

Annual Meeting February 16, 2023

Present: Barb Mallon, President; Elaine Raines, Vice-President; Evy Rae's, Treasurer; Mary O'Donnell, Office Manager; Nancy Nelson, Events Coordinator; Don Rimathe, Maintenance and Events Manager; Robert Vespestad, Maintenance and Events

Absent: Louise O'Donnell, Secretary

This meeting was held virtually with Zoom. A recorded video and meeting documents were available on Facebook. A postcard invitation was mailed to 300 members and guests. Handouts of the zoom presentation are available.

-Barb Mallon, President, called the meeting to order shortly after 1 p.m. She greeted John Croft, Zoom attendee and Wayne Rimathe. Barb turned to Nancy Nelson who introduced the Board Members and welcomed Robert Vespestad as the newest member. Barb then recognized Oge Forre who retired from the board this year and thanked him for his service. Barb also, acknowledged Wayne Rimathe for his countless hours of work and his finds for projects, and for sharing his expertise, et al.

-Elaine Raines, Vice President, shared the Secretary's report in Louise's absence. She summarized the minutes from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Significant items included the addition of \$11,000 to our reserves, an increase in membership to 300 active members in 29 states, two new major exhibits; "Life on a WW11 Submarine" and "The Barn - The Heart of the Farm". The report also, included Don Rimathe being elected to the Board of Directors, all other Board members elected to remain on the Board. Elaine added that we (Louise) created a new Christmas Card and 6 new postcards for our merchandise collection. Barb requested a motion to approve the minutes as reported. Mary so moved, Robert seconded. Motion carried.

-Barb moved to the next item on the agenda, the Treasurer's report. Evy provided a visual on operating income and expenses for 2022, noting operating reserves totaling \$34,817. She drew attention to the \$6000 city/county contributions, and over \$8000 in other donations and grants. Evy also, provided a 2023 Proposed Budget. (See the attached handout/slide printout.) Evy stated that membership is growing, representing 29 states and 725 followers on social media. She shared that from our social media site our SAHA flag was picked up and entered into a world wide contest by two flag fanatics from New Zealand. Through many rounds of voting, we won! We hope to meet the pair in person, next year when they plan to visit the U.S. including Slater. Barb asked for a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Motion by Don Rimathe, seconded by Elaine.

-Barb Mallon stated that at this time, the current Board of Directors have agreed to serve again in the same capacity as last year. In addition, the Board has nominated Robert Vespestad to join and he has accepted. Don Rimathe asked for other volunteers or nominations; there were none. Barb asked for a motion to approve the election, Mary so motioned, Nancy seconded, all approved. Barb mentioned the many volunteer opportunities available at SAHA. She encouraged members to attend the regular Board meetings held on the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m.

-Mary O'Donnell reviewed the 2022 programs and exhibits. She stated that we had 350 visitors and attendees. Exhibits included, the Barn- The Heart of the Farm, Valentine's Day, Easter Memories, play that Tune, Unsung Heroes, Burma Shave, Letters to Santa and Santa's Sleigh, a photo shoot opportunity. She outlined projects like the new Museum sign, and new brochures,

and “Window People” with QR codes! Exciting new undertaking is the Digitization of the Slater News/Tri County Times on line. Mary shared the plans for 2023. Future Projects of interest include Stories of Vietnam-Our Vetrans share their experiences. Mary also mentioned an on going interest in Tracing the history of Slater Main Street. Mary acknowledged donors of artifacts and the people’s sharing of treasures. She concluded with thanking volunteers and helpers and announced plans for a presentation of the program, Aprons- the Ties that Bind on March 3rd at the library. Barb thanked Mary and called for questions or discussion. None -President Mallon called for a motion to adjourn. Evy so moved, Nancy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.