

Sibley County Historical Society
700 Main Street
Henderson, Minnesota
Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 27, 2025 5:30 p.m.

Attendance: Joy Cohrs, Diane Fredin, Becky Briggs, Verne Schlueter, Alice Strobel, Holly Harjes, Del Quast, Tom Frauendienst, Shirley Black

Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Joy Cohrs at 5:30 pm.

Agenda: Approve/deny Agenda:

- Added: Strengthening Sibley's Future Group request for a tour

A motion to approve the agenda with the addition was made by Alice Strobel, second by Diane Fredin. Passed.

Minutes: Approve/deny January 2025 minutes:

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Diane Fredin. Second by Verne Schlueter. Passed.

Treasurer Report: Approve/deny February 2025 Treasurer Report:

Presented by Treasurer Tom Frauendienst. The yearly audit was completed by President Joy Cohrs and Director Alice Strobel. The audit outcome showed that all records were in proper order.

A motion was made by Alice Strobel to approve the Treasurer's Report. The second was made by Shirley Black. Passed.

Old Business:

Determine Annual Meeting location: Locations of EJ's in Gaylord and Hahn's In Winthrop were discussed. Both have rooms available. Meal was \$4 per person cheaper at Hahn's for a 2 meat buffet.

A motion was made by Becky Briggs that we hold the 2025 Annual Meeting at Hahn's in Winthrop with a 2 meat buffet option of \$12.00 per person. Diane Fredin seconded the motion. Passed. Diane Fredin will contact Hahn's to finalized the Meeting/Buffer for Sunday, April 27th the 2025 Annual Meeting.

Fair-Holly Holly discussed the plans for this year's fair displays. Each town in Sibley County will do their own display with the focus on the town's calendars and other advertising. Holly will be sending letters to the town mayors.

New Business:

Strengthening Sibley's Future: This group has requested a tour on March 18th at 10:45 am. They will be in Henderson and the museum is one of their stops. There are 19 people in the group. The group will be split into two for the tour. Joy asked for volunteers to lead the tours. Alice and Becky indicated that they could possibly assist. Joy spoke about the self guided tour brochure. Shirley will get this completed.

Collection Committee- postcards, dress and depression glass: Joy Cohrs on behalf of the collection Committee reviewed items brought forward to the museum. There were postcards, a letter discussing dresses believed to have been worn on the trip over to America. Janet Heyer who currently has the items, mentioned in a letter to the museum that the dresses belonged to "Renner" relatives from the Winthrop area. Also she has 1920s & 1930s depression glassware. Likewise she will be submitting photos of the items.

Senior Expo April 10th at the Berdan Center in Winthrop Mn. Discussion if we wanted to have a table at the Expo as we did last year. There are two table lengths, one for \$30 and one for \$50. We will again focus on volunteer recruitment. It was felt that the \$30 one would be fine. A motion to have a table at the Senior Expo was made by Verne Schueter, seconded by Shirley Black. Passed.

MN River Valley Scenic By-Way Publication is looking for advertisers. After discussion, it was felt that the cost was prohibited.

Sunday volunteers Really need Sunday Volunteers! Will continue to pursue this need.

Gaylord Hub books (9) From -1982. The library has given them to us. Selling them from \$20.

Election of board Alice and Joy worked through the board listing noting the terms covered for someone else, terms actually served etc. This year at the annual meeting the election will be for: Verne Schlueter and Becky Briggs for 2nd term reelections.

Speaker for Annual meeting: Joy presented her findings on possible speakers

- 1.) \$240-\$365 Yvonne Cory "The Feedsack Story – Aprons"
- 2.) Stephen Osman on Minnesota Past
- 3.) J. Grammond Photography – Multiple topics
- 4.) Doug Ohman – multiple topics

After a lengthy discussion – Doug Ohman – *Looking Back 150 Years* was felt to be the best for drawing people into the Annual meeting. A motion was made by Alice Strobel to select Doug Oman as the 2025 Annual Meeting Speaker, second was by Diane Fredin. All in favor – motion passed.

Holly presented a list of needs/wants from the volunteer staff. (copy attached) The council went over all 12 items providing input to Holly.

Adjourn – the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm. Tom made the motion to adjourn, Verne seconded the motion. Passed.

Respectively Submitted

Shirley A Black, Secretary

1. red light on phone.
2. purchase paper cutter
3. Tues 2/25 - no entrance mtl
4. where big rack in line room - where?
Maid's Room
5. who buys supplies or takes orders?
6. Need assessment of storage bins & budget
4-6 of banker, medium, Long
7. select Fair chairman 2026
I can't lead
8. Is it correct Christmas 2026
9. who's in charge of garage?
10. List of display / fair ideas

Special trip	Artiles	Theme
history	Crafts	
toys	Inventory	
Show / run	Collections	
items / demonstrations		

11. Money raiser - business
6-4 tickets/page 10⁰⁰ - to visit SEHS season
to customers - new pass & we also promote
donations. (consider being volunteer)
12. Need volunteers - what can you do for us?
tours, yard, displays, cleaning - Schedule??
(Your talent?) tele #