

MOTOR MILL FOUNDATION

Minutes

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August 16, 2016

The regular meeting of the Motor Mill Foundation of Clayton County was held at the Osborne Conservation Center on Tuesday, August 16, 2016. Chairman John Nikolai called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Other board members present were Chuck Morine, Larry Stone, Lee Lenth, Ivan Hardt, Jon deNeui, and Ken Zichal. Clayton County Conservation Board naturalist Abbey Harkrader and intern Jessica Wegmann also attended. David Beck was a guest.

AGENDA

Morine asked to add an item about an upcoming special tour request. Lenth seconded. Carried.

MINUTES

Zichal moved to approve the minutes of the July 19 meeting as distributed. Lenth seconded. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morine submitted the following monthly report:

July 19 beginning balance	\$7,071.10
<i>Receipts</i>	
July 25 – donations, Old House Enthusiasts	\$100.00
Other donations	\$152.00
Aug. 8 – donations	\$438.00
Merchandise sales	\$50.00
<i>TOTAL RECEIPTS</i>	\$740.00

Expenses

July 20 – Alpine Communications, phone	\$13.96
July 21 – Silos & Smokestacks membership	\$100.00
May 6 - Allam-Clayton Elec	\$33.78
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$147.74
CURRENT BALANCE – Aug. 16, 2016	\$7,663.36

CONSERVATION RESERVE

July 20, 2016 balance brought forward (negative)	(\$44,592.69)
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Deposits

Darrell Schaper, donation	\$100.00
Iowa Room – sweatshirt	\$25.00
Donations during county fair	\$51.00
Larry & Margaret Stone donation via INHF	\$557.03
Stan Gage, silent auction for walnut table	\$110.00
Carly Hoeger, silent auction for canvas print of Motor	\$80.00
Iowa Room – hoodie	\$25.00

Expenses

Pro-Build – lumber & nails	\$24.59
Heritage Printing, 500 copies “Milling Around”	\$145.44
Aug. 16, 2016 balance carried forward	(\$43,814.69)

Lenth moved to accept the financial report. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Morine received a thank-you from Silos and Smokestacks for the \$100 donation the Motor Mill Foundation sent.

Morine has received an invitation to the SPOOM (Society for the Preservation of Old Mills) conference in Ohio Oct. 19-20.

OLD BUSINESS

1A - GRANT APPLICATION

Nikolai asked the board's approval to apply for a \$12,000 grant from the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation to help pay for roof repairs on the Ice House and the Cooperage. Our match would be \$5,000 of the estimated total project cost of \$17,000.

deNeui moved to authorize Nikolai to submit the application. Lenth seconded. Carried.

1 - MOTOR MILL MEMORIES

After considerable discussion, the board decided to hold a "Motor Mill Memories" session to invite the public to share stories of Motor Mill on Wednesday, Sept. 28, at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be served.

There will be notices in local newspapers and other media, as well as written invitations to people board members believe would be interested. Board members were asked to submit suggested names to Nikolai as soon as possible.

1B – Morine has been contacted by a group that requests a tour for about 20 people on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 17. Lenth agreed to contact the group to make arrangements.

2 - CONSTRUCTION

Volunteers have been continuing work on replacing the floor joists and flooring in the Mill loft. The board discussed how many more joists might be needed. deNeui advised workers to save two-inch lumber on the second floor that is being saved for stringers and treads on the basement steps.

deNeui has talked with the contractor about how to proceed with replacing shingles on the Mill roof. He discussed three items: 1) installing permanent anchors for use in future repairs; 2) replacing of missing shingles; 3) gluing down existing shingles.

deNeui and the board also discussed the need for repairs or replacement of the roof hatch and flashing to prevent leaks.

3 – AS-BUILT DRAWINGS FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Nikolai has been in touch with the U-W architectural professor whose students have prepared as-built drawings of the Mill. She has promised to send the drawings.

4 – CLAYTON COUNTY FAIR

Our booth at the fair attracted only a modest number of visitors, although many were of different demographics than people who visit the Mill.

The board discussed other venues where we could get Motor Mill before the public. Nikolai will contact Roger Thomas to learned whether Motor Mill information could be available at Art in the Park Elkader Aug. 19-20.

NEW BUSINESS

Intern Jessica Wegmann said she has designed an up-dated brochure for the Motor Mill Historic Site. It will be available soon.

It was suggested that current brochures, along with new rack cards, be available at Art in the Park Elkader Aug. 19-20.

UPDATES

Wegmann presented the following items:

Thanks to Lenth and Beck for helping to clean up the presentation area at the Mill;

Distributed a “Motor Mill Discussion Decisions” document that she had prepared to summarize recent research and discussions among the staff and board members;

Prepared a detailed timeline for the website, but suggested that it could be condensed for the general public;

Suggested the board consider specifying one Motor history discussion topic for each meeting.

The board thanked Wegmann for her work and dedication during her internship.

Hardt suggested that the Foundation consider establishing an endowment through the Community Foundation of Great Dubuque. This would allow donors to receive an Iowa tax credit. Nikolai and Morine responded that the board had discussed the idea in the past, but concluded that we first need to pay off the debt for the bridge construction.

NEXT MEETING –

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 20, at 7 p.m., at the Osborne Conservation Center.

ADJOURNMENT – Morine moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m. deNeui seconded. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry A. Stone, secretary