

**Durand Heritage Foundation (DHF)**  
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Saturday, April 28, 2018  
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: Residence of Anna and Jack Webber, 6620 250<sup>th</sup> St., Elko, MN

Present: Marilyn Durand – Co-Treasurer  
Ellen Durand Olson; At-Large (Exp. 5/30/19)  
Ed Durand; At-Large (Exp. 5/30/19)  
Anna Olson Webber; Past President (5/30/19)  
Roger Durand: former chair  
Alice Durand Keppel, Past Secretary and Past Treasurer

Absent: Mike Durand  
Maryfrances Evans  
Jennifer Olson Bayoumi

Call to Order: 10:40 a.m. A quorum was present.

Motion: Anna Olson: Approval of April 28, 2017 meeting minutes.  
Second: Ed Durand  
APPROVED

**Chair Report:** The board formally recognized the resignation of Jannyce Barnes as chair.

**Vice President's Report:** Jennifer Olson Bayoumi -No report at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:** Prepared by Mike Durand, Treasurer and presented by Marilyn Durand, Co-Treasurer.

	Beginning Balance 2017	April 28, 2018
General Fund Checking	\$ 924.49	\$ 829.67
Scholarship Checking	\$ 7,243.82	\$ 7,486.78
TD Ameritrade Scholarship	\$ 46,818.25 (04/28/17)	\$ 50,838.92
TOTAL	\$ 54,986.66 (4/28/17)	\$ 59,155.37

- Mike provided his handwritten ledger of expenditures and deposits.
- Discussion: A balance of \$50,000 in the Ameritrade Scholarship account has been a long-term goal of the organization. That goal is within reach. Discussion ensued about a transfer of funds from the scholarship checking account to the Ameritrade account in order to achieve the \$50,000 mark there.
  - Motion: Ellen Olson: Transfer \$4,000 from the scholarship checking account to the Ameritrade account.
  - Second: Marilyn Durand
  - APPROVED

**Newsletter Committee Report:** Anna Olson Webber, Ellen Olson

- Jannyce proposes we host a writing contest to generate fresh content for the newsletter.
- Motion: Anna Olson Webber: Host a writing contest with a potential cash prize to be determined.
- Second: Ed Durand

- APPROVED

**Membership Report:** Marilyn Durand

- We have a core group of about 85 members.
- A 2018 mail-merge

**Research Report:** Ed Durand

**Media Report:** - Jennifer Olson Bayoumi, Maryfrances Evans, Anna Olson Webber

- We need to do more awareness of the DHF on our social media platforms.
- Jannyce will locate the login and backend information and provide that information to the committee so they can add content on Facebook.

**DHF Website Report:** Mike Durand

- Shopping Cart is working well.
- The site is experiencing GoDaddy site problems.
- Mike explained that Roger Durand works with Mike the website guy.
  - Motion: Jennifer Bayami: Get a quote for alternative hosting from Mike the website guy – in anticipation of moving the website hosting to another company.
  - Second: Marilyn Durand
  - APPROVED

**JohnnyRide 2017 Wrap:** - John Durand conveyed via email that a complete wrap-up of JohnnyRide 2017 was contained in a lengthy article in the Winter/Spring 2018 newsletter. As the scholarship fund drive achieved and exceeded its original financial goal of \$50,000, enough to ensure five, \$500 scholarships for the foreseeable future, 2017 marked the final JohnnyRide.

**2018 JAD Scholarship Awards:** Ellen Olson/Anna Webber

- Eighteen applications were received. Five were incomplete.
- The remaining applications were shared and discussed.
- The top five applicants as recommended by Ellen Olson/Anna Webber were selected for scholarship:
- Giselle Durand, Jessica Durand, Thomas J. Urben, Luke Swelland, Claudia Durand
- Ellen Olson will send letters of acknowledgement and awards to all candidates.
  - Motion: Ed Durand: Award five scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to the five successful applicants.
  - Second: Marilyn Durand
  - APPROVED

**Board Elections**

- Alice Keppel re-elected to the board, and elected Chair 2018-2021
- Anna Olson elected Vice-Chair
- Ellen Olson elected Secretary
- Re-elected to board: Maryfrances Evans,

**Board Officers**

- Motion: Jennifer Olson Bayoumi: Retain the current slate of officers for another year
- Second: Ed Durand
- APPROVED

**Adjournment**

- Motion: Ed Durand, Move to adjourn
- Second: Ellen Olson
- APPROVED
- Meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.  
Ellen Olson, acting Secretary

**DHF Board of Directors:**

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Term: Expires 5/30/18  
5/30/18

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**Addendum: Board Business Conducted between April 29, 2017 and March 1, 2018**

**ITEM #1 WEBSITE**

Email regarding the website: 4/30/17

“I spoke with GoDaddy this morning about your site again and now they are recommending that you increase the memory options on your hosting account to help alleviate the time out issues that have been happening with your site.

They said it would cost about an additional \$174 to increase your add-on resources through the term of your contract of 2020.

I was hoping they could bump your resources up at no additional cost but that is not the case with GoDaddy. If it weren't for those massive library archive files of yours, I would tell you to move away from GoDaddy entirely but the costs and time involved to move those resources from one host to another would not be cost effective to your organization.

You can certainly think about it and continue to watch the site for further loading and timeout issues. They said if you do decide to upgrade the resources, that you have a \$6 credit on your account that can be applied towards it and apparently nothing new would need to be done on my end as they would automatically handle the upgrade.

I'll be out of the office all day tomorrow (Monday). Mark”

**Board Action:**

- Motion: Maryfrances: I move that we stay with our current host (GoDaddy) - and pay the additional fee of approximately \$174 to accommodate the storage needed through our 2020 contract with them.
- Second: Anna Olson Webber
- All votes were submitted electronically via email from April 30 thru May 1.
- APPROVED

## **ITEM #2 – NON PROFIT STATUS FILING**

5/2/17 – Mike Durand reported via email that our annual 990 had been completed and filed with the IRS.

## **ITEM #3 – WEBSITE BILL UPDATE**

5/3/17 – Via email, Mike Durand shared the invoice for website upgrades from GoDaddy.

Price is lower than originally quoted.

Amount: \$104.13 payable to Go Daddy

Order # 1128008078 Web Hosting Add-On Resources – Level 2

Term 34.71 months.

## **ITEM #4 – DURAND DNA**

9/11/17 – Email from Anna Olson Webber to the Board:

“Good Morning!

I had a call from Susanne Krasovich yesterday evening and she had a question that she asked me to pose to the board.

During her last trip to France she met a man named Durand whose family has lived very near to Dœuil for quite some time.

Her idea is to have herself and this man take DNA tests to see if any matching markers appear. She would like to ask if maybe DHF would pay for the DNA tests.

The total would be around \$140.00 for both.

The company they will use for the testing is called My Heritage and they are in the US and France.

French Mr. Durand is very interested in genealogy, our organization and is excited to learn if we are all related.

Susanne is pretty excited too, she says in 25 years of looking for direct descendants in France she has finally found a contender!

I will vote in favor of this expenditure. If it is discovered that he is a relation (or has enough matching markers that we can claim him based on probability) it's kind of a big deal for us!

Thoughts? Susanne leaves tomorrow morning so please respond quickly!”

Board Action:

- Motion: Maryfrances Evans: I move that we approve the approximately \$140 expense for this testing.
- Second: Ed Durand
- All votes were submitted electronically via email September 11, 2017.
- APPROVED

## **ITEM #5 – CHAIR RESIGNATION**

September 12, 2017 – Jannyce Barnes sent the following notice via email.

“It is with some regret that I submit this as my sixty (60) day notice to resign my positions as Chair, member of the Board and copy/content editor of the newsletter for the Durand Heritage Foundation. Other more pressing commitments necessitate my doing so and in all sincerity I believe someone else would be a better fit in these roles than I am.

I have enjoyed my association with the Board and family these last few years, and hope to continue those family connections outside of the Board in the years to come.

I look forward to continuing to support the mission of the organization. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of assistance from time to time. Please advise where I should forward the minute book and rough draft of the next (February) newsletter that I had already begun. Kristin Raine Keppel/Andrew and Alice Keppel, for starters were going to try to do articles. If I receive any emails on the writing contest, I will forward on to Anna unless advised otherwise. Thank you kindly.”

