

Durand Heritage Foundation (DHF)
Minutes of the Semi-annual Meeting
of the

Board of Directors
Sunday, April 22, 2007

Location: Home of Mike and Marilyn Durand, 1501 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306

Present: John Durand, Chair (Board till 10/08, Chair till 10/07)
Mike Durand, Treasurer (Board till 10/08, Treasurer till 10/07)
Mary Kay Brusegard (Board till 10/08)
Alice (Durand) Keppel (Board till 10/07)
Susanne Krasovich (Board till 10/07)
Ellen (Durand) Olson (Board till 10/7; Vice-chair till 10/07)
Ed Durand, (Board till 10/08)
Anna Webber (Board till 5/09)
Joanne Berres (Board till 10/08)

Absent: None

Guests: Peter Keppel
Rita Podolak
Doug Podolak
Marilyn Durand
Roger Durand

10:40 AM

Meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.
Attendees introduced themselves and described their connection to the Durand family
The chair reviewed the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2006.
MOTION: Accept the minutes as presented (Alice Keppel/Ellen Olson)
VOTE: Approved.

Treasurer's Report, Mike Durand, Treasurer

As of December 31, 2006 the following were the account balances:

General Fund checking account	4,495.17
Scholarship checking account	3,965.96
Scholarship Investment account	14,102.30
TOTAL	22,563.43

As of April 22, 2007 the following were the account balances:

General Fund checking account	3,529.04
Scholarship checking account	2,465.96
Scholarship Investment account	16,258.05
Undeposited receipts	175.00
TOTAL	22,428.05

2007 expenses to date

Winter 2006 newsletter	851.09
GoDaddy website (2-year prepay)	360.11
EnFlyer	80.00
Spring 2007 newsletter	851.09
TOTAL	2,142.29

2007 income to date

January deposits	50.00
March deposits	175.00
Undeposited receipts	175.00
TOTAL	400.00

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's report (Ellen Olson/Susanne Krasovich)
VOTE: Approved

Standing Committee Reports

Records Committee, Roger Durand

No report

Newsletter Committee, Ellen Olson

Ellen Olson introduced Peter Keppel and Anna Webber. Peter Keppel and his wife Kathy are design editors for the newsletter and responsible for the much-improved appearance. Anna is scheduled to assume the post of newsletter editor after the Fall 2007 issue.

Board members and guests were highly complimentary to the newsletter team for their good work.

Research Committee, Susanne Krasovich

Susanne Krasovich reported that she is researching the family of Madelaine Malvo, Jean Durand dit La Fortune's mother.

New Business

Bylaws, John Durand

John Durand presented amendments to the DHF bylaws that expand the mission statement and create two types of membership: regular and honorary. Mary Brusegard suggested that the required annual meeting be held during the month of October.

MOTION: Amend Article 5, Section 2 of the DHF bylaws to specify that the required annual meeting will be held in October (Mary Brusegard/Alice Keppel)

VOTE: Approved

Ed Durand drew attention to several typographical and other technical corrections that should be made.

MOTION: Accept the typographical and other technical corrections to the DHF bylaws (Ed Durand/Alice Keppel)

VOTE: Approved

MOTION: Accept the proposed amendments to the DHF bylaws regarding mission statement and membership

VOTE: Approved

Long Range Development Plan

Ellen Olson presented a "three-legged stool" plan for DHF drafted by the officers prior to the meeting. The plan calls for three major areas of activity: 1) continuing "core" functions such as the newsletter, website, genealogy and history research, 2) membership activities that engage and energize existing and new members and volunteers, 3) a "legacy fund" to stabilize the long-term finances of the organization. There was agreement that the DHF board should use the plan to guide future activities.

Scholarship Fund, John Durand

John Durand reported that only two applications were received for the 2007-2008 award cycle, so the scholarship committee is awarding two \$500 scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The recipients are Andrea Olson of La Crosse, who will enter the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee as a freshman, and Brenda Brusegard of Maple Grove, Minnesota, who will complete her senior year at St. Cloud State University in the education program.

John reiterated that the goal for of scholarship fund is to build an investment account of \$50,000 by 2010. Such a fund will sustain the awards program in perpetuity.

JohnnyRide 2007, John Durand

John Durand announced that JohnnyRide 2007 will be a one-day walk-or-run-or-ride event in September, beginning and ending at Minnehaha State Park.

Membership/Marketing Committee

John Durand reported that the Membership/Marketing Committee is being divided. The Membership Committee under Mike Durand will be responsible for soliciting and maintaining members and membership records. The Marketing Committee under Alice Keppel will be responsible for member relations and fund-raising.

Alice Keppel offered kudos to Mike Durand for his extensive and sustained efforts to build and maintain DHF membership. Alice will explore ideas for generating member interest, DHF branding, and fund-raising, and invited those interested to join her in this exploration.

Website, Roger Durand

Roger Durand continues to maintain the DHF website until a replacement can be found. Mary Brusegard reported that Derek Brusegard is not in taking on the website. Doug Podolak offered to consult with an acquaintance about options for giving the website a fresh look.

Legacy Fund, John Durand

John Durand called members attention to the draft document that would guide the formation of a permanent fund to help stabilize DHF finances and to help fund special DHF projects. The Legacy Fund will be discussed in detail at the fall meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting of the DHF board of directors will be Sunday, October 14, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mary and Dan Brusegard, 6425 Eagle Lake Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55369 (763-533-9879)

12:30 PM

MOTION: A motion to adjourn(Mike Durand/Ed Durand)

VOTE: Approved

Minutes submitted by John Durand, Chair
July 2, 2007