

Attendance

Keegan Hange '08
Michael F. Scalise '77
Lee McCoy '61
John Sullivan '77
Thomas J. Morris III '77
Jason Cooper '96
Josh Butler '02
Trend Denison '77
Mark Place '77
Mark Fair '85
Andrea Fellersen '10
Casey Trexler '14
Andrew Baur '13
Andrew Michaelson '12
Henry Limmer '99
Sue Knechtel '88
Cory Gibson '99
Laura Gibson '12
Dan Young '83
Michael R. McElhaney '01.5
Erin Butler '02
Chrissie Vare '02
Brian Vare '00
Tom Ronksley

Minutes Proper

Prayer – Lee McCoy

Last year's minutes- I was remiss in my duties and neglected to bring them,
so we could not go over them.

Treasurer's Report- Tom Ronksley

- We currently have \$28,977.
- The balance is good for our year-to-year needs.
- Motion to Accept report- Tom Morris
- Second Cory Gibson
- Motion passed

Active President Report – Laura Gibson

- 24 active members as defined by what they need to accomplish to be an active member

- They are taking good care of the cabin.
- Lots of trips are being planned
- Concession stand – Andrew Baur
 - o Inspections by the Department of Agriculture will be occurring
 - Look at who touches what
 - Is food being warmed properly?
 - o Will be working and making changes to meet compliance
 - Purchase new crock pots
 - o I member will need to be certified by the state
 - 3 day program, \$180
 - Actives will pay for this out of their treasury
- The electronic lock is fantastic
 - o Can hold students accountable
 - o Few problems now
 - o Can know who caused problems when they occur

75th reunion discussion commencement

- Last time it was at the Quality Inn in Franklin
 - o Food service is inconsistent
 - o Room rates are good
- Suggested potential locations
 - o Repeat the Quality Inn
 - o Franklin Club
 - Across the street from Quality Inn
 - No one expressed personal experience with this establishment, but good word of mouth reviews
 - o Foxburg Inn
 - Has changed ownership
 - Is it still as good as in the past?

Recap of Cabin History- Lee McCoy

- Esther Post and Dr. Kase initiated the building of the cabin
- The lease ran out in Aug 1959, probably would not be renewed.
- Leaseholder died in April 1959, and it passed into the hands of the estate
- Trip to Algonquin Park
 - o Club grew
 - o Proved viable to the college
- 700 acres available for \$1300
 - o Boy Scouts declined to buy it because property lines were not clear
 - o Game Commission was interested in the property
 - o Bill Gaucher was in with the Game Commission and finagled it
- In 1970's cabin began to fall apart
 - o Ex. Boy Scout troop collapse

- Mark Place went to trustees for a loan to fix it.
 - o McKenzie gave two options
 - We'd give cabin to college and they'd care for it.
 - It would be ours and we would care for it.
 - o Answer: We'd be responsible for it but would be required to have insurance and etcetera
 - o They gave us a one-time \$10,000 loan to fix the foundation
 - o Stipulations (not pressed by College Pres. Ross Foster)
 - No student without a chaperone
 - Club activities must be approved by the college
 - Monthly report from club
 - o By 1981 → be good; no reports needed

- 1991 Dangerous activities published by non-member as club outings
 - o College said that OC must not advertise dangerous activities or be shut down
 - o Invention of A activities (during meeting) and B activities (adjourn meeting and then discuss).
 - o Inconsistent; varies from year to year

The cabin is continuing to deteriorate – Mark Place

- Put out information
 - o PowerPoint at 70th reunion
 - o '09 physical survey
 - o Updates in Axe and Saw
- Meeting with Dick Jewell
 - o Have history to him
 - o Showed him
 - Pictures
 - The architect report
 - Fundraising information
 - o Very supportive of initial study
 - o Shared finances briefs
 - o Has access to unrestricted giving, could maybe give us some money
 - o (We can't have a mortgage because the land can't act as collateral)
 - o Initially offered \$15,000 matching grant
 - o Now is offering onetime \$10,000 grant to be used for initial site study
- Example Problems
 - o Roof and rafters need to be replaced
 - o Joists and sills have numerous problems including rot and fungus
 - o Gas line is a worry

- Walls are in decent shape, thankfully
- It would be reasonable to replace the siding as well.
- Idea
 - Remove roof and siding
 - Lay down walls and tarp them
 - Remove floors and joists
 - Do something about the water problems in the basement
- Regulations
 - Not sure which regulations apply
 - Probably commercial since we are an incorporation
 - “guests” in code wording would include students, faculty, and family members
 - Cabin exclusion does not apply because building is too big
- Historical preservation
 - Cost is 3x more than just renovation
 - Not sure an incorporation is allowed to do that
 - Still have to follow building code stuff
 - If we put in a bid we have to build within 2 years
- Ramifications of potential non-seeking of permit
 - We don’t have an occupancy permit to begin with, so the land and building could be taken away from us.

Tom Morris’ Proposal → establishment of Dr. Edmund H. Kase Jr. Cabin Restoration Fund

- Sink and outhouse we should be able to keep
- ADA→ someone would have to sue us
- Purpose of the organization is to support the active club
- The basic issue with the building is underneath
- Wants to refuse the money from the college
- 650 people are not going to agree on anything 9 can
- 9 people on the funding committee
 - John Sullivan
 - Michael Scalise
 - Tom Morris
 - Mike McCarty
 - Cory Gibson
 - Josh Butler
 - Trent Denison
 - Ron Lang
 - Kevin Stevenson
- Proposed method
 - Raise cabin

- Pour new footer
 - Replace the wood underneath
 - Keep same footprint
- Money could only be spent by unanimous vote of all 9 on committee
- Regulations
 - Township is primarily interested in money, not going to care about ADA and etcetera
- If it's Tom's money it's not an issue for the entire association

Input from all present members – Paraphrase of how the discussion proceeded

John Sullivan

- Tom is stepping up to preserve this building that we all love.
- Why is it an issue, let's just thank him.

Tom Morris

- Regulatory parties probably will not be interested
- We did the roof, corner footer, kitchen, fireplace bottom, and no one said anything
- We would indeed get more bang for our buck if we just razed the building and put up a new one, but this is not for us. It is for the purpose of propagating the active club
- Wants to keep communications about these things out of print.

Dan Young

- Do you agree with using the architects spec?

Tom Morris

- No see what builder want to do
- Will take time to raise the money; 4 homecomings
- The leftovers will go to the Gaucher fund as principal

Jason Cooper

- Let's do it!

Josh Butler

- We should not be going out of our way to get express permission
- Not interested in spending out money for initial studies

Trent Denison

- We've done a good job of keeping it up over the years but let's go ahead and fix it up fully now.

Mark Place

- Issue with finding a contractor who is willing to do the project
- We've not been asking permission of regulatory bodies, just quiet investigation only
- We need concrete ideas first before we can proceed

- Corporate governance issue, we give up control to a handful of people; not comfortable with that
- The money is going to be spent sooner or later on gaining the preparatory information
- The \$40 thou study is the way to start

Mark Fair

- Has participated in lots of work on the cabin
- Believes Tom's offer to be generous
- Is concerned about turning the project over to only a few people
- Approach to the building project seems cavalier to him
 - o Could risk deed
 - o Doesn't like the assumption that the regulations don't apply

Mark Place

- What about re-doing the road so that cement trucks can come down?
- Scope of view of the project has to be expanded to include logistical things like that
- Construction company might fix the road but for probably an exorbitant price

Sue Knechtel

- Are the 9 going to be her to help with the work that is going to need to take place to keep the cabin going in the intervening 4 years
- Do they know the scope of the needs, as many have not attended work outings?
- How will peripheries such as the road be handled?

Dan Young

- Company will want background information, which would be gained in the geo-tech studies, before committing to the project
- The background info is really what needs to be done at this point

Tom Morris

- How much is the cabin really sinking? Is it an appreciable amount in 1 year or 7 years?

Mark Fair

- How will you approach bidding parties?
- The head will have to be general contractor, and who will have the time to do that?

Mark P

- The regulatory inspectors still have the final say

Cory Gibson

- We have a solution now, there could be issues
- We are here to keep the cabin going

Jason Cooper

- Quoted Rumsfeld – you go to war with the army you have not wait around for the army you want

Mike McElhaney

- Don't go in blind about what the geological situation is

Henry Limmer

- Reservations
 - o Corporate governance
 - For the association to turn over the single most important asset to a single group of people is not good
 - o What can Game Commission do with hooks in deed?
 - Stop work order
 - Scrutiny
 - Can they take property away from us?

Josh Butler

- In two years of trying to fund raise \$40 thou and couldn't get it.
- Where will you get \$200,000 elsewhere?
- What are your other options?

Erin Butler

- These people in the committee are not foolish; they will do their homework

Brian Vare

- I want to see this place remain for future generations.
- This is the decision of 9 and they are not foolish

Keegan Hange

- I agree with the qualms over corporate governance.
- I am not comfortable with assuming the regulations do not apply
- I am nervous about the repercussions of making that assumption

Mike Scalise

- Committee would report to the membership
- A narrow group is more manageable
- We'll do our due diligence
- There seems to be a trust issue

Henry

- It is the scope of authority
- What is the sole authority for?

Tom Morris

- How many people usually vote anyhow? There aren't many people at the annual meetings usually.
- There might have to be some changes

Henry Limmer

- I don't distrust the folks on the committee; it's a philosophical issue

Tom Morris

- Proposes asking 'permission' before a 'major change'

Tom Ronksley

- Tom's offer is too generous to pass up

Lee McCoy

- Many agencies tripping over laws
- Leave D. Jewell's offer alone
- Major Issue
 - o Must prepare for big No from game commission
 - o We don't have to blow the bugle, but the game commission controls here regularly, so it's not like they won't notice.

Motion made to accept Tom's offer – Tom Morris

Motion Seconded – Jason Cooper

12 for 5 against – motion carries

Tom Morris

- Suggests that Lee approach the game commission, Tom Morris will accompany, to start inquiry into what they might approve.
- Also suggests accepting the money from Jewell, so as not to give the man a personal slight.
- We should not publish acceptance of money in Axe and Saw or club-wide emails

Other Business

Formal Dues

- Tom Morris proposes a \$5 per year dues so that we can have a formal record of who is and who is not a member
- Tom Ronksley says we can't do that because then we would have to have a quorum at meetings and we never have that, so nothing could be accomplished ever.
- Jason suggests 'associate membership' for faculty and etcetera that way they would not legally be guests.

Officers

- Keep them → Yes

Money Previously Raised

- Tom Ronksley - where does the \$9thou go that was raised previously?
- Tom Morris- contact each person and ask them what they want to have done
- Mark Place- do we set aside \$9thou for study
- Mark Fair- Who is responsible for the \$9 thou and \$10 thou
- Tom Morris - suggests Mark Place for \$10 thou and to ask each person who made a donation to the initial fundraiser what they want to have done with the money