

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

Board of Directors  
Sunday, October 21, 2007

Location: Home of Dan & Mary Brusegard, 6425 Eagle Lake Drive, Maple Grove, MN 55369-6211

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)  
Ed Durand, (Board till 10/08)  
Anna Webber (Board till 5/09)

Absent: Susanne Krasovich (Board till 10/07)  
Ellen (Durand) Olson (Board till 10/7; Vice-chair till 10/07)  
Joanne Berres (Board till 10/08)

Guests: Robert Durand  
Marilyn Durand  
Jack Webber

10:40 AM

Meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.  
Attendees introduced themselves  
The chair reviewed the minutes of the meeting of April 22, 2007.  
MOTION: Accept the minutes as presented (Ed Durand/Anna Webber)  
VOTE: Approved.

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

As of October 21, 2007 the following were the account balances:

General Fund checking account	2,214.53
Undeposited General Fund receipts	75.00
<b>General Fund total</b>	<b>2,289.53</b>
Scholarship Fund checking account	4,276.86
Scholarship Fund Investment account	16,727.82
Undeposited Scholarship Fund receipts	390.00
<b>Scholarship Fund total</b>	<b>21,394.68</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,684.21</b>

2007 expenses to date

Winter 2006 newsletter	851.09
Spring 2007 newsletter	851.09
Summer 2007 newsletter	881.24
GoDaddy website (2-year prepay)	360.11
EnFlyer	200.00
Marketing Membership Survey	253.56
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,397.09</b>

MOTION: Accept the Treasurer's report (Alice Keppel/Ed Durand)  
VOTE: Approved

**Standing Committee Reports**

**Records Committee**, Roger Durand

No report

**Newsletter Committee**, Anna Webber for Ellen Olson

Anna assisted with the forthcoming Fall issue and will have responsibility for the Winter issue. Rather than adhere to the past practice of publishing the Winter issue before the holiday season, which was always a difficult timetable to meet, the new production schedule will see the Winter issue published soon after the first of the new year. There will still be four issues a year.

Anna advised that with her editorship more of the focus and content of the newsletter will shift to the next generation. Board members and guests were highly complimentary to the newsletter team for their good work.

**Research Committee**, Susanne Krasovich

No report. John Durand informed the board that Susanne has come into possession of new family history materials but did not say what they were.

**Membership Committee**, Mike Durand

Mike distributed a membership roster showing membership expiration dates. There are 111 members with dues paid through October 28, 2007. Mike will send a membership renewal letter to likely renewal prospects.

**Marketing Committee**, Alice Keppel

Alice reviewed the results of her membership survey. She mailed 161 surveys to current and past members and received a statistically valid return of slightly over 30%. A written summary of the results will appear in the Fall newsletter. In general, members are pleased with the direction and efforts of the Foundation and especially the newsletter. Few expressed an interest in being more actively involved.

**JohnnyRide**, John Durand

John reported that the new model for JohnnyRide attracted more participants, but few riders who raised pledge money. Most of the funds raised came in response to the initial mailing that went to past contributors. A silent auction organized by Alice Keppel and the raffling of a Green Bay Packers football raised just over \$500. So far JohnnyRide 2007 has brought in about \$3,200 with a handful of contributions still expected. Expenses ran about \$600.

JohnnyRide 2008 will take place on Saturday, September 20, in the Twin Cities.

**New Business**

**DHF 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary recognition**, John Durand

John reported that Audrey Moore had agreed to head up a work group to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary recognition. The main events will probably take place in conjunction with the Pierre and Louise Durand family reunion to be held in Shell Lake, Wisconsin in August 2008.

**Website Report**, John Durand

John reported that Doug Podolak's friend who was a prospect to assist with a major overhaul of the DHF website cannot participate. DHF is still in need to someone to take responsibility for the website. Roger Durand continues his service to update the genealogy twice a year.

**Family History PowerPoint**, John Durand

John demonstrated a PowerPoint presentation he developed for a family reunion on his maternal side in Canada that was well received. He suggested that we consider developing such presentations for Durand family history, perhaps starting with an easy-to-watch presentation of Jean Durand/Catherine Annennontak history. Other presentations could follow branches of their descendants. Such presentations might interest young people in their family history more than newsletter articles.

**Legacy Fund**, John Durand

The membership survey indicates that there is little interest at present in developing a Legacy (sustaining) Fund for the Foundation.

**Next meeting**

The next meeting of the DHF board of directors will be Sunday, April 13, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Alice and Pat Keppel, 1104 Apple Circle, Mayer, MN 55360 (952-657-2330)  
amkeppel@2z.net

12:45 PM

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

VOTE: Approved

Mary Brusegard (assisted by Marilyn Durand) served a delicious zucchini-theme lunch.

Minutes submitted by John Durand, Chair  
November 5, 2007