



Friends of Saxonia House, Inc.

F.O.S.H. Board Meeting

June 3, 2024

6:00 PM, ZOOM Platform

Attending: Ed Ritger, Greg Zahn, Fred Klessig, Rhonda Hare, Scott Peschke, Alison Witt-Janssen

Alan reported via email Re: Town Meeting with Wally Rassel, Zoning Admin. on May 23.
"He was very happy to receive the materials that I provided and the two books. The good news is that the existing zoning is perfect for what we need. It is called "Agricultural Tourism."

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Greg Zahn at 6:02 pm

II. Approval of minutes

The minutes of the April 15, 2024 Board meeting had already received preliminary approval via email and posted on our website. Alison motioned to formally accept these minutes and Greg seconded, motion carried.

III. Treasurers' Report

Greg reported \$55,654.41 in checking and \$1300 in Flipcause. The Flipcause annual bill will come due in July. A motion to approve this report was made by Rhonda and seconded by Fred. Motion carried.

Greg then discussed some of the first two Capital improvement projects approved at the last meeting and already started and paid for. We have started on the Bailey Norwegian barn moving and the wetland report has been completed.

IV. Membership Report

Alison shared her updated membership report showing 35 individuals.

V. Development Report

We were notified that we will receive a Washington County Tourism grant for \$50,000. Ed will send them the required W-9, and ask if the UEI is necessary.

Alison and Rhonda agreed to assist Alan with future grant writing endeavors.

VI. Old Business

The Oktoberfest Event is scheduled for September 21st. Food and drink will depend on Traditions Pub (their insurance). Rhonda will contact Jewelia. We have an idea for live music, tours of the grounds and new Norwegian cabin. This will require electricity. Preliminary research shows that it would take 8 weeks for electricity to be hooked up to the Poultry Barn, and may cost up to \$2000. Greg motioned and Ed seconded to go ahead with this pending a proposal. Motion carried.

The well/septic system was also discussed. Ed showed a diagram of where the existing septic system is. The topographic report and the wetland report will be shared with Mark Kirchner regarding the septic and the well drilling.

Ground-penetrating radar report: Preliminary estimates at \$6,000 to explore three sites. Greg motioned and Rhonda seconded that we will go ahead with this IF we receive a proposal first that gives information on which sites will be investigated that have a probability of being the location of the original log cabin. Motion carried.

Hotel rooms have been reserved for the Wis Historical Society Conference in Appleton on Oct 17-18, 2024. Alison/Rhonda, Fred/Young, Greg. Other members will drive. Alan and Rusty will be presenting.

Tent purchase: We will need this for Oktoberfest. Greg motioned to allow Fred up to \$700 for the purchase of a heavy duty 10 x 20 tent. Alison seconded. Motion carried on five ayes, one nay.

The purchase of a banner was approved at the April meeting, just needs to be ordered. Rhonda will look into it. This will be needed for Oktoberfest and the Historical Society Conference.

Barn clean up : How much we will be saving for use, and can we could sell some of it? Or instead of paying for clean up, trade the materials for labor. Greg and Ed will ask Alan for further review.

VII. New Business

Poultry barn roof. The temporary patch blew off in the wind. Ed will obtain proposals for a standing seam architecturally appropriate new roof. The size of the barn is 26'5" x 32'6". We need a plan of where this money will come from.

VIII. Adjournment:

Greg motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:43 pm, Ed seconded. Meeting was adjourned.