

Durand Heritage Foundation (DHF)  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 30, 10:30 AM

Location: Home of Dan & Mary Brusegard, 6425 Eagle Lake Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55369

Board Members Present:

John Durand, Chair (Board till 10/06, Chair till 10/07)  
Mike Durand, Treasurer (Board till 10/06, Treasurer till 10/06)  
Ed Durand (Board till 10/08)  
Mary Kay Brusegard (Board till 10/08)  
Alice (Durand) Keppel (Board till 10/07.)  
Susanne Krasovich (Board till 10/07)  
Roger Durand (Board till 10/06)  
\*Anna Webber (Board till 5/09)

Board Members Absent:

Ellen Olson, Vice-chair (Board till 10/07), Vice-chair till 10/07)  
JoAnne Berres (Board till 10/06)

10:40 AM

Meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.

Minutes of the October, 2005 meeting were read.

MOTION: Motion to accept the minutes made and seconded (Roger Durand/Susanne Krasovich)

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**\*Special Order of Business**

The Chair introduced Anna Webber, who agreed to be nominated to serve on the board. The Chair entertained a motion to nominate and elect Anna Webber to a three-year term on the DHF board.

Motion made and seconded (Mike Durand, Roger Durand)

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously. Anna said she would review the various areas of DHF activity before selecting those for her involvement.

**Standing Reports**

**Treasurer's Report**, Mike Durand Treasurer

2005 activity showed a beginning DHF bank balance with Eagle Valley Bank of \$2,406.62, income of \$10,200.07, and expense of \$5,036.71.

Of 2005 activity, income of \$7,155.32 and expense of \$1,137.85 was for JohnnyRide 2005 (JR 2005).

After accounts for JR 2005 were settled in Fall 2005, the cash assets of the JAD Scholarship Fund were moved to a separate checking account with Eagle Valley Bank.

As of year-end 2005 the DHF bank balance was \$531.29. DHF assets were valued at \$3,082.50 for the inventory of books, newsletters, and supplies.

The JAD Scholarship Fund balance in the new account was \$2,656.73.

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As of April 29, 2006 the year-to-date income was about \$900 and year-to-date expense was about \$900.

As of April 29 the JAD Scholarship Fund investment balance was \$12,879.91.

MOTION: A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made and seconded (Susanne Krasovich/Roger Durand)

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**Research Committee Report**, Roger Durand

Roger Durand reported that the Research Committee had been inactive. Discussion. Roger Durand will write an article for the Summer newsletter on areas of interest for research and invite participation.

**Records Committee Report**, Roger Durand

Roger Durand is now maintaining the genealogy on the DHF website. Additions and corrections are uploaded twice a year, in January and July. Roger reiterated the policy that maternal lines are entered for one generation after the surname is no longer Durand, unless the person is a DHF member.

**Newsletter Committee Report**, John Durand

John Durand reported that Ellen Olson and Peter Keppel now divide newsletter responsibilities so that Ellen handles editorial content and Peter handles layout and production. The Spring issue was the first produced and mailed by Banta. Board feedback on the look and feel of the Spring issue was very positive.

Discussion of how to afford Banta printing.

Decision: We will produce four issues in 2006 and reconsider the number of issues for 2007 at the fall board meeting. Meanwhile, Ellen Olson and Peter Keppel have free rein to reduce the number of pages per issue and the number of pages printed in color to bring production costs down to a more affordable level.

**Membership/Marketing Committee Report**, Mike Durand

Current dues-paying membership is about 130. Attempts to get renewals on lapsed membership by sending letters and Enflyers have met with mixed success. Discussion. Efforts will be made to rejuvenate the Sustaining Fund. Anna Webber, Mike Durand, and John Durand will work on a page to appear in the Summer newsletter that will inform members about the many areas of DHF activity and inform them about opportunities for making gifts/bequests.

**Website Report**, Roger Durand

Roger Durand is maintaining the DHF website. Since transferring web hosting to GoDaddy and payment options to PayPal annual costs to maintain the website have declined dramatically. Mary Brusegard will query her son Derek about his interest in managing the website now that he is graduating from college (Derek developed the original DHF website)

**John Adelard Durand Scholarship Fund**, John Durand

John Durand reported that five \$300 Academic Scholarship Awards are being made for the 2006-2007 academic year. Only two awards are going to "family." Formal announcement of the awards is made on May 8, including news releases to local newspapers. Discussion. For 2007-2008 awards a panel of "non-family" will be recruited to review applications and make recommendations to the JAD Scholarship Committee for Academic Scholarship awards.

**Special Reports**

None

**Old Business**

**Tour group to Quebec**, Blanche Hammer

Blanche informed the board before the meeting that only a few people showed interest in the tour. Discussion. Review the options at a later date. Perhaps arrange a tour that originates at the Pierre/Louise Durand family reunion in 2008. That way most people taking the tour will be acquainted.

**Cookbook Project**

Marilyn Durand and Carol Durand are still working on the production of a Durand Heritage Foundation cookbook. The project will *not* be completed in time for the 2006 Pierre/Louise Durand reunion.

**New Business**

**JohnnyRide 2006**, John Durand

John Durand reported that JohnnyRide 2006 will take place in the Twin Cities area on August 26, 27. A special fund-raising incentive is a professional-quality biking shirt that features the JR 2006 logo. A new website for JohnnyRide is almost ready for uploading. The website will feature information on the current and past rides and provide information on the JAD Scholarship Program. Legal counsel reports that a separate website poses no risk for the DHF tax exempt status so long as funds collected for JohnnyRide are designated for a payee such as "DHF/JohnnyRide 2006"

**Historical artifacts**, Susanne Krasovich

Susanne Krasovich shared photos and documents she acquired from the estate of her uncle, Lawrence Durand, son of Elzear Durand. Included was a ledger that Elzear kept to record his shifts and pay when he worked as a railroad engineer in the early 1900's. Also included were typed sheets (apparently typed by Elzear after his onset of blindness) with genealogy information. John Durand will make copies of these typed sheets.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the DHF board of directors will be Sunday, October 8, 2006, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Matt and Susanne Krasovich, 1457 South 77<sup>th</sup> Street, West Allis, WI 53214 (414-258-7448)

1:00 PM

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

Board member Mary Brusegard served a delicious lunch.

Minutes submitted by John Durand, Chair

May 2, 2006