

Minutes
Durand Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
Sunday, Oct 9, 2005 10:30 AM

Location: Joanne and Bud Berres home at 8245 202nd St, Lakeville, MN 55044. **Phone 952-469-2914.**

Board Members Present:

Roger Durand, Chair (Board till 10/06)
John Durand Vice-chair (Board till 10/06)
Mike Durand, Treasurer (Board till 10/06, Treasurer till 10/06)
Alice (Durand) Keppel (Board till 10/07.)
Blanche (Durand) Hammer (**Board till 10/05**)
Susanne Krasovich (Board till 10/07)
Mary Kay Brusegard (**Board till 10/05**)
JoAnne Berres (Board till 10/06)

Board Members Absent:

Ellen Olson (Board till 10/07)

Guests:

Marilyn Durand
Robert Durand
Ed Durand

10:45 Call to order

The Oct 10, 2004 meeting minutes were read.
MOTION: A motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded.
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

A list of current members was presented by Mike Durand.

Standing Reports

Treasurer's Report, Mike Durand, Treasurer
See Attachment 1. Mike reported that the bank account was moved to Eagle Valley Bank in Apple Valley, MN. Before the next meeting, a separate bank account will be established for the Johnny Ride account so that there can be a complete separation of DHF and Scholarship monies.
MOTION: A motion to accept the treasurer report was made and seconded.
VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Research Committee Report, Roger Durand
Suzanne reported that she continues to correspond with her contacts in France. Dennis Durand published an article about Cap Rouge, Quebec in the newsletter.

Records Committee Report, Roger Durand
Family tree updates continue. Currently, 15,559 individuals are in the database.

Newsletter Committee Report, John Durand
Printing. Production changes will be required in the near future as Mike Durand eases out of the newsletter printing responsibilities. Ellen Olson, John Durand, Peter Durand, and Mike Durand will determine the best course of action during the transition.

Newsletter Frequency. The majority of board members continue to feel that a goal of four newsletters per year is appropriate.

Need for articles. All directors understand the benefit of articles in the pipeline for the editor. No one had solid ideas on how this was to be accomplished. All agreed that it was difficult to say "no" when asked to write an article and this may be the editor's best approach to get volunteers on the hook for articles. Mike

thought that, when he is done with his printing responsibilities, he may be able to spend more person to person time with members and thoughts for articles/stories may be generated from these contacts. It was also mentioned that a standard menu of topics could be offered to potential contributors to help them narrow their focus and get them moving toward the production of an article for the newsletter.

Membership/Marketing Committee Report, Mike Durand

Currently, we have approximately 125 members. The Enflyer articles have generated interest and sales. Mike demonstrated his thoughts on how verbal histories could be taped on video. The direct video interview would have a tremendous visual and audio impact. It is possible that these interviews could be placed on the web site.

Website Report, Roger Durand

GoDaddy is our current web site host with PayPal used for credit card payments. Roger is maintaining the site.

John Adelard Durand Scholarship Fund, John Durand

Kevin Durand received a scholarship award of \$300. He intends to research the Durand-Stafne connections while in Norway.

Johnny Ride 2005 was a financial and family success (see Treasurer's Report). Plans are in the works for 2005. The next ride may be in the Minneapolis area or may be linked with the Spooner reunion.

A discussion of methods to thank contributors and provide transparency in Scholarship Fund activities was discussed.

The next deadline for scholarship applications is Feb 15. It is planned to award three \$300 academic scholarships and one \$100 family research award.

Special Reports

None

Old Business

Tour group to Quebec. Blanche estimated that an 8 day bus trip to Quebec would cost approximately \$1500/person for lodging, travel, and breakfast. A minimum of 20-24 people would be needed. Blanche will write an article for the winter newsletter in an attempt to measure the interest for a summer 2006 trip.

Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) and place names. John had previously suggested the development of a repository of significant family place names with their GPS location documented. Roger will establish a list of places on the DHF website.

New Business

Spooner Reunion. No formal DHF presence is planned but the reunion details will be posted in the newsletters.

Election of Board members and officers.

Board members:

MOTION: A motion to re-elect Mary Kay Bruesgard and elect Ed Durand to the Board of Directors for three year terms was made and seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Officer nominations:

MOTION: A motion to elect John Durand as Chairman and Ellen Durand Olson as Vice-chair was made and seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

No nomination for secretary was made and no volunteers were present or known. The position of secretary remains vacant.

1300 Adjournment

The 30 Apr 2006 meeting will be the Mary Brusegard home.

The Oct 2006 meeting will be the Susanne Krasovich home.

Roger Durand