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THE OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY APRIL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH BEGINNING AT 6:00 PM AT THE AMNICON TOWN HALL. We will start with our covered dish dinner, followed by our Program: OBHS President DENNIS HILL will give a talk on “The Unsweetened Good Old Days,” a look at the reality, the difficulties and challenges of the daily life of our early settlers. Our Business Meeting will follow the talk. Thanks to Dennis, our presenter, to the Town of Amnicon for use of their Town Hall. Thanks to all who come and to those who bring refreshments and food to share. Welcome All, and please bring a friend

FROM THE EDITOR:

My old van has been giving me fits, simply deciding to suddenly stop wherever it wants to, whenever it wants to. This has happened a few times now, the worst time when I was on my way to a large box store in southern Superior. I was in a reverie about my time as a volunteer at Fairlawn Mansion, and later days in that world when I was on the Douglas County Historical Society Board. A meeting there had brought this on. As I drove in afternoon rush hour traffic getting ready to stop on 21st Street nearing Lamborn Avenue the van just stopped and would not start. After a call to Matt Miller, our Treasurer, his dad, Don, who happens to live a block away from my crisis, came to the rescue. Getting near the end of the day, and the end of the week, no one was able to take on an investigation of this type of problem at short notice. Don left my van at the boxstore where a new tire was to be installed (I mounted it myself with Bruce Carlson’s help as he got involved the next day as the van still hadn’t started at the boxstore). After a ride to Lake Nebagamon to sister Janine’s and her husband Doug’s home from the husband of a friend of my niece in Duluth I had the use of Janine and Doug’s unused vehicle. A trip back to Superior the next day again brought the help of friend and Board Member Bruce Carlson. We were getting ready to tow the van to Moon’s on Elmira. For the fun of it I turned the key and it started, as if there had never been a problem. So I drove the van to Moon’s and put it in their hands. My call on Tuesday gave me the bad and good news that the van continued to start and run. Bruce was still standing by in case there were more problems. I decided at his invite to give the van a test by running over to his country estate on Way Road south of South Range. After a great visit I began my trip home, but had a feeling the van needed a little more testing before I got onto the freeway toward Maple, so I backtracked to Superior for a couple of stops and a burger. The van decided to stop totally before I could turn it off at the burger place on 21st Street & Tower. I think it likes to rest on 21st Street. I was in walking distance of Bruce’s so I limped back there into the icy wind over the viaduct, and we compared notes on failing fuel pumps, bad gasoline, and even his father’s art work done in later life under the direction of Norma Lind at the Brule Town Hall. I had Janine & Doug’s car at Bruce’s so I then drove back to the burger place to get from the van some groceries I had bought. For the fun of it I turned the key, and it started like nothing was wrong. I drove it for overnight storage to Bruce’s where it sits waiting for me now, and my guess is it will start fine when I get there after finishing this newsletter. I’ll try but even if it starts I will leave it there with a can of Heat and five gallons of fresh gas in the tank. We’re zeroing in on bad gas or water in the tank. Bruce had a great idea: We’ll start the motor after the additives have a chance to work and see how long it will run before it stops. -Jim Pellman

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ARCHIVES/COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE.

The Archives/Collection Committee would welcome more volunteers to help in this important part of our OBHS mission. If you enjoy exacting work, exhibit design, accessioning and interesting conversation please join us, we hope soon, under the Monticello School. Next meeting is yet to be determined. We expect our old routines to change as we transition to our MSMA site over the next few months. Please call Jim at 715-363-2549 to confirm our next Archives Committee meeting time and place. WELCOME!

**Unapproved MINUTES for the FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING
OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.
Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Maple Town Hall**

Attendance: 28 were in attendance.

The evening began with a potluck buffet at 6:15 p.m. Thanks to everyone who brought food to share. We appreciate the efforts of those who came early to set up (especially Mary Ann, who decorated tables in Valentine décor and brewed the coffee) and to Jim P. who made arrangements for the Town Hall. Thanks also to those who helped clean up after the meeting.

Following our buffet, Ron Hendrickson and Brian Paulson presented the main program highlighting the historical source of regional place names. Lila Ronn, using information and photos from Robin Berglund, added information about Sleepy Valley Loop. Thanks to Jim Pellman for his assistance in showing all of the slides and providing additional information.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill called the meeting to order at 9:04 p.m.

MINUTES: Hope moved to approve the Minutes of the General Meeting held on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at the Amnicon Town Hall. These Minutes were published in the February 2019 *OBHS News*. Following a second by Stanley J., the minutes were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller reported the following current balances in the various funds:

GENERAL FUND:	\$ 4,363.43 (outstanding debt of \$1,850 to Sauna Fund)
	(Cash on Hand-\$21.44)
WINDMILL FUND:	\$ 3,715.17
MSMA FUND:	\$ 4,190.59 (outstanding debt of \$1,200 to CD)
DEPOT FUND:	\$ 16,066.00
CD:	\$ 4,680.93
TOTAL:	\$ 33,016.12

The Total Current Balance is + \$463.17 compared to last month's balance and reflects a \$4.07 addition to our CD, windmill utility costs of 62.19, a WI Sales & Use Tax of \$58.25, and a \$100.00 correction to the January 2019 report.

This report does not reflect monies from the MSMA Fundraiser on 02/10/19. Unofficially, receipts from this event total \$1,665 and net profit is about \$1,235.

Brian P. received notice that East Central Electric has awarded OBHS a grant of \$1,500, which is not reflected in the above Treasurer's Report.

Matt reported that he filed a required IRS Form 990-N, an Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for small tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less. Because our gross income was greater than \$50,000 in 2018, he submitted an average income for the last three years.

Jim M. moved that we send a \$25.00 contribution to the Finlandia Foundation. Second by Jim P. Motion passed.

Jim M. made a motion that we sent a \$5.00 contribution to the American Alliance of Museums. Following a second by Stanley J., the motion passed.

Matt will be sending a \$250.00 check to the Maple School District for an OBHS Annual Scholarship to a graduating senior from Northwestern High School. (Approved at 11/14/18 Board Meeting).

Ron H. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Second by Mary Ann. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Invoice for \$750 sent to Essentia Health and Therapy Center. ATTN: Mr. John Haugrud, 402 E. 2nd Street, Duluth, MN for a \$750 cash pledge in support of the MSMA Valentine Kro Bar Fundraiser.
2. Numerous contacts and mailings in support of the successful fundraiser at Kro Bar.

OLD BUSINESS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: While the committee is inactive until work space is available at MSMA, Earl Granroth continues to update our Website from his home computer and OBHS continues to accept items for our collection and to field information requests.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals for 2019 are now due--\$15 for individuals and \$25 for families. Membership remains constant. The Treasurer is working on the 2018 Annual Report for the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS).

MSMA PROJECT: Window restoration, framing and installation and inside wall construction will move forward as time permits in preparation for the heating system installation; and upstairs, as time and funds permit. Estimates for buying new windows are prohibitively costly. Ron will monitor Craigslist and advise Jim of any possibilities. When final profits from our Kro Bar fundraiser are determined, a careful cost estimate will be done to know how far we can proceed.

John Tuura's continued help with the heating system will be important. Despite some health issues, he remains interested in helping us. He engineered the Pex tube placement in the slab and the cement-encased subfloor plumbing, donating the later materials and labor.

Within the limits of our budget, the front slab will gain the look of a wooden platform with its handicap ramp. Jim has completed drawing on this ramp scaled down from the ramp at Fairlawn mansion. It will be done in treated wood to handicap specs.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT: Dennis reported that heavy snow conditions have required Mike Woodhull to reschedule moving the Depot to sometime in May. It would be best if footings were ready so that the Depot could be left on wheels, and moved promptly to its permanent site. Dennis noted that cement work is probably best done before the rainy season and might be able to begin in April.

Ron will get needed building permits and waivers from the County. We must have a description of where the depot will be situated in order to proceed.

SAUNA PROJECT: Once costs for a green-treated floor and a cement slab are obtained, a decision will be made for the sauna location. The Woodhull bid received for the sauna to the Windmill site is \$2,500; but Mike Woodhull will deduct \$500 from this price if he could set it directly on the foundation, eliminating a trip for a second move.

MERCHANDISE: 2019 Calendars are available. Lila is obtaining and organizing all submitted corrections for the existing text of *Sisu and Sauna*, so that they can be incorporated in advance of republication. Shirley worked on a book and merchandise inventory before her AZ departure. Book orders need to go out. The Calendar book with Jim and Nan Wisherd is on hold until May 2019. Nan's book *The Boys of the Brule* is now available. We ordered six at a 40% discount from the cover price of \$18.95, and sold three to Poplar Hardware. Jim also has three copies available.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: This site has 868 members and is independent of OBHS. Given the increased use of social media, Jim has suggested we consider linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name. It could be used for formal functions and/or for more historical articles & discussion; vigorous fund-raising efforts & acknowledgements; and various dialogues.

2018 GENERAL MEETING PROJECTS:

1. 2019 Calendar Dates have been scheduled and appear on our *OBHS* website, OBHS 2019 Calendar, and in OBHS Minutes in the *OBHS News* (Editions October & December 2018; and February, 2019).
2. Project Completion Follow-up: The Secretary will include current projects/tasks that have previously been determined by motion, but not completed in the Minutes.
3. Update of OBHS By-Laws and Job Descriptions: The Board or a committee needs to examine existing by-laws and job descriptions for potential changes:
4. Budget Development: The following members met in December for the purpose of Budget Development for 2019: Matt Miller, Dan and Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, Ron Hendrickson, and Jim Mattson. A tentative budget was presented at the December 2018 General Meeting and appears in the December minutes published in the February 2019 *OBHS News*. This Committee plans to meet again to update this Budget.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS:

Pollari Memorial Railroad Map Project: Randy Jones attended the January Board Meeting to update the status of the Pollari Memorial railroad map project that he has done previous work on. He has completed the requested Douglas County Historical Map showing railroad, both existing and historic. This map is available for inspection.

Ron H. made a motion to give Lois Pollari and Harry Webster a copy of this map in recognition of their support of this project. They can select either a small (11" x 17") or large (24" x 36") copy. Second by Marian C. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Refer to the February 2019 *OBHS News* for an extensive listing of those who have passed away recently and those who have sympathies extended. A special ceremony will be planned to recognize the recent passing of Gene Davidson.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., April 10, 2019, at Amnicon Town Hall.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., March 13, 2019, at Dennis & Arlene Hill's residence

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Dennis expressed concern that we all work to get all of our current projects done, but not overlook the needs of the Davidson Windmill. (1.) It needs a new exterior skin; the (original non-galvanized sheet metal) needs to be (patched) replaced. (2.) The roof needs (patching) or spot replacement; but as is typical of cedar roofs light is visible through the roof. (3.) The arms are in bad condition. Dennis described how (current cedar) tamarack could be cut and used to replace the old ones. Fund-raising is needed. Jim reminded Dennis of the limits on change due to National Register of Historic Places status.

ADJOURNMENT: Matt made a motion, seconded by Trish, to adjourn the meeting. President Dennis Hill adjourned the meeting at 9:38 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lila Ronn, Secretary**

FUND-RAISING MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

The Society has available regional history magnets, plus Davidson Windmill memorabilia: mugs, caps, tee shirts, sweat shirts, key chains, buttons and photos for sale. Early issue magnets are going for \$1 each, or 6 for \$5.00, proceeds to our General fund. Windmill mugs, caps & tee shirt proceeds go into the Windmill Fund. **SEE OUR WEB SITE** (www.oldbrule.org) **FOR CURRENT SALE ITEMS AND PRICES.** Our Windmill vests are for sale for \$24.00. Popular has been our zipper front, hooded, *I've Been Through the Mill* sweatshirts and tee-shirts.

Our book, *Wisconsin Far Northwest*, and Nan Wisherd's books, *Brule River Country* (HC \$25.95, SC \$18.95) and *Pathways and Echoes*, Lakeside's *Sisu and Sauna*, (*out for now*) and *Amnicon From the Beginning*, are available for \$20.00 a copy + \$3.50 shipping. Wisconsin sales tax is included in all of our prices. Shipping and handling for mugs, caps and tee shirts is a \$4.00 minimum. All items are also available for purchase at our meetings or by contacting an OBHS member. Our booklet, *Davidson Windmill History* by Jim Pellman and Gene Davidson is available for \$8.00 (+\$2.00 shipping). Leigh P. & Richard Jerrard's expanded and revised edition of *The Brule River of Wisconsin* is available at \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). See our calendar ad above. Jane Pearson Grimsrud has released small and large print versions of *Brule River Forest and Lake Superior Cloverland Anecdotes*. Both are available for \$20.00 (+\$3.50 shipping). Poplar Hardware also has an inventory of most of our titles. Please check ahead for current availability. Also please contact our members for more info.

Unapproved MINUTES for the MARCH 2019 Board Meeting

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.

Wednesday, March 13, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Dennis and Arlene Hill Residence, Town of Amnicon

In Attendance: Dennis Hill, Mary Ann Gronquist, Trish Hursh, Matt Miller, Bruce Carlson, Jim Pellman, Brian Paulson, Arlene Hill

Thanks to Dennis and Arlene Hill for hosting our dinner and meeting and to them & all who brought food to share.

BUSINESS MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: President Dennis Hill will called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

MINUTES: Motion by Tricia Hursh, seconded by Matt Miller to approve the Minutes of the previous Board Meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at the home of Dennis and Arlene Hill in Amnicon, as published in the February 2019 *OBHS News*. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S RESPORT: Treasurer Matt Miller gave his report effective 3-13-2019:

<u>Current Balances</u>	<u>Notes</u>
GENERAL FUND: \$4,548.56 (Cash on hand: \$21.44)	Last Meeting: \$4,363.43 Income: Dues--\$100; Sales & Use Tax Refund--\$32.26; Calendar Sponsor \$25 Expenses: Meeting expenses--\$24.35; Calendar mailing supplies --\$7.51; Wholesale book purchase--\$68.22; Newsletters--\$246.50 Outstanding debt: Sauna Fund--\$1850.00; OBHS Scholarship--\$250.00; Finlandia Foundation--\$25.00; AAM--\$5.00, Outstanding Income: Network for Good--\$242.00 (Jim Pellman's Birthday FB Fundraiser meant for MSMA to be moved there)
WINDMILL FUND: \$3,683.89	Last meeting: \$3,715.17 Expenses: Utilities--\$31.28; Outstanding debt: Outstanding Income: Donations (via PayPal)--\$38.82 1 st one.
MSMA FUND: \$6,554.26	Last meeting: \$4,190.59

		Income: Donations--\$655; Fund raiser--\$1,685.00; Fundraiser seed money payback--\$375
		Expenses: Utilities--\$11.33; Fundraiser \$82.77;
		Outstanding debt: Repayment to CD--\$1.200.00; General fund dues--\$45.00
		Outstanding income:
DEPOT FUND:	\$17,566.00	Last meeting: \$ 16,066.00
		Expenses:
		Income: Donations--\$1,500
		Outstanding debt: Fund raising supplies--\$55.72
CD:	\$4,680.93	Last meeting: \$4,680.93
		Outstanding income: <u>MSMA fund repayment --\$1,200</u>
CASH ASSETS: Total:	\$ 37,033.64	Last meeting: Total: \$ 33,016.12

Other items

1. The General Fund balance minus the Sauna earmarks (\$1,850.00) & Scholarship (\$250) is \$2,448.56.
2. The above balances include \$ 1,200 in the MSMA Fund which needs repayment to the General Fund. It also includes \$1,850 in the General Fund which are designated for the Sauna Fund (no separate account established).
3. We should note that the Pollari Memorial Map was funded by Lois Pollari at \$1000, and records should show that up to now Randy Jones has been paid \$300 or so. This leaves a balance of about \$700 which was placed within our CD with these funds earmarked for the map. Lois has said should these funds be necessary for the MSMA project she would be happy if they are used there until they can be restored for map use.
4. Discussion regarding acquiring Quick Books to help our Treasurer. Matt will check into this.

Motion by Mary Ann, seconded by Bruce Carlson to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE/COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Routine auto-billing and membership updates.
2. \$25 Check from Carolyn (& Pat) Grube for family membership (above).
3. Some direct donations toward Jim Pellman's MSMA Friends of OBHS Birthday fund raiser. Money order from Jean O'Neil of Canada, catching up on membership and \$100 donation to the MSMA Facebook Fund Drive done in honor of Jim Pellman's birthday. Total raised will substantially surpass the \$200 goal which Jim has matched. Funds to go toward handicap ramp and front porch restoration. Well over \$500 generated to date. Member Gordy Lahti sent \$300 for the MSMA project.
4. Arrowhead Printing, whose operations have moved to Duluth, have not billed us yet for 2019 calendars.

OLD BUSINESS:

ARCHIVES/WEBSITE: This committee is waiting for available working space at MSMA. Thanks to Earl for updating our Website from his home computer. We continue to accept items for our collection and field requests for information.

MEMBERSHIPS: Membership renewals for 2019 are now due. Dues remain at \$15 for individuals; \$25 for families. Thanks to all who have renewed. Jim distributed new Blue Sheets for recording donated hours.

MSMA PROJECT: The winter weather has brought all to a halt but work will start up soon. This work includes a porch, inner front doors; 3 or possibly 4 new old windows, and three landings at different levels. Two ramps will connect the landings. The concrete slab will have a "wood look". Green-treated wood will be used for the railings which will have a picket fence appearance common in the late 1880s. John Tuura is expected to work on the heating after recovery from joint repair, and much other basement work needs to be done this summer. Dennis' contact for window repair came back with an extremely high estimate. We will seriously look at in-house work in this area if period windows cannot be located. Four windows would be needed, with three available, and one more opening will be framed in but covered for now. 30 x 60 window openings, double sash with 4 window panes. Jim will check for window sashes at Billman's in Duluth.

DAVIDSON WINDMILL GROUNDS: Summer grounds keeping: Painting of Windmill walls and turret.

BLUEBERRY DEPOT: Dennis and Brian had aerial photos of the Windmill lot with boundaries, and a moveable to-scale icon of the Blueberry depot with a track and landing added to it. One location options was proposed but even when rotated had the problem of being in the Windmill sight line of vehicles coming on Highway 13 from the Superior direction.

At the next General Meeting (April) the members present would get to vote on this site (and one of two choices for sauna location). Jim was disappointed by these proposals and explained what he felt this was an opportunity when we should conduct a much broader revisioning of the structures on the west end of our land with major fill and landscaping to raise the low area to get full use of that space in order to rationally find room for the two new structures going in. He would like to see our full membership get input into what we do there. His main argument is that these are not wetlands and that they could and should be revamped to allow for a unified plan for all structures on the west end, including Taylor's Bridge. Dennis challenged Jim to bring back information on what these new possibilities might be and what they might look like and cost. If need be the new structures could be put on blocks until a full review is done, and needed funds are raised. Woodhulls will move the Depot shortly, and they do not anticipate any problems. The proposed route will be County Road O to Autio Road to Highway F to Pellman Loop to State Highway 13. Dahlberg Light and Power may have to lift two wires on Highway 13 and must be present during the entire move from the Depot's current site to the Windmill site parking lot where Brian and Ron will get it placed in a good spot on footings. Greg Mussman and our Board members and others want to be present when the building is moved; Maria Lockwood from *Superior Telegram & Duluth News Tribune* has also asked to be informed. The exact date has not been determined but will be before June 1st by agreement with the donors.

SAUNA PROJECT: The earlier bid to move the sauna by Woodhull's was \$2,500. It would be cost effective if foundation work could be done at the same time as it is done for the depot and before the sauna is moved. Dennis' proposal would use treated or concrete posts below frost for the sauna. Ron preferred a concrete slab. The cost for moving the sauna will be \$2,000, if a second move is not required at the site, but an additional \$500 with a second move. The final site is in question and the two options were not fully presented to the Board or discussed.

MERCHANDISE (PUBLICATIONS):

POLLARI MEMORIAL HISTORICAL MAP PROJECT: At the request of the Board, Randy Jones presented the Board last meeting with an overview of the Pollari Memorial Map Project to date. It is our intent to recharge this project which has stalled over the past years. Randy was paid for earlier work but has donated significant time to this undertaking over time, but needs direction from us regarding the scope of the project. Certain problems have surfaced, including discrepancies when lining up information from different maps. Thus far, Randy has digitized 630 historical points. Not only does he wish input to ensure accuracy, he also was concerned that the result is a cluttered and overcrowded map. Randy reported that up-to-date GIS (Geographic Information Systems) Mapping Technology can be accessed through Douglas County as well as LiDAR imagery. Approval was given for Randy to prepare two proofs (24" x 36" and 11" x 17") of a (skeleton) railroad map of Douglas County which would include all known railroad lines, existing and historic. In addition, a pdf file would be made available for OBHS use. The total cost of these proofs plus the file were not to exceed \$50.00. The maps are available here. Preliminary maps were available to inspect from Randy.

OBHS is very thankful for Randy's donation of time to this project to date, and appreciates his further commitment and expertise.

The 2019 Historical Calendar is still available at \$9.00. We also have copies of Nan's new book, *Boys of the Brule*.

Lila R, on vacation, is seeking corrections for republication of *Sisu and Sauna*; Shirley completed a book & merchandise order before leaving for AZ, which need to be submitted; & the Calendar book with Jim & Nan Wisherd is on hold until May. Lila expressed concern that work on the History of Brule book completely stopped two years ago after the illness and passing of Laila Magnuson. Jim has contacted Missy Haworth who is interested in helping him with typing but later this summer for health reasons.

FRIENDS OF OBHS FACEBOOK GROUP SITE: With over 870 members, this site is independent of OBHS. Jim has suggested that linkages to this site or a supplemental site under our own OBHS name be examined.

ANNUAL MSMA BENEFIT VALENTINE MUSIC FEST AND SPAGHETTI DINNER was held February 10, 2018. Dean Baillie and staff provided the spaghetti dinner and venue at the Brule Kro Bar. Volunteer performers, Larry Midbon, Fran Miller, Brian Raivala, Ted Pellman, Tina Souza and Mike Sauvola were able to make it this time, keeping the crowd's feet hopping. Attendance was down some with the weather, but proceeds were up, with many donations for our drawings from surrounding businesses and contributors. For our door grand prizes we had five at the highest value, two with special mention: a patch work quilt or blanket created by member Dorothy Bergsten, a stay and dinner at Barker's Island Inn. We had many pans of bars from our membership and we refined our ticket shaking and drawing system so that all went smoothly. Dennis and Arlene were at the heart of the serving line, Mary Ann, Lila and Tina were masterful hosts. The Planning Committee (Jim P., Mary Ann, Audrey, Trish, Tina S., and Lila) covered a lot of ground, but got a hand for all their work. Audrey & Nancy Moreland boosted 50/50 sales to the highest ever. Members Lora and Lee Olson came down from Two Harbors with ready hands & Valentine balloons, but from furthest away came Ruth Erkkila who worked with Lora taking and counting money. A great time was had by all.

PROJECT COMPLETION FOLLOWUP: The secretary will include current projects/tasks that have previously been determined by motion, but not completed in the Minutes.

UPDATE OF OBHS BY-LAWS AND JOB DESCRIPTIONS: The Board or a committee needs to examine existing by-laws and job descriptions for potential changes.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT: The following members met in October to begin developing a budget for 2019: Matt Miller, Ron Hendrickson, Dan & Dorothy Bergsten, Mary Ann Gronquist, and Jim Mattson. A tentative budget was presented at the December 2018 General Meeting and appeared in the December Minutes published in the February 2019 *OBHS Newsletter*. This Committee plans to meet again to finalize their work and submit a final budget.

OTHER OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

ENCOURAGEMENT AND SYMPATHY: Sympathy to the families of...none mentioned

Encouragement to Nan and Scott Wisherd after Scott's surgery. Continued encouragement to Velma Doby who now resides at the Walker Methodist Health Center in Minneapolis.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wednesday, 6:00 p.m., April 10, 2019, Amnicon Town Hall. After our covered dish dinner Dennis Hill will give a talk on the "Unswept Good Old Days," with business meeting to follow.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at the Eskolin House.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: After Motion Dennis adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with no dissent.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hursh (sitting in for Lila Ronn)

1998 to 2005, 2006 to 2019 LOCAL HISTORY PHOTO CALENDARS FOR SALE.

The Brule History Research Group, organized in 1995, produced its eighth and final calendar in 2005 with pictures of Brule's past. Proceeds from these annual calendar sales since 1998, when the first one was produced, are being used for the publication of the history of Brule, to be completed soon, slowed by the loss of Laila Magnuson. Limited numbers are available. Please contact Janet Follis, P.O. Box 114, Brule, WI 54820, at (715) 372-4948. Our 2019 Old-Brule Heritage Society History Photo Calendars are for sale at \$9.00 each. Earlier individual issues are also available at \$5.00 (2006 - 2016), 2017 at \$6.00, & 2018 at \$7.00 in limited numbers, & ~~\$30~~ \$15 on sale for a packet of all of the first 12 years. An e-mail address for more info: musketeer6@cheqnet.net, and by phone: 715-363-2549, or please check our Website at www.oldbrule.org. Shipping & handling: \$3.50 each, less for each for larger orders. We thank our donor businesses whose cards we display in the back of each calendar, and to those local businesses that are selling them for us, this year yet, at Round Up North in Brule, Poplar Hardware, Aroma's Restaurant in Maple but sadly, with the Poplar Village Market, now closed permanently. Or check with Jim in Maple at 715-363-2549. We also seek more advertisers. The 2019 issue is priced again at \$9.00.

Area History: No. 127

This picture and text appear for the month of March in our 2019 OBHS Annual Historical Calendar.

March. A Logging Sunday Show Load? This photo shows up on the Town of Hawthorne webpage. This copy was purchased from a man who purchased a house in the Town of Oakland on old Highway 11 and found it left there, and it is now in the OBHS Archive. On the back of the framed photo was stamped: "Photo by P. Dober/ Bennett, Wis. /1957" Nine men appear in the photograph, all apparently part of the team that loaded this sleigh, one of them a teamster, and two teams of horses are visible. We would like to make an accurate description of the company they worked for and the names of the workers. The date must be close to fifty years before the 1957 date on back. If anyone has more information we would love to hear from you. In any case the size of this load is pushing the limits of man and beast. The logs are uniform, likely old growth pine. The stumps are thick on the slope behind, perfect conditions. If this was taken in early March not many days were left to bring in the winter's cut.



NOTICES are inserted on a separate loose flyer numbered Pages 9 & 10 (Addendum.)

RETURN ADDRESS:**OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY, INC.**

4808 S. County Road F, Post Office Box 24
Maple, WI 54854

All interested in joining the Old-Brule Heritage Society are encouraged to attend any of our meetings and programs. To join they may also contact any member of the Board at the return address above, or our Treasurer, Matt Miller, at the same address. Our annual dues are \$15.00 for individuals, and \$25.00 for families, \$50 for businesses, payable after each Annual Meeting in August for the twelve months of the following year. Higher levels of support are always welcome.

New Members and Visitors are Always WELCOME!

CALENDAR.

April 10, Wednesday 6:00 P.M. OBHS General Meeting. Amnicon Town Hall. Pot luck. Program: Dennis Hill on the "Unsweetened Good Old Days."

April 19, Friday. Good Friday, Passover.

April 21, Sunday. Easter.

April 22, Monday. Earth Day.

May 1, Wednesday. May Day.

May 5, Sunday. Cinco de Mayo.

May 8, Wednesday, 6:00 P.M. OBHS Board Meeting. Eskolin House.

May 12, Sunday. Mother's Day.

May 18, Saturday. Armed Forces Day. Materials due for the June *OBHS News*.

May 27, Monday. Memorial Day.

OLD-BRULE HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB SITE ON LINE

The Website Committee has been maintaining our Web site (www.oldbrule.org). **Earl Granroth** continues to make regular updates, and **Jon Winter** of **Winter Systems** in **Superior** is our Web host at no charge to us.

Thanks again to Earl G. and Jon W.

~ NOTICES ~

MEMBERS: Dues collection for 2019 began at our last Annual Meeting & continues into 2019. Please fill in your volunteer hours on your Blue Sheets for 2018-2019 for turn in the end of July 2019. Please contact our Secretary or Jim for a new Blue Sheet or see our website for forms.

THANK YOUS & RECOGNITIONS: To Chuck Culhane for his donation to our collection of an old leather sewing machine. Thanks for Gayann and Rick Sandoval for donation of scrap books of Gayann's late mother, Alice Lahti.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT & SYMPATHY: Encouragement to Scott and Nan Wisherd after Scott's surgery. Encouragement also to Irene Parenteau after a hospital stay, and a move to a new rural location. Sympathy to family & friends of the many, listed here, whom we have lost recently:

Evelyn E Buchanan, 85, Superior, who passed away due to cancer March 24, 2019, born in 1934, daughter of Taimi Tahtinen and Ivor Buchanan, preceded in death by her parents, brothers Less, Kenny sister Alice and three sons Steve, Mark and Chris, also grandsons Daryll and Steve Jr. & great grandson Colton, survived by sons Peter Wallin, Jr., Harvey (Kim) and Jack, 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and one great great granddaughter, & by brother Lawrence.

Mary H. Charbonneau, 75, Superior, who died March 25, 2019 at Twin Ports Health Services in Superior, born in Superior in 1943, daughter of Melvin and Helen Charbonneau, preceded in death by her parents; and brothers, Nathan and David, survived by siblings, Joy Glynn of Madison, John (Judith) Charbonneau, South Range, Charles (Carol) Charbonneau Red Wing, MN, Gloria (Peter) Jablonski Superior, and Pamela (Charles) Piatt, Mount Orab, OH; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Arne E. Korhonen, 66, Brule who passed away March 16, 2019 at Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth, following a short battle with cancer, surrounded by family, born in 1952 to Emil and Esteri Korhonen, a lifelong farmer on his family dairy farm in Brule, enjoyed his Finnish heritage growing up in a Finnish community, graduated from Northwestern High School in 1970, preceded in death by his parents, special friend, Brenda Brown, survived by longtime companion Debra Paulus; brother Donald (Marge) Korhonen, many nieces, nephews and extended family, with a memorial service to be held Saturday, May 11th at 11:00 am at the Waino Pioneer Chapel.

Delores Mae "Tootsie" (Castonguay) Brown, 88, Hawthorne, who passed away March 8, 2019 at St. Luke's Medical Center in Duluth, born in 1930 in Superior, daughter of Joseph & Sarah (Magnuson) Castonguay, married Ira Brown in 1948, survived by five children, Charlie (Jan) Brown, Richard Brown, Robert Brown, Peggy (Mark) Pollock & Julie DeMarte; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; & many nieces, nephews, preceded in death by her parents, husband, Ira; her sister, Ann Rossi; her brother, Eugene Castonguay; and her son-in-law, Gary DeMarte, with a celebration of life on May 11 at Solon Springs Community Center.

Clarence O. Mattson, Sr., 89, Superior, who died February 28, 2019 at Essentia-St. Mary's Hospital in Superior, surrounded by family, born in Superior in 1929, son of Oscar and Alma Mattson, grew up in Oulu, married Alice Tutor in 1948, was a millwright for US Steel for 30 years, and a mechanic for the City of Superior after 10 years, continuing to farm until 87, with Alice foster parents and hosted foreign exchange students, preceded in death by parents, survived by his wife of 71 years, children, Clarence (Sherry) Mattson Jr. of Iron River, Donald (Kay) Mattson of Superior, Kendell (Marie) Mattson of Oulu, Karen (Ronald) Vendela, and Darla (Scott) Bartley of Superior; 12 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and extended family.

Dennis E. Abrahamzon, 64, Lake Nebagamon, who died February 27, 2019, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center, Duluth, following his long battle with ALS, born in 1954, in Rapid City, SD., son of Patrick and Edna (Vendela) Abrahamzon, studied Law at Hamline, became a CPA, in 1983 married Cynthia Constance, preceded in death by his father, survived by his wife., daughter Samantha, his mother, sister Shawn (Steve) Parker, brothers, Steven (Rene) Abrahamzon, Duane (Lauretta) Abrahamzon.

George Eugene Hill, 94, San Diego, Calif., Superior, who passed away in San Diego February 14, 2019, born in 1924, in Maple, WI, to Charles and Selma (Soyring) Hill, graduated from 8th grade from Maple Corner School, worked on his family's farm for several years spent two seasons working as an oiler on the Great Lakes ships, moving to Waukegan, IL in 1948 to work at US Steel, where he worked at US Steel as a Stranding Operator for 32 years before retiring in 1980; married Betty Lebeck in 1974, in Waukegan, celebrating 40 years of marriage before her passing in 2014, 2015 moved to San Diego to be closer to his daughter and her family, survived by one daughter, Amy (Keith Johnson) Hill-Johnson, and one grandson, Neil Johnson, both of San Diego, preceded in death by his wife, his parents, three brothers, Charles, Martin and Swante, and three sisters, Violet Koukari, Flora Colby, and Ellen Gronroos.

Betty Mildred (Gorham) Prinz, 97, Antigo, Milwaukee, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away February 6, 2019, born to Charles and Alice Gorham in 1921 in Antigo, WI, oldest of three, married Rowland Erno and had three children, Rowland passing away in 1951, worked in Milwaukee, in 1955 met & married Felix Prinz, moving later to Lake Nebagamon, preceded in death by her husband; a brother, Jack and sister, Gladys, survived by her children, James Erno, Thomas (Sue) Erno and Donna (DelRoy) Doriott; 15 grandchildren,

Alice F. (Remer) Ekstrom, 81, Salome, AZ, Brule, who passed away in her home on January 10, 2019; born in 1937 in Superior, was raised in Cloverland, by parents George and Nina Remer, attended school in Cloverland and Northwestern

High School in Maple, in 1983 married Kenneth Ekstrom at Hope Lutheran Church in Oulu, was employed by Cutler-Magner Lime Company in Superior for over 20 years, lived in Brule until retirement in 1999, retiring permanently to Salome, AZ, preceded in death by her parents, & brother Albert, survived by husband Ken, sister Ada, many cousins & step-family.

Randy Joseph Maunu, 59, California, formerly of the Twin Ports area, who died December 26, 2018 in California, born in Superior in 1959, the son of Sulo F. and Lorraine (Meirerotto) Maunu, graduated from Superior Senior High School in 1977 and went on to earn his degree in Accounting at W.I.T.C, worked in Duluth as an accountant for ten years before moving to California where he worked as an accountant up until his passing, excelled in golf, survived by his mother, Lorraine; sister, Rhonda (Kevin Haburt) Maunu, Duluth, MN; brother, Ron Maunu, of Superior.

Helen Lorraine (Hammerbeck) Saari, 99 Superior, who passed away February 10, 2019 at Encompass Health Care, Superior, born in 1919 to Henry & Minnie (Okerstrom) Hammerbeck at her home on 2418 Ogden Avenue, served Bayside Baptist Church (formerly Ogden Avenue Baptist) all her life serving as church clerk for over 50 years, graduated from Superior Central High School in 1937 and from Duluth Business University in 1938, married to Donald Saari in 1941 and they had 4 children, was employed at Superior Community Credit Union for over 20 years retiring as a loan officer in 1987, preceded in death by her parents, six siblings, five nieces, and one nephew. She is survived by two sons, Ron (Priscilla) of Andover, MN, Ray (Cindy) of Solon Springs, WI and two daughters, Janet (Mark) Wilkens of Gowrie, IA and Jane (Ian) Cameron of Vancouver, BC, 5 grandsons, 2 granddaughters, 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephew.

James "Jim" E. Madsen, 61, Lake Nebagamon, who passed away February 18, 2019 due to complications from diabetes, born in 1957 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Superior to John and Jean (Westlund) Madsen, born into a family of 6 sets of twins beginning with his great-grandmother, served in the United States Army, worked for Burlington Northern Railroad as a mechanic for many years, was a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Hayward, WI and was proud of his Native American Heritage, loved nature, fishing the Brule, hunting and gardening, & playing guitar, spent much time with his grandmother, Emelia Westlund on the homestead farm, preceded in death by his sister June Maureen Madsen, grandparents Emelia and Ernest Westlund and Harriet and John Madsen, brother-in-law Mark Routh, survived by his parents, John and Jean Madsen; twin sons, Jeffrey and James; daughter, Stevie Rae; 2 grandsons, sister, Jane Routh; brother, John Madsen & extended family.

Judith P. Pezze, 80, Brule, who passed away after a lengthy illness on February 14, 2019 in Brule, born in 1938 to Raymond and Gertrude (Skowronski) Jankowski in Milwaukee, a former resort/restaurant owner with her husband in Iron River, WI, preceded recently in death by her husband Ronald, her parents, a sister Barbara (Milton) Hagenon and a brother, Richard Jankowski, survived by five children, Rick (Sherry) Pezze, PeggySue (Scott) Janigo, Ronald G. (Rosanne) Pezze Jr, John (Barbara) Pezze, Gary (Rosalind) Pezze; eleven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and extended family and friends.

Lev Martin, 102, of Superior, WI, who died February 17, 2019, born in 1917 in Superior, WI, became a local radio and TV media celebrity at WEBC, WDSM, a friend of many, graduated from Central High School in 1936, interviewed the local and he famous, among them Hubert Humphrey, Duke Ellington, Bronko Nagurski, the Dionne Quints at the Butler Shipyard during WW II, President Truman, in 1960 interviewed the Kennedy clan at the Androy Hotel, Major Richard Bong, retired in 1985, started a radio show on KUWS with Jack McKenna, served on the Douglas County Board after 1974, in 1942 married June Berglund and had four children.

Gordon Willard Hunter, 85, Lake Nebagamon, who died February 10, 2019 at Middle River Health and Rehabilitation Center in South Range, WI, born in 1934 in Superior, WI to Raymond and Ruth (Elmslie) Hunter, owner/operator of Dunbar's Hotel and Restaurant Supply for over sixty years, survived by his wife of 63 years, Luanne; one son, Paul (Ren Olson) Hunter, South Range, MI; two daughters, Lydelle (Donn) Bergquist, Lake Nebagamon, WI and Arlyn (Greg Sislo) Hunter-Jensen, Superior, WI; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; one sister, Helen (Kenneth) Wright, TX; two brothers, Don (June) Hunter, WY and Stewart (Judy) Hunter, Hawthorne, WI; sister-in-law, Pamela Hunter, Bennett, WI and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, son-in-law Jeffrey Jensen and brother Hugh Hunter.

Loretta Renquist, 90, Poplar, who died December 28, 2019 in Twin Ports Health Services, born on January 28, 1928.

Dale Ernest Grothe, 75, Lake Nebagamon, who died February 1, 2019 at home surrounded by his family, born in Chippewa Falls, WI, in 1944, son of Ernest and Verna (Holtz) Grothe; graduate of Chippewa Falls High School, served in the United States Air Force, went on to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Superior and worked for SWL&P for thirty-three years before his retirement, married Cynthia Nelson and they recently celebrated fifty years of marriage before his passing who survives him, with daughter, Renee (Kevin) Reynolds, Pasadena, MD; sons, Kyle Grothe, Lake Nebagamon, WI, and Kenneth (Cassie) Grothe, Superior, WI; five grandchildren, sisters, Susan (Mike) Berry, Chippewa Falls, WI, and Joanne (Jerome) O'Brien, Superior, WI; step-sister, Joan Schneider; and many nieces and nephews, preceded in death by his parents; and half-brother, Roland Grothe.

And who have we missed or forgotten? May they all rest in peace.