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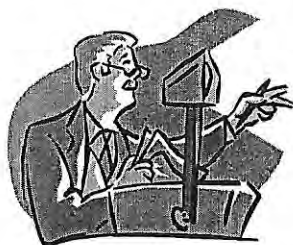
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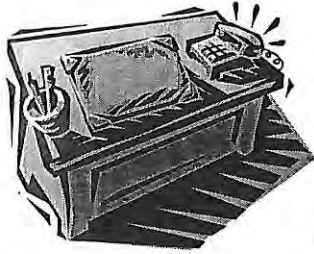
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Annual Meeting Scheduled for September 12-13, 2003

See page 11 & 12 for all the details!

NOTE: The Forest History Association of Wisconsin is searching for a new *Chips & Sawdust* editor. If you are interested in this opportunity please contact Kurt Korten Hof at 952/808-1475 or via e-mail at fhaw_editor@msn.com.



From the President's Desk

A good many things are developing for FHAW this year. We are in the process of finding an Executive Secretary to take over from Bob Brisson who has served us with distinction for several years.

Bob has been a major positive force in helping the transition from our loss of Frank Fixmer. If you have thoughts about a replacement for Bob it would be appropriate to advise us at this time.

We are also in the transition to a new editor for both *Chips & Sawdust* and the annual *Proceedings*. Kurt serves us well there but other responsibilities with his work and growing family require him to step down. Kurt has also served us with distinction and will be with us to help in the transition and for some time beyond that.

2004 is an important year for forestry in Wisconsin. It's the centennial for state forest management. In 1904 the State initiated what has become the WDNR Division of Forestry. Wisconsin's forests have seen some dramatic changes in those 100 years. FHAW has already documented several of those changes in its *Chronology of "Firsts" in Wisconsin Forest History*. During the coming year FHAW will have many opportunities to display some of those first with its displays.

We currently have one display set up with several sets of forest history which can be displayed depending upon the need of the day. We also have a set of posters with pictorial presentations of other forest related activities. Jim Adamson has recently built easels of fine ash to hold those boards. We thank him for that good job.

We've set a goal to have at least three displays available to use throughout the state. Housing those displays in three different locations will allow more ease in reaching a display when one is needed. That's part of our objective, to help the public become aware of the role forestry has played in building this state, even as that role continues.

If you are aware of an opportunity to show one of our displays during the next year, please let Jim Adamson know so that we can make arrangements to be there. You can reach Jim by e-mail at Adamsonjl@aol.com, or contact any person on the Board of Directors to make your request known.

One additional item. We would like to develop a display that would show the *Chronology of Forestry Firsts in Wisconsin*. We're looking for photos and stores to use for that purpose. If you have something to donate give any of the Board or committee members a call.

Miles Benson



Board of Directors' Update

Minutes of the May 9, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order

President Miles Benson convened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. in the Public Safety Building, Wausau. Directors present included Albrecht, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Einspahr, Grosman, Harm, Lambrecht and Rohe. Others present included Naomi Cline, Dolores Harm, Carl Krog, Kurt Korten Hof, John Saemann, and Bob Walkner. Director Cline was unable to attend due to illness. Mrs. Naomi Cline earned our gratitude by preparing the room, coffee and snacks.

Minutes of November 1, 2002

President Benson asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes published in *Chips & Sawdust*, and distributed. None forthcoming, the minutes were allowed to stand as published.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Albrecht presented a report for the period July 1, 2002 to May 1, 2003. He explained details of the report showing a cash asset of \$44,895 at the end of the period. Printing of the 2002 Proceedings, just completed, will cost \$1,745 for 500 copies. Kurt Korten Hof explained that by electronically transferring the files the cost is reduced. A motion by Baumann, supported by Einspahr, to accept the treasurer's report was approved, all in favor.

Executive Secretary Report

Secretary Brisson reported eleven members joined and seventeen were dropped from membership; one changed from corporate to life member. Upcoming events include: Mid-west Tool Collectors Association national spring meeting in Green Bay June 12-14; and the Wisconsin Woodland Owners annual meeting at Telemark September 18-21, 2003.

Ghosts of the Forest

Albrecht reported revenue to May 1 from sales of the book, *Ghosts of the Forest* was \$18,347 after shipping and taxes. Another \$2,805 was turned in by Rohe today to total \$21,152. Rohe reported more sales were expected after reviews are published and he completes a series of presentations around the state.

Standing Committee Reports

Archivist

Benson reported the Archives are available for very limited hours

Auction

Baumann reported that he and Brisson would auction materials at the 2003 sale. Bob Walkner volunteered to accept items that might be turned in before the auction.

Chips & Sawdust

Kurt Korten Hof reported the need for a new editor. Kurt reported an advertisement for his books in C & S had resulted in sales of *Long Live the Hodag* and *Sugar Camp 1891-1941* with 30% of the proceeds going to FHAW.

Proceedings

Korten Hof distributed the 2002 Proceedings. He reported this issue would be mailing this week by the Opportunity Development Center in Wisconsin Rapids. Discussion was held on publishing works not presented at the meeting in the proceedings. A motion by Lambrecht, supported by Grosman, to alter the format of the proceedings to allow member and other submissions and call it the "Annual Journal of the Forest History Association of Wisconsin" was carried, all in favor.

Distinguished Service Awards

Chair Randy Rohe requested nominations for the 2002-2003 DSA awards. He stated we need a new volunteer to work with these awards to get new ideas

and nominees. Randy suggested as nominees: Ralph Eswin, author of *Logging Dilemma in the Big Swamp*, an the State Historical Society of Wisconsin for reconstruction of the Greenbush sawmill and the Monroe County Historical Society.

Exhibits

Albrecht reported the exhibits are in poor storage at the WDNR in Shawano. Director Grosman reported he will try to find room for the exhibits in DNR facilities.

DNR Centennial

Albrecht reported on the Wisconsin DNR Centennial to be held in Green Bay, January 27 to 29, 2004. He presented results of a meeting survey focusing on "Looking Back - the History of Forestry in Wisconsin DNR" and requested help in securing photographs and documents of the early history of DNR. He suggested the FHAW display manned exhibits at the meeting.

Forestry Hall of Fame

Chair Don Lambrecht reported nominations include US Forest Service nominee Joe Stoechler, US Soil Conservation Service nominee Jack Densmore, Wisconsin County Forests Association nominee Eugene Schmidt, and FHAW nominee Increase Lapham. A Motion by Brisson, supported by Einspahr to support Lapham and Schmidt was carried, all in favor. Lambrecht reported that Forrest Stearns was inducted into the Conservation Hall of Fame.

Membership

Einspahr reported he had sent out fifty letters to forest using industries resulting in one new membership, Stetsonville Hardwoods.

Publications

Brisson reported the possible publications include the Billy Allen poems, gathered by Tom Becher, and the Oshkosh Tool Company catalog found by Dan Giese. Benson suggested the Holt family history published early in the twentieth century.

Scholarship

John Saemann reported Sarah Gietzel submitted the winning essay. He announced he was resigning from the scholarship committee and letters should go to the Schools during June.

Publicity

Carl Krog reported that releases on the 2002 meeting had gone to the local newspapers and historical societies.

Other Business

Annual Meeting 2003

Bob Walkner reported the 2003 meeting would be held at Two Rivers, September 12 & 13. A Friday tour will visit area museums and the Two Rivers State Forest followed by a fish boil. The Saturday meet will be held at the Washington House Museum.

Annual Meeting 2004 & later

Options suggested were:

- ◆ US Forest Products Lab, Madison
- ◆ Wade House Historical Site, Greenbush
- ◆ Lake Superior Waterlogged Mill, Ashland
- ◆ Wisconsin Dells
- ◆ Navoo Museum, Eau Claire
- ◆ Goodman & Laona area

Open Positions

Miles Benson requested help to find an executive secretary and *Chips & Sawdust* editor.

Strategic Plan

John Grosman reported on the need for Association planning and updating publications. Grosman, Miles Benson, Bob Brisson, Dean Einspahr, and Kurt Korten Hof will serve as a committee to initiate planning.

Caps

Dean Einspahr showed samples of caps and reported the price would be \$8.50 each with a stitched FHAW logo. A motion by Brisson, supported by Rohe to purchase 48 caps was carried, all voting aye.

Next Meeting

By consensus the next meeting was set for July 24, 2003 in Wausau.

Adjournment

A motion by Karl Baumann, supported by Don Lambrecht was carried at 12:55 PM.

Minutes of the July 24, 2003 Meeting

Call to Order

President Miles Benson convened the meeting at 10:00 A.M. in the Public Safety Building, Wausau. Directors present included Albrecht, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Einspahr, and Grosman. Others present included Carl Blahnik and Bob Walkner

Minutes of May 9, 2003

President Benson asked for corrections or additions to the minutes distributed. None forthcoming, the minutes were allowed to stand as wrote.

Secretary Report

Secretary Brisson reported on the Mid-West Tool Collectors meeting where Adamson, Baumann, Benson, Brisson, Lambrecht and Walkner manned the FHAW exhibit. This resulted in publication sales and one new member. There are 207 current members and two new corporate members as a result of Dean Einspahr's mall solicitation, Stetsonville Lumber Co. and Shawano Specialty Papers.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer Albrecht presented a report for the period July 1, 2002 to June 1,

2003. He explained details of the report showing operating receipts of \$7,552, operating expenses of \$7,349 and cash assets of \$45,648 at the end of the period. A motion by Einspahr, supported by Baumann, to accept the treasurers report was approved, all in favor.

Ghosts of the Forest

Albrecht reported "Ghosts of the Forests" sales are \$23,623 to date with expenses of \$1,777. Grosman suggested contacting Eastern National for sales through the national forests and parks. A motion by Brisson, supported by Benson, to sell books at a discount to book vendors at a discounted rate agreed upon by Rohe was approved, all voting aye.

Standing Committee Reports

Archivist

Benson reported Archivist Shrake would update the group at the annual meeting.

Auction

Baumann and Brisson will auction materials at the 2003 sale. Bob Walkner and Karl Baumann volunteered to accept items that might be turned in before the auction.

Chips & Sawdust

Benson reported that Kurt Kortenhof proposed that *Chips & Sawdust* be edited by a graduate student who would receive the current stipend plus the current scholarship amount. Motion by Brisson, supported by Grosman, to authorize the FHAW President to enter an agreement with UW-Eau Claire to edit *Chips & Sawdust* and the *Proceedings* for a \$1,000 annual stipend. Motion carried, all in favor.

Exhibits

Benson reported that Adamson has made easels for the eight photo board displays. John Grosman has arranged for the exhibits to be stored in DNR facilities at Tomahawk with DNR to assist in transporting to events.

The Timber Producers Association has offered free space for the exhibits at the Logging Congress at Escanaba in September. Brisson and Baumann are to contact Adamson and Giese to try to arrange for the exhibit and men to attend it.

Other Business

Annual Meeting 2003

Bob Walkner reported on the 2003 meeting to be held at Two Rivers, September 12 & 13. A Friday tour will visit area museums and the Two Rivers State Forest followed by a fish boil in Two Rivers. The Saturday meet will be held at the Washington House Museum.

Annual Meeting 2004

John Grosman reported on progress on the meeting being planned for September 24 and 25 in Ashland at the Great Lakes Visitor Center. The committee will meet in Ashland August 20, 2003.

Annual Meeting 2005

Dean Einspahr agreed to work on plans for a meeting to focus on the Wade House State Historical Site in Greenbush.

Annual Meeting 2006

Miles Benson reported he would contact Peter Shrake to plan a meeting in the Wisconsin Delis, Baraboo and Madison area.

Open Position

Miles Benson requested nominations to fill the director position left open by the death of John Cline. Tom Albrecht nominated Bob Walkner; no other nominations forwarded. Walkner was approved as director.

Strategic Plan

John Grosman reported on the Association planning and updating publications. Grosman, Miles Benson, Bob Brisson, Dean Einspahr, and Kurt Korten Hof will meet as a committee to initiate planning Friday evening, September 12 at Two Rivers.

Caps

Dean Einspahr showed the caps purchased at \$391.50 for 48. It was agreed they would be sold for \$10 each.

Publications

Possible publications include the Gene Harm log mark records, Billy Allen poems, gathered by Tom Becher, updating the Howard Peddle log mark publication, and the Oshkosh Tool Company catalog found by Dan Giese.

Membership Cards

Miles Benson reported that cards with green ink on buff cards would cost \$130 for 1,000. Consensus was to table.

DNR Forestry Centennial-in 2004

Albrecht reported the Wisconsin DNR Centennial Meeting, "Looking Back - the History of Forestry in Wisconsin DNR" will be held in Green Bay, January 27 to 29, 2004. He suggested the FHAW display manned exhibits at the meeting Benson stated DNR requested that FHAW have its exhibits at events around the state and distribute "Firsts in Wisconsin Forest History"

Web Site

Albrecht reported FHAW could be added as part of the DNR site; he will contact Kristen Held. John Grosman suggested having the annual meeting information and member application on the web site.

Next Meeting

By consensus the next meeting was set for October 9 or 10 in Shawano.

Adjournment

A motion by Dean Einspahr, supported by Karl Baumann was carried at 12:20 PM.



Annual Meeting Scheduled for September 12-13, 2003

Two Rivers to Host the 2003 Meeting

An interesting Annual Meeting is planned for Two Rivers September 12 & 13, 2003. Two Rivers was once a busy wood milling and manufacturing town, known for pails, tubs and wood type.

You should have already received a separate mailing with an agenda and registration materials. Otherwise please review the agenda on page 12 and complete and return the registration form below.

Two Rivers Lodging Options

Cool City Motel

800/729-1520 or 920/793-2244
3009 Lincoln Avenue
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Fox Hills Resort

Restaurant and Pool
800/950-7615 or 920/755-2376
Mishicot, WI 54228

Lighthouse Inn

Restaurant and Pool
800/228-6416 or 920/793-4524
1515 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Village Inn & Suites

Restaurant, Pool & RV Hookups
800/551-4795 or 920/794-8818
3310 Memorial Drive
Two Rivers, WI 54241

Annual Meeting Registration

NAME(S) _____

FRIDAY TOUR: bus, coffee, rolls & lunch _____ @ \$13 = \$ _____

FRIDAY EVENING FISH BOIL _____ @ \$10 = \$ _____

SATURDAY REGISTRATION & LUNCH _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

SATURDAY DINNER & ENTERTAINMENT _____ @ \$20 = \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to FHA W

FHAW 2003 Annual Meeting

Washington House Museum

1622 Jefferson St—Two Rivers, Wisconsin

September 12 & 13

TOUR AGENDA

Friday September 12

- 8:30 Registration coffee rolls
- 9:00 Welcome, Miles Benson
- 9:30 Tour Fisher Hamilton Wood Plant
- 10:30 Tour Hamilton Wood Type Museum
- 11:30 Board bus for Point Beach State Forest
- 12:00 Lunch at Point Beach shelter
- 1:00 History of Point Beach State Forest-Jim Aasen
- 2:30 Visit Rawley Point Light House
- 3:00 Board bus for Rogers Street Fishing Village Museum-Two Rivers.
- 4:30 Tour over. Bus trip to Chiefs' Clubhouse-Manitowoc
- 5:30 Fish boil
- 7:00 Bus return to Washington House

ANNUAL MEETING-CONFERENCE AGENDA

Saturday September 13

- 8:30 Registration-Coffee rolls
- 9:00 Welcome-Two Rivers City Manager
- 9:15 History of Kahlenerg Brothers-Sandy Zipperer
- 10:00 Niagara Escarpment in Wisconsin-Mark Walter
- 11.15 Tour of Washington House Museum
- 12:00 lunch
- 1:00 Service award
- 1:15 Commercial fishing in the Two Rivers area-Pete LeClair
- 2:00 Early History of Two Rivers-Bob Walkner
- 2:45 Break
- 3:00 Business meeting
- 4:00 Auction
- 6:00 Dinner: Logging camp meal
- 7:00 Program: Life of a Camp Cook-Chris Goetz



News and Announcements



Old Rock Mill Side Tour After Annual Meeting

For any one who may be interested a side tour is planned for Sunday morning at the Old Rock Mill. A 100-year-old water powered gristmill located at the Devils River Camp Ground near Maribel exit 164 and I-43.



Items for Annual Meeting Auctions Needed!

If you have items to donate (tools, books, or other historic memorabilia) for the auction please bring them to the meeting or contact Bob Walkner at 920/793-4010 or Bob Brisson at 906/863-6850 to arrange to get them to Two Rivers for the Annual Meeting.



Membership Renewals

You may have received a membership renewal notice in the mail along with the Annual Meeting registration materials. Membership renewals are based on our July 1 to June 30 fiscal year. If you did not receive a renewal notice you do not owe dues at this time.



Proceedings Back Issues

Back issues of the Proceedings of the Annual Meetings from 1991 through 2002 are available for purchase. You can purchase back issues at the Annual Meeting, or by contacting a Board member.



FHAW Remembers Lamont Engle and Dale Sorden

- ◆ Lamont G. Engle, longtime FHAW member and past editor of the *Annual Proceedings* passed away on April 15, 2003.
- ◆ Dale L. Sorden, a FHAW life member since 1980, passed away on March 9, 2002.



We Remember John A. Cline

John A. Cline was a member of FHAW since 1993 and was the President of the Board of Directors in 1999 and 2000. John presented a paper at our 1998 meeting in Wausau titled "Relics of an 1840 Dam and Sawmill on the Big Eau Claire River." John Passed away on June 23, 2003 after a long struggle with cancer. He was within a month of his 81st birthday.

John and his wife, Naomi, spent many winter in New Mexico on archeological digs. He had also assisted in teaching kids math.

He was a railroad man and history buff. His other interests included helping with the establishment of the Eland Railroad Historical groups and helped develop the Eland Station as the meeting house and a historical museum. He'll be missed.

Making Ice Roads



This Water Wagon is part of a recreated turn-of-the-century lumber camp located at the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids, MN. The Forest History Center is operated by the Minnesota Historical Society.

*Ghost of the Forest:
Vanished Lumber Towns of Wisconsin*
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- \$ _____ Operations

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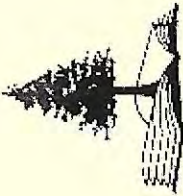
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