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**NEXT MEETING/PROGRAM WED., OCT. 9, 2002, 6:00 PM, AT CLOVERLAND TOWN HALL.**

**KENSINGTON RUNESTONE AUTHOR BARRY HANSON WILL PRESENT PROGRAM.**

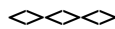
Just over a year ago, Oscar Anderson's neighbor, chemist Barry Hanson, gave us an interesting talk on his research on western Minnesota's Kensington Runestone. He expected a book he was working on to be ready shortly and we invited him to return once that day came to give us the latest on the research being done and the conclusions scholars were drawing. Barry is the coordinator of the ongoing project investigating the evidence for the authenticity of the stone's inscription. His research activities were the subject of an article he wrote for the Winter 2001 issue of the *Journal of the West*. Barry has agreed to give us another talk and he will bring along copies of his newly published two volume work to sell!

The tombstone-like historical artifact is better known to the school children of Minnesota since it was found within our neighboring state's western boundary. If authentic, however, it has significance far beyond Minnesota, and speaks to the record of the boldness of the exploits of the Vikings while in this hemisphere. The many in our region with Scandinavian heritage would be able to add this to the record of their forebears. Evidence continues to mount that it is authentic despite periodic related hoaxes which only confuse the general public and uninformed scholars.

The runic text reads in translation: "8 Goths (Swedes) and 22 Norwegians on a voyage of discovery from Vinland (of) the West. We had a camp by 2 skerries one day journey north from this stone. We were out fishing one day. After we came home we found 10 men red with blood and dead. AVM (Ave Virgin Mary) save (us) from evil. (We) have 10 men of (ours) by the sea to look after our ships 14 day journeys north from this island. Year 1362."

The 200 pound graywacke stone slab was discovered by a Scandinavian immigrant farmer, Olof Ohman, in 1898 (with witnesses). It now rests in the Runestone Museum in Alexandria, Minnesota. Last summer Barry gave us a very fascinating and wide-ranging talk with overhead projected images. We look forward to his return visit and to his report. Our business meeting will follow.

Thanks to Chairman Larry Luostari for arrangements at the Cloverland Town Hall. We encourage everyone to join us and please bring along a treat to share. Please also bring a friend.



**WELCOME ALL!**

**THE PUBLIC IS WELCOME TO THE 6 PM TALK AND TO OUR BUSINESS MEETING.**

### *From the President:*

Change. The last four years has been a time of great change for our organization. Late in 1998 the Old-Brule Heritage Society took flight. The formation committee looked for people from throughout the Old-Brule region and beyond who would commit themselves to the organizing task. We struggled to clarify our mission, to name ourselves as a

group, to refine the geographical extent of our collecting efforts. We needed to articulate as clearly as possible why the formation of our group was necessary and how its efforts were distinct from groups like the Brule History Research Group and the Douglas County Historical Society.

Once we had completed these tasks we sought the first

members of our board of trustees. We wanted continuity from year to year, but we also wanted the group to live beyond any single collection of people. We built forced change into our bylaws that asked us to periodically turn over important leadership roles, their demands, obligations and commitments. The work of direction was to be more widely shared.

We fortunately found the people willing to share their time and make these commitments. Among them were six people we replaced at our last annual meeting: Velma Doby, Paul Marvin Hakkila, Audrey Hakkila, Jackie Plunkett, Secretary Hope Swenson, and the late Marvin Haukkala, together with Chuck Zosel who retired last year after his three year term. Each came from a part of Old-Brule, a different town or village, a different neighborhood or tradition. In common was the recognition that our past was slipping away from us, that our local small community

traditions and heritages were being lost. We joined to try to save what we could, to preserve the witness of those who lived free before us, those who stubbornly and intelligently faced the challenges of a demanding climate and region, and triumphed.

This was our first experience at large board change in our young life as a group. We will miss the board leadership skills and enthusiasm of this first rank, but we will continue to count on each and every one of them as O-BHS members as they continue in different roles to add their voices and skills to the efforts of our group through our different committees and projects. We hope they will be interested in volunteering for the board again in the future.

Thank you all for a job well done.

—Jim Pellman (715) 363-2453,  
<musketeer6@juno.com>

OPINIONS EXPRESSED IN THE O-BHS NEWS ARE THOSE OF THE WRITERS ALONE AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL POSITIONS OF THE O-BHS ORGANIZATION.

**REMINDER: TREASURER IS NOW COLLECTING DUES FOR 2003. THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

### BONG FAMILY HERITAGE TOPIC AT AUGUST MEETING

Nearly coinciding with the grand opening of the Richard I. Bong World War II Memorial Center in Superior our last regular meeting had Mr. Leif Mether, Executive Director of the Genealogical Society of Finland, give us a talk on "The Bong Family Heritage." He gave his talk before an audience of nearly 100 that filled the lunch room at the Peace Lutheran Church in Poplar on Thursday evening, August 15th. We had the pleasure of the company several members of the Bong family, among them, Board Member Jerry Fechtelkötter, Joyce and Reynold Erickson, Carl "Bud" Bong and his wife Anna, and the wife of Major Bong, Marjorie Bong Drucker. Leif has promised, time permitting this fall, to put his thoughts into the form of an essay which will be a more thorough presentation of the materials he presented at our meeting.

In very brief summary of his talk Leif has traced the Swedish speaking Bong family back into Swedish Finland when Finland was an integral part of the Swedish kingdom (prior to 1809). The Bong name itself was among those several short names, such as "Lustig" and "Glad," given by the Swedish royals to men distinguished by their military service. The name was spelled in Swedish *Bång*, the letter "å" pronounced like our long O. The Bong name was carried down to the generation of Richard I. Bong's father, Carl, through a daughter's line of the ancestor who was given that name, Juhan Zacharias Bång. This was possible in a nation where at that time one might take a last name from the estate

to which one moved, or upon which one lived, from ones father, or in other cases one might be given the patronymic, that is, the father's name, and become a John-son, Carl-son, etc. Leif made it a point to dispel a myth surrounding the military deeds of one of Finnish national poet, J. L. Runeberg's, poetic characters, *Swen Duva*, whose military exploits were supposedly modeled on the colorful life of this Juhan Bong. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* tells us that the first of Runeberg's patriotic poems in *Fänrik Ståls Sägner* (The Songs of Ensign Stal) (2 series, 1848 and 1860, "*Vårt land*" ("Our Country")), became the Finnish national anthem. We look forward to Leif's paper and thank him for his talk.

Earlier in the day Leif and his group of seventeen genealogists had come from Canal Park in Duluth on their tour after FinnFest in Minneapolis. After lunch in Brule at Round Up North the group toured the Waino chapel, several Finnish cemetery sites, the Korhonen brother's farm in Brule, Oulu Glassworks, the Independent Apostolic Lutheran Church in Maple, and the Davidson Windmill in Lakeside. Time prohibited us from touring the Poplar Cemetery where Major Bong is buried. After our business meeting many of us met up again with the group at member, Lois Pollari's cabin in Lake Nebagamon where the sauna was hot. After a night scattered at several homes of O-BHS members, the group gathered for a great breakfast at the brand new home of members Janine and Douglas Seis in Lake Nebagamon. Next stops were in Hurley-Ironwood, and Houghton-Hancock

to round out the group's two week American tour. Among the group was a man named Ilkka Vuorisalo who was related to the Nykanen and Tahtinen families in our region. A thank you to the many who donated to the wonderful American

meal the Finns shared with us and to the Peace Lutheran Church which served us with their facilities.

**PLEASE DONATE TO THE WINDMILL BAKE SALE APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND!**

**FUNDRAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps and tee shirts for sale. Magnets are going for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our general fund. The Windmill mugs are \$8.00, caps, \$9.00, and tee shirts, any size, \$10, all proceeds going into the Windmill Fund.

**A new order of shirts will have a new enlarged design.**

Available also are copies of a David Noah Seis photograph of the mill for sale. This improved image comes in three sizes: 4 by 5 inches, 5 by 7 inches, and 8 1/2 by 11 inches. The smaller reproductions can also be used as post cards as each has a brief historical description on half of its reverse side. Prices are \$1.00, \$2.00 and the largest one which has no printing on it \$3.00. All are laser reproductions on card stock suitable for framing. This same improved image is now available in our magnet series. Our thanks to Noah who donated the digital image to O-BHS.

Wisconsin tax is included in all our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items will also be available for purchase at our meetings, or by contacting your President at 363-2453.

**SEE YOU AT THE WINDMILL APPLE FESTIVAL WEEKEND!**

**MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTER FIRE PROOF ARCHIVE ROOM**

The archive room in the Maple Community Center is getting final touches. Painting is complete and the archive room door has been installed and sealed. Again, our thanks to the Town of Maple and to Chairman Gary Saari who has volunteered many hours and who has a table we might use for the study area. Also thanks to Maple Supervisor, Doug Montavon, to Paul Hakkila, and Marvin Haukkala for their past work, and to J. R. Jensen and Sons for use of their equipment. Thanks, too, to Jackie Plunkett and to Alice Christensen for their filing cabinets, and added thanks to Jackie for archive advice. And finally thanks to Douglas County and to Supervisor Tony Coletta for County support. Audrey Hakkila, Shirley Kankas, Arnold and Doris Perala and others have volunteered for the Archive/Collection committee. We will welcome other volunteers to help us in this important part of our group's efforts.

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

**Old-Brule Heritage Society, Inc. Regular Meeting  
August 15, 2002, Peace Lutheran Church, Poplar**

Attendance: 29 at later meeting

5:30 Pot luck dinner with O-BHS and 17 Finnish people on tour. A guest book presented to Leif Mether had 68 combined signatures.

7:00 I. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Welcome and opening remarks by President, Jim Pellman.

II. **PROGRAM:** Presentation by Leif Mether, Executive Director of the Genealogical Society of Finland. Jim had those with Mr. Mether stand up and be recognized. The newsletter gave individual names. He also had the Bong family members in attendance stand for recognition.

**Intermission**

8:20 III. **BUSINESS MEETING**

Jim thanked those in attendance. He explained that the tour group had commitments in the evening.

A. **MINUTES:** Minutes were printed in the last newsletter. The Secretary failed to report that \$15 to the State Wisconsin Council of Local History had been approved at the last meeting. The Treasurer has mailed this check to them in the amount of \$15.00. With that correction Jerry F. moved we accept the minutes. Jackie P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. FINANCIAL REPORT:** Main checking account: \$1,428.08; Windmill Savings Account : \$3,668.69. Minerva J. moved we accept the financial report. Jackie P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**C. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Janitorial expenses for the meeting. The President accepted Alice C.'s suggestion of \$25.00. Jackie P. moved we pay \$25. Irene P. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Heritage Park. No new action taken.

3. Davidson Windmill Site. Jim thanked Paul Colby, Gabrielle Colby and Eddy Walman for trimming and mowing the lawn by the mill. With Apple Festival Weekend coming in October, we had a discussion about fund raising as we did last year. Alice C. said insurance will not cover entrance into the mill this year. Maryann G., Norma L., Irene P., Russell T., and Eddie W. volunteered to be the steering committee and will report next meeting. The flag and flag pole and the replacement dedication tree were discussed. No action taken.

4. Regional History/Collections/Archives Committee. The Archive Room at the Center was reported on. The Committee will meet August 26th and Jim asked Jackie P. to be at this initial meeting to give input. The group plans to meet every other Monday. The President said there is still need for a study table or desk carrel or both. Audrey Hakkila has volunteered to do archival work as well as Shirley Kankas, and Arnold and Doris Perala, and Jim Pellman.

5. Merchandise for sale. Alice C. will report on Cathy Carlson's cards at the next meeting. "T" shirts are ordered with a bigger logo and in more requested sizes. Magnets are available and are at Jim's home.

6. Brule History Research Group. Laila Magnuson said that calendars are available as last year for \$6.00 each.

7. Time Card Reminder. Jim reminded members to keep a record of volunteer hours. He will try to have cards available for those who don't have them at our next meeting. In the meantime keep track of your hours to record them later.

8. Report on Eskolin house/log cabin and Silta/Nelson Barn. There is no hurry on the Silta barn. Action needs to be taken on the Eskolin house. The original part of the house was built in 1917-1918 and this part can be moved to the Windmill site but not the lean-to sections. No legal documents are yet drawn up, nor has the dismantling been determined. Document of legal transfer from the Andersons needed. No action taken.

9. Douglas County Sesquicentennial Planning Committee report. Jim says the steering committee has met and he is a member of the committee. So far no report is available, but he will keep us informed. We will coordinate any special events planned by the O-BHS with those of other communities and groups in the county.

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Annual Meeting. It will be at the Maple Community Center, Sunday, September 15, at 1 p.m. It will be pot luck at 1 p.m. Jim is in hopes of getting Lori Madden, a relative of Chief Osaugie, to speak. He asked for a Nomination Committee to report at this meeting. Velma D., Hope S. and Arnold P. will be on this committee. He asked for six names for six replacements of the out-going and vacant officers and trustee positions.

2. Discussion about local (grade 4) history contest for next year was suggested by Minerva J. Hope and Minerva will head the steering committee on this and report at the annual meeting. Audrey read the thank you for our scholarship recipient for last year. She is going to St. Scholastica this fall.

3. Digital Camera (CESA 12). The location of the camera is not known. Jim said the Finnish tour group wished to have photographs the markers at the cemeteries they visited today. Nancy M. was to investigate.

4. Web Site. Jackie P. announced that our site is up an running but in the planning stage. Our web address is WWW.OLDBRULE.ORG. Jim thanked Jon W., Audrey H., Donna B. and Jackie P. for their efforts.

5. Hope reported that about 48 signed the guest book for the Finnish tour party with several coming later for the presentation, who did not sign before the group left. 29 are present at this meeting and have signed in. We have a quorum (those who are in attendance.)

**E. COMMITTEE REPORTS were tabled.**

**F. ADJOURNMENT:** Any other business will be brought up at the annual meeting. Adjourned at 9:30.

Hope Swenson, Secretary

**THANK YOU & RECOGNITIONS**

**Many thank yous are in order:**

—Again to **Richard and Ruth Guhl** of Elmwood Park, Illinois, near Chicago, and summertime Oulu residents. Their daughter's family runs **Round Up North** in Brule. Richard and Ruth provided a delicious noon luncheon at Round Up North for seventeen traveling Finnish

genealogists and their escorts in August. They also continue their work of documenting the local cemeteries and genealogical study.

—To **Mr. Darrel Alm** of Duluth who has donated monthly balance statements covering the years 1946 to 1956 for the “Northern Co-operative Society, Iron River, Wisconsin.”

—To **All Members** who have so far renewed their memberships for the year 2003.

—To **Enbridge Energy Co., Inc., (U.S.)** (recently known locally as Lakehead Pipeline Co.) via **Mr. Mark Sitek, Mr. Rick Aunet, Mr. Dennis Wedan** and **Ms. Ann Reckinger**, for the company’s generous gift of all the paint we need to coat the Davidson Windmill in this years spruce-up. The Edmonton, Alberta, based company has also given our organization a cash donation of \$100, \$50 of which will go into a business membership, and the balance into the Windmill Account.

—To new Board member **Paul Colby** for his part in the care of the grounds at the Davidson Windmill, as long as his job assignment permits.

**WE CANNOT THANK YOU ALL ENOUGH FOR YOUR MEASURES OF CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT.**

—and who have we missed or forgotten?

## Area History: No. 27

### ALOHA

*A high school education in the communities carved from Old-Brule was a patchwork affair for many. In earlier years education through eighth grade was satisfactory, and some even went on to teaching careers with brief training by modern standards at the Normal School in Superior after eighth grade graduation. The tradition of the eighth grade graduation continued into the 1960s despite most students by that time completing a full high school education.*

*Changing times brought the need for more and more education and the local districts scrambled to care for those students seeking higher studies in their districts. Those living close to the Waino High School north of Brule had the advantage of local facilities for all twelve grades until the high school burned during Christmas vacation in 1947. Those living closer to Superior had the option of boarding in Superior or of an expensive and unpredictable commute and of going to a high school there; to Central, or to East High. The local districts might offer graded instruction for the two years beyond the eighth grade in alternating years, for some the tenth grade curriculum coming before that of the ninth grade. Still, to get a diploma after the junior and senior years’ studies meant sacrifices hard for the current generation of students to imagine.*

*To bring high school instruction closer to home for Poplar students a high school was established in the Nebagamon School. A copy of the 1947 Aloha, the students’ year book, was presented recently to the Old-Brule Heritage Society by Velma Doby of the Brule History Research Group. Much earlier it had been presented to the Waino High School by the Poplar Senior Class of 1947 which that year graduated a total of nine. From this volume we will extract here the names and interesting backgrounds of the faculty of the Poplar schools, the lists of alumni from 1945 and 1946, followed by the “Class [of 1947] History.”*

*In the wake of the Waino fire by 1948 the eight independent school districts in this region had been consolidated for the good of area youth and by the following year the Union Free High School in Maple had been built with much volunteer help. The students would diplomatically name the still unfinished new school “Northwestern.”*

*It is our hope to include in our archives copies of each of these information-packed regional school annuals or year books.*

*Please contact the O-BHS Archive/Collection Committee if you have copies you are willing to donate or leads on any past editions from anywhere in the Old-Brule region. Many thanks to Velma for this valuable regional record. —Editor.*

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#### FACULTY :

Mrs. Helen Smith - She graduated from Superior State Teachers’ College and Duluth State Teachers’ College. She also attended the University of Wisconsin. She taught twelve years in the junior and senior high schools of Wisconsin and Minnesota. She spent eleven years of working experience in the State Employment Service during 1929-1940. *[High School Principal and Senior Class Play Director]*

Mr. William Niemi - He graduated from Superior State Teachers’ College with a B. E. degree in 1936. This is his second

- year at Poplar High School at Nebagamon where he is making his home.
- Miss Miriam Wick - She was graduated from Superior State Teachers' College. Taught at Waino, Bennett and is now teaching in Poplar.
- Miss Elsie Holm - Graduated from intermediate course at Superior State Teachers' College. Taught in Draper, Wisconsin, several rural schools in Douglas county and in Spooner, Wisconsin. Formerly taught in Primary room at Poplar and is now teaching grades five and six there.
- Miss Myrtle Nelson - She was graduated from Superior Teachers' College. Taught at N. P. Johnson, Riverside, Corner, Rockmont, and is now teaching in Poplar.
- Mrs. Margaret Jorgenson - Graduated from rural department of Superior State Teachers College in 1928. Attended Summer School in 1928 and 1935. Taught at Dobie, Hazel Prairie, Clara Barton, Lakeside in Gordon, Frances E. Willard, King School in Brule, and is now teaching in Poplar.
- Mrs. Almyra Helwig - Has attended Central Teachers' College, Stevens Point, Wisconsin completing the rural course. Graduated from junior high course at Eau Claire Teachers' College and is now teaching at Lake Nebagamon. She has had eleven years of teaching experience.
- Miss Mary Jane Johnson - Graduate of Waino High School in Brule and attended Superior State Teachers' College. Taught one year at Perizzo School in the town of Superior, two years at the Corner School in Maple, and is now teaching in Lake Nebagamon.

*[[from pages 18-19]*

1945                      A L U M N I                      1945

- Geraldine Jones - Working for an insurance company in Duluth.
- Irene Knoll - Is going to Superior Vocational School.
- Elaine Peterson - She is now staying at home.
- William Arnold - He is going to Superior State Teachers College.
- LeRoy Fechtelkotter - He is going to Superior State Teachers College.
- Carl Dahlberg - In the Army and is now stationed in Korea.
- Lorraine Johnson - Working in Superior.
- Verlyn Peterson - Is now staying at home.
- Ruth Edgette - Working as an office clerk in California.
- Bessie Williams - Is now staying at home.
- Ruby Falk - Working as a telephone operator in Duluth.
- Bernice Clausen - Is working in Rice Lake, Wisconsin.
- Reynold Erickson - Is going to Vocational School in Superior.
- Shirley Jones - She is going to Superior State Teachers College
- Elna Savela - Is now staying at home.
- Wilma Falk - Working at St. Mary's Hospital in Superior.
- Joyce Bong - Is going to Vocational School in Superior.

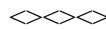
1946                      A L U M N I                      1946

- Geraldine Lindahl - Working in Luck, Wisconsin.
- Ted Jones - Is driving truck at home.
- Gerald Lindahl - Is now staying at home.
- Robert Arnold - Going to Electrical School in Chicago.
- Ernest Vennerstrom - He is going to Superior State Teachers College.
- Art Iverson - He is doing Carpentry work in Meredosia, Illinois.
- Dale Wedan - In the Army Air Forces at Olmsted Field, Mass.

C L A S S   H I S T O R Y

We, the Senior Class of 1947, started school in the year 1935. The class numbered sixteen and the pupils names were as follows; Robert Blank, Audrey Bloom, Leona Edquist, Ethel Hietala, Arnold Hofstedt, Lucile Human, LeRoy Wedan, Lewis Woodhull, Orville Grube, Glen Lindahl, Marilyn Long, Ruth Lundberg, Grace Renquist, Edward Savela, Charles Stausky, and

Joyce Johnson. There were eleven who entered the second grade. The six which dropped out were Robert Blank, Lucille Human, Glen Lindahl, Grace Renquist, Orville Grube, and Joyce Johnson. There was one new pupil who entered school. She was Mildred Tullberg. In the third grade, LeRoy Wedan, and Leona Edquist left our grade. There were eight who entered fourth grade. Joyce Johnson and Richard Booth entered and Charles Stansky, Arnold Hofstedt and Mildred Tullberg left. Everyone entered the fifth grade with the exception of Joyce Johnson who was replaced by Marjorie Blomberg. Lewis Woodhull was with us only a few weeks. In the sixth grade Elna Falk, Glen Lindahl, Ailie Maki, Donald Nelson, Grace Renquist, and Lewis Woodhull entered our grade. In the seventh grade Marjorie Blomberg left. She was replaced by Douglas Botten and Andrew Williams. In the eighth grade Donald Nelson was the only one who didn't finish through the entire year. The ninth grade was the same as the eighth with the exception of Mildred Tullberg who entered our grade. In the tenth grade Ailie Maki, Marilyn Long, Edward Savela, Douglas Botten and Andrew Williams dropped. In the eleventh grade Vivian Bjork, Charles Heidemann, and Frank Bunnell entered our class. Lewis Woodhull who was with us part of the year passed away. Those who were in the twelfth grade were as follows: [Vivian Bjork], Audrey Bloom, Elna Falk, Ethel Hietala, Glen Lindahl, Charles Heidemann, Ruth Lundberg, Grace Renquist and Mildred Tullberg. Frank Bunnell dropped out. Ruth Lundberg, Audrey Bloom and Ethel Hietala went through the twelve years at Poplar together.



### ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

We held our annual meeting at the Maple Community Center on Sunday, September 15, 2002, beginning with a pot luck lunch at 1 p.m. With our speaker, Ms. Lori Madden, being absent due to health problems, at 1:55 p.m. we went directly to our business meeting. First order of business was the ceremonial presentation of a gavel made by our late board member, Marvin Haukkala. Marvin's wife, Doris, was on hand to make the presentation. In turn our president presented Doris with a certificate of recognition and appreciation for Marvin's involvement with our organization since its very beginning. Certificates of recognition and appreciation were then presented to all outgoing board members, namely to our Secretary, Hope Swenson, and to Trustees Velma Doby, Audrey Hakkila, Paul Marvin Hakkila, and Jackie Plunkett.

The next order of business was to cast ballots for nominees to the board. The results brought Robert Aho, Paul Colby, Maryann Gronquist, Shirley Kankas, Norman LaPole II, and Norma Lind onto the board with Margie Koskie named alternate. In her absence, Shirley Kankas was named our new Secretary pending her acceptance of the position. Next on the agenda was discussion of attendance at the annual Northwestern Regional Historical Convention hosted by the Grantsburg Area Historical Society on September 21st. Alice C. and Minerva J. were willing to drive. Alice and Cassius Christensen, Eddie Walman, Minerva Johnson and Norma Lind were to represent our society. One vehicle transportation and one half of the costs per person were to be paid by our society.

We discussed the need for a computer and for the software which will facilitate our collection accessioning and indexing. Donna Bergsten, Audrey Hakkila, Jim Pellman, Jackie Plunkett, and Jon Winters will be looking into a suitable purchase. Hope Swenson and Minerva Johnson

reported on their meeting with the new Northwestern elementary principal regarding our establishment of an historical prize. Teachers involved in the fourth grade Wisconsin unit would be approached. Laila Magnuson talked about the intention of donating the incredible materials gathered by the Brule History Research Group (BHRG) in preparation for their Brule history. We have agreed to accept these materials under the terms they have been received from the donors to the BHRG which includes an understanding that the Old-Brule Heritage Society will be the ultimate recipient. In time a legal transfer will take place between the BHRG and our group.

Jim explained that he has been asked by the Douglas County Historical Society to write text for a sign which is being erected in the Town of Amnicon to commemorate Taylor's Bridge, the last queen-post truss bridge in Wisconsin. A joint ceremony with DCHS and O-BHS is being considered.

The Davidson Windmill site was discussed. The committee of Norma Lind, Minerva Johnson, Maryann Gronquist, Paul Colby, Jim Pellman, Delores Pellman, Irene Parenteau and Hope Swenson will be working on plans for opening the site to tourists on the weekend of the Bayfield Apple Festival as last year. Paul Colby's small trailer house was again available to hold off the elements.

Finally, the Cloverland meeting with Barry Hanson was discussed with the time of the meeting and program moved forward to 6 p.m.

Our treasurer began collecting dues for the calendar year 2003. Our group's new year begins in September and coincides with the school year (although for tax purposes we use the calendar year). After adjournment of the business meeting Jim Pellman gave a short talk on the activities of Osaugie and his band in our region.

*This marks the meeting of the final minutes taken by our first and only Secretary, Hope Metcalf Swenson. Her service to our group has been beyond price. Our eternal thanks to you, Hope, and to your late husband Cliff. However, our committees will not let you rest on your laurels...*

## Calendar:

**October 2**, Wednesday, 1 p.m., Windmill work crew gathers at mill for final prep day. "Venture North" will again visit us at work.

**October 4**, Friday, 2-6 p.m., Apple Festival Weekend Windmill Tours and Bake Sale. Please contribute via committee members.

**October 5**, Saturday, 9-6 p.m., Windmill tours, bake sale. Please contribute via committee members or bring sale items to site.

**October 9**, Wednesday, 6 p.m., O-BHS Bimonthly meeting, Cloverland Town Hall. Barry Hanson on the Kensington Runestone.

**October 13**, Sunday, 2 p.m., DCHS History Sunday, Town of Superior Town Hall. Ernie Schwartz, "The History of Flight and Air Traffic Control."

**October 14**, Monday, 6:30 p.m. Next meeting of the O-BHS Collection/Archives Committee, at Delores Pellman's.

**October 21**, Monday, 6:30 p.m. Northern Lakes Archaeology Society meeting. Pot Luck, Officers elected. Meets monthly in Duluth. Contact Jim P. for more info. 363-2453.

**November -December**, DCHS is moving to new headquarter at 1101 John Ave., former Vasa Lodge, then Lidgerwood-Mundy bldg..

**November 25**, Monday, deadline for contributions to the December issue of *O-BHS News*.

**November 28**, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day.

**December 11**, Wednesday, O-BHS bimonthly meeting: Mr. C. Patrick Labadie has accepted our invitation to speak on a maritime historical topic, probably Capt. Alex McDougall, cabin owner on the Brule River, early fisherman there, and whaleback creator...

## WEB SITE ON LINE

Member **Donna Bergsten** has recently been working with Member **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** on site changes which have led to a changed web address and to our own independent site ([www.oldbrule.org](http://www.oldbrule.org)). Please have patience as we master these changes. **Thanks to Dave Short, Members Audrey Hakkila, Jackie Plunkett, Donna Bergsten, and Jon Winter.**

**Anyone interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society is encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may contact any member or the President at the return address below, or call him at (715) 363-2453, or our Treasurer, Alice Christensen, at 364-2535. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, payable at the time of our annual meeting in September. Higher levels of support are also available.**

**New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!**

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