

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

Sunday, October 8, 2006

Location: Home of Matt and Susanne Krasovich, 1457 South 77th Street, West Allis, WI 53214

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)
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)

Board Members Absent:

Ellen Olson, Vice-chair (Board till 10/07, Vice-chair till 10/07)
Joanne Berres (Board till 10/06) NOTE: Joanne was elected to a 3-year term in October 2003.
The chair did not realize her term had expired at this fall meeting and did not ask Joanne if she wished to continue on the board.
Ed Durand, (Board till 10/08)
Anna Webber (Board till 5/09)

10:40 AM

Meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.
The chair reviewed the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2006.
MOTION: Motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes (Roger Durand/Alice Keppel)
VOTE: Motion carried.

Standing Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report, Mike Durand, Treasurer

As of October 7, 2006 the following were the account balances:

General Fund checking account	\$ 3,533.71
JohnnyRide checking account	\$ 3,183.96
JohnnyRide Investment account	\$ 13,195.14

Printing & distribution cost paid for the newsletter:

Spring	\$ 912.48
Summer	\$ 983.33

Mike reported that with cash on hand and not yet deposited the General Fund checking account balance was about \$3,800.

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

VOTE: Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Roger and Carol Durand for printing and related expenses for the Durand Heritage Foundation cookbook (Alice Keppel/Mary Brusegard).

VOTE: Motion carried.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to reimburse John Durand for the two Family Founders plaques awarded at the Pierre & Louise Durand family reunion to Richard Durand and the family of Beatrice Derrick (Roger Durand/Mike Durand).

VOTE: Motion carried.

Research Committee Report, Roger Durand

Roger Durand reported that the Research Committee had been inactive except for the recent trip Susanne Krasovich made to France. Susanne reported on her trip and shared anecdotes and materials.

Roger Durand announced his resignation as chair of the Research Committee.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded that Susanne Krasovich be designated chair of the Research Committee. Susanne indicated that she would chair the committee (Roger Durand/Alice Keppel).

VOTE: Motion carried.

OTHER ACTION: Susanne agreed to write at least one article for the newsletter on her trip and her discoveries related to the family of Jean Durand dit La Fortune.

Records Committee Report, Roger Durand

Roger Durand reported that as of the July 1, 2006 update, the Durand genealogy contained 15,624 entries. He has additional entries in hand to process.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to accept the Records Committee report (Mary Brusegard/Alice Keppel)

VOTE: Motion carried.

OTHER ACTION: The board agreed that a notice should be placed in the Fall/Winter newsletter informing readers that the next update of the genealogy will take place on December 31, 2006 and that additions/corrections should be submitted to Roger Durand before that date for inclusion in the update.

Newsletter Committee Report, John Durand

John Durand reported that because of insufficient funds late in the summer a decision was made after surveying the board to combine the Fall and Winter issues.

John asked for board guidance on sending newsletters to those whose membership had lapsed and recommended that newsletters be sent only to paid-up members.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to send newsletters only to paid-up members (Mary Brusegard/Alice Keppel)

VOTE: Motion carried.

OTHER ACTION: The board agreed that a letter should be sent to all current and recent members informing them of why they would not receive a Fall issue of the newsletter and explaining the new policy of sending newsletters only to paid-up members. John Durand will draft a letter and Mike Durand will send it.

OTHER ACTION: The board agreed that the number of issues to be published in 2007 should depend on the state of DHF finances. There was general agreement that DHF should continue to publish four issues a year provided there is sufficient and appropriate content but that newsletter staff should have free rein to change the format and/or number of pages to "live within the budget."

Election of Board Members

The chair took up the election of board members. The terms of Roger Durand, Mike Durand, and John Durand expired as of the October 2006 meeting. Roger Durand indicated that he would not continue as a member of the board. Mike Durand and John Durand indicated that they would continue as members of the board.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to elect Mike Durand and John Durand to two year terms as board members (Roger Durand/Alice Keppel)

VOTE: Motion carried.

Membership/Marketing Committee Report, Mike Durand

The recent mailing to members requesting that they renew their memberships resulted in a good response. In addition to dues, respondents sent in additional donations of about \$600. The foundation is on solid financial ground for the time being.

There was discussion of fund-raising ideas. Mike will explore possibilities for developing items for sale that feature the Durand logo such as cups, tee shirts, etc.

Website Report, Roger Durand

Roger Durand is maintaining the DHF website. Mary Brusegard will query her son Derek about his interest in managing the website. The chair neglected to ask for a motion to approve the Website report.

Scholarship Fund, John Durand

The scholarship committee awarded five \$300 scholarships for the 2006-2007 academic year. There was discussion of why scholarships were awarded to non-family. John reported that more than half the money raised through JohnnyRide comes from non-family (i.e. friends, co-workers and business sponsors). Feedback from the first JohnnyRide indicated that such contributors are not interested in donating money to a fund that would restrict awards to members of the Durand

family. John pointed out that donations would not be tax deductible if the scholarship program discriminated against non-family.

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. Not getting donations from friends, co-workers and business sponsors would probably make the plan to build such a fund impractical.

JohnnyRide, John Durand

A number of circumstances resulted in JohnnyRide 2006 having only six riders. After expenses, JohnnyRide 2006 might net enough to put \$2,000 into the JohnnyRide investment account and also fund a number of \$300 scholarships for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Plans for JohnnyRide 2007 are up in the air. John indicated that something big needs to happen in 2007 to make up for the “off-year” just experienced.

DHF Cookbook Project, Roger Durand

The newly published cookbooks are selling well. Sales have probably reached the break-even point, and all additional sales will generate income for DHF. About 225 books were printed.

OTHER ACTION: The board agreed that “thank you” letters should be sent to Carol Durand and Marilyn Durand for their work to bring the cookbook project to a successful conclusion. The chair will write and send the letters.

OTHER ACTION: A suggestion was made to include sample material from the cookbook in the Fall/Winter newsletter as a means of promoting sales. The chair will follow up with Ellen Olson on this matter.

Legacy Fund, John Durand

John Durand opened the discussion of establishing a permanent fund to help stabilize DHF finances and to help fund special DHF projects. He reported that earlier in the summer he had approached Richard Durand about heading up an effort to get a DHF “trust fund” established. Richard had wanted to see something in writing regarding the structure and management of such a fund. John therefore drafted a set of bylaws for an entity he called the Legacy Fund and sent them to Richard and to board members for review. John reported that after Richard reviewed the bylaws he wrote that he was too busy at present to take on the project and that he had pointed out a section of wording in the bylaws that concerned him. The chair invited discussion of the proposed Legacy Fund. Roger Durand said that he thought we did not a Legacy Fund because we could do what the fund was supposed to do within our current structure. Further discussion.

MOTION: A motion was made and seconded to table further discussion of the Legacy Fund until the spring meeting of the board (Alice Keppel/Roger Durand)

VOTE: Motion carried

Next meeting

The next meeting of the DHF board of directors will be Sunday, April 22, 2007, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Mike and Marilyn Durand, 1501 Rushmore Drive, Burnsville, MN 55306 (612) 431-5610

1:30 PM

MOTION: A motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

VOTE: Motion carried

Board member Susanne Krasovich served a delicious lunch of stuffed roast fowls.

Minutes submitted by John Durand, Chair

October 29, 2006