a Program committee as he has such broad contacts and has provided many programming contacts in the past.
 - Renee Deering has indicated several times a desire to do a wine tasting event and has done some research on it.
 - The Downtown Development Authority has spoken with S. Joyner about their desire to coordinate many of the activities that go on downtown during the holiday season into a cohesive event. It was

suggested that it might be possible to do a house tour of historic houses in the downtown area. P. Corbett noted the fact that five months remain to plan this and planning should start immediately to garner volunteers, houses, etc. General consensus was that house tours do generate a lot of interest in attending and in volunteers and it would be worthwhile pursuing.

Update of Survey Project

Our intern, Jayne Bernhard from the University of Massachusetts, was introduced to the Board. Jayne arrived in early June and will be here until the end of August. She gave us an update on the survey project which involves updating the 1988 survey of historic properties done by Dan Lathem. Jayne began by going through the county and photographing the structures listed on the survey. She has completed Canton and Ball Ground and still has Hickory Flat to do. The questions she is noting are:

- Do the structures still exist
- Are there major alterations?
- Are there structures missed in the original survey?

What we do know is that between 1980 and 2000 we have lost 1000 houses that were built prior to 1939. Jayne will try to have a Power Point presentation hooked up to a projector at the August picnic and people can at least see the photographs she has taken. An article should also be in Thursday the 14th's Atlanta Journal & Constitution.

Inventories Status

- The condition of our inventories and archives has come to somewhat of a critical juncture due to the recent findings of a mold problem at the courthouse. We completed the purchase of all the necessary components to the PastPerfect software to begin cataloging and organizing our library and archival material. S.

Joyner has also obtained “archival” quality labeling materials and has begun entering our library. She showed us a sample of a now labeled and inventoried History of Cherokee County. Now that we have the software, materials, and know the software we are ready to begin and can call on volunteers.

- Kathy Day reported that she had been contacted by an Eagle Scout who was looking for a project to do. Apparently, his interests lie in IT, history and research. She suggested that his project could be working on the scanning and archiving of our collections and he was thrilled with the idea. If the project is approved, K. Day will put the Scout in touch with S. Joyner.
- J. Bernhard noted that she had done such a project for her internship last year and that many local colleges might have folks who would volunteer for credit hours, other scouts who might want to work on the project, etc.
- S. Joyner noted that the Archivist from our grant will be here between now and the end of the year and will be able to give more direction to this project.

Miscellaneous

- S. Joyner reported that she had spent some time with a Vietnam veteran who had come to the office trying to track down a comrade whom he knew to be from Cherokee County. We suggested this might make an appropriate story for the newsletter.
- Mayor Bill Dewrell of Woodstock has also contacted us about the Hendrix House in Woodstock which is in need of preservation. The owner is looking for assistance and direction. S. Joyner will contact.

Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report: Judson Roberts

- Treasurer Roberts had noted in his report submitted via email that Regions Bank will not give out the balance of the CD noted on his report because it is still in Skip's name. K. Day noted that this was not true, the signature card had been changed when she became President and she still had the copies. She will get a new signature card for the CD from Regions Bank and add Treasurer Roberts so that he can track the balance in this account.

Membership Committee Report:

- Attached reports regarding the trend in categories and earned income.

Business being concluded a motion to adjourn was made by Marcia Mosher, seconded by JoEllen Wilson and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by President Kathy Day

Respectfully Submitted,

Marcia Mosher, Secretary

Attachments:

Treasurer's Report

Membership Report

Cherokee County Historical Society Membership Trends

	Category	2001	2002	2003	2004	ACT 2005	PROJ 2005
	Individual	\$0.00	\$10,400.00	\$2,165.00	\$2,730.00	\$2,535.00	\$4,000.00
	Family	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,655.00	\$3,045.00	\$2,735.00	\$6,000.00
	Student	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
	Corporate	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$7,000.00
	Municipality	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$800.00
	Life	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
	Total Membership Dues	\$0.00	\$10,400.00	\$8,420.00	\$8,075.00	\$8,170.00	\$20,000.00
	Total Earned Income	\$0.00	\$15,860.00	\$20,058.00	\$32,119.00	\$34,313.00	\$63,200.00
	Membership/Total Earned Inc.	#DIV/0!	65.57%	41.98%	25.14%	23.81%	31.65%

Cherokee County Historical Society
Treasurer's Report

Liquid Assets

Cash

Cherokee Bank

Operating Account	\$13,384.31
Escrow Account	\$1,052.40
Director's Fund	\$29,501.52

Edward Jones

Stock Deposit Acct.	\$21.20
---------------------	---------

Certificates of Deposit

Regions Bank: Marker Fund	\$2,905.02
Cherokee Bank: Director's Fund	\$25,263.91
1st Cherokee State: Director's Fund	\$25,209.95

Stock Account

Edward Jones	\$2,352.80
Exxon Stock 40 @	\$58.82

Total Liquid Funds

\$99,691.11

Liabilities

Cherokee Bank: \$25,000 Line of Credit

\$0.00

American Express: \$30,000 Line of Credit

\$0.00

Total Liabilities

\$0.00

2005 Pledges & Commitments

Individual Members

\$2,500.00

National Trust for Hist. Pres. Grant

2005 Draw \$20,000.00

AASLH Grant

\$3,000.00

Total 2005 Pledges & Commit.

\$25,500.00

Total 2005 Pledges & Commit.

& Liquidity

\$125,191.11

Net Earnings 2005 Derby Day

\$11,908.52

**Judson W.
Roberts
Treasurer**