

**Minutes of the Adirondack Coast Cultural Alliance Meeting,  
December 12, 2013**



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Nov 19 2012

Rick Laurin called the meeting to order at 8:09 AM on Thursday, ~~November 14~~, 2013 at the ~~Clinton County Historical Museum~~ on the Old Base/~~Ohio Ave~~, Plattsburgh. In attendance were John Krueger, Amanda Palmer, Samantha Bellinger, Bill Glidden, Don Wickman, Sharon Bell, Amber Parliament, Jackie Madison, Bruce Carlin, Paula Dennis, Jane Saxe-Kelting, Melissa Peck, Julie Dowd, Helen Nerska (via SKYPE), Tammy Brown, Barb Benkwitt and Ricky Laurin.

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**Introductions –**

We introduced ourselves. Bruce Carlin represents Champlain Valley Transportation Museum this month.

**Secretary's Report/Approval –**

Minutes were provided at the meeting. John moved and Amanda seconded to approve the minutes of the November meeting, with corrections to Jane Kelting's name in 2 places. With this change, the minutes were accepted.

**Financial Report –**

Financial report through December 7, 2013 provided at the meeting. Melissa moved and Amber seconded, and the financial report was approved.

**Coordinator Report –**

Tammy shared that she's taken a position as sales/marketing manager for grilling pellets for Essex Pallet and Pellet Company in Keeseville effective January 6, 2014. Dave Deno, who has been working on the PAFB Museum start-up and received his BA in history from Plattsburgh State, has been named new manager of the War of 1812 Museum. Tammy will be relinquishing the coordinator role for ACCA as soon as a new coordinator is named, so until that time continue to send your updates/events to her (as well as to Amber). There are few events listed thus far through the first few months of 2014. Tammy has been getting French translation for the ACCA website's high points. The website isn't getting many hits. Amanda will look at changing to a Wordpress site at the end of our contract year in April/May, for cost savings as well as driving more people to the website.

**Old Business –**

- Museum Days – Confirmed scheduled for Saturday/Sunday June 7 and 8, 2014. Bill Glidden talked about the June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> (Thursday/Friday) APHNYS (public historians' association) mini-conference on the Battle of Plattsburgh to be held here. More details to follow.
- Passport 2014 – Amber will be starting the bid process for the Passport in January. Discussion followed about including a wider geography in the Passport / Museum Days. Further discussion next meetings. Jane Kelting and John Krueger will each speak with their contacts in Essex County, CVHN.
- BOP Commemoration 2014 – Rick will meet with Dr. Rich Frost and Bob Cheeseman about developing short 15-20 minute skits as were shown in the Montreal conference this summer. Sharon will be doing a costuming workshop this spring. Other ties to BOP and our Pride of Place – Lakes-to-Locks mobile app, YouTube Performance Piece (Paula Dennis), & connecting to schools.
- Communications – Bilingual pamphlets – include key points in French. Other suggestions included an ACCA rack card or brochure, distribution at the beach, QR codes. Rick, Jane, Melissa, and the Coordinator will get together on some options and report back.
- ACCA Dues or donations – Don motioned that membership be \$75 for organizations; \$25 for towns. Amanda seconded, motion passed. The membership helped pay for the Clinton County

Fair Booth in the past but success was spotty. Discussion later about continuing at the Fair.

- CPR Course – Rick reported that the Red Cross charges \$250 for a trainer, and attendees pay \$90. He will check with Clinton County Emergency Services or Fire Departments. The Alice will not be getting a Defibrillator at this time as it costs over \$1000.

#### New Business –

- Applications for Coordinator position – The job description will be posted to the ACCA website. If interested, send your resume to Rick by January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- The Plattsburgh Air Force Base Museum will be opening June 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 11 am.
- Lakes-to-Locks - Lake Champlain Blueway –Passage Port Mobile – Feed info to Paula Dennis about winter water activities (ice harvest, others?), and locations in Clinton County (Chazy Landing? Valcour? Peru Boat Launch?)
- 2014 Budget – Tabled until January meeting; adopt then.

#### Museum Reports - Events Update

- NNYACGS – Julie shared that the genealogy library is open year round in Dannemora on Wednesdays and many Saturdays – check the website.
- Clinton County Historical – The new exhibit ‘Compliments of the Season’ is up. Family Heritage interviews will continue from December through February. Call ahead, per Melissa.
- Lyon Mountain – Jane said Santa arrives at the Legion on December 13. Free pizza!
- Champlain Valley Transportation Museum – Bruce shared that CVTM hosted the Polar Express and PSU on 1<sup>st</sup> Weekend. February brings Snowball events. A doctor’s buggy is new; the airplane club has a display. The museum is closed until April.
- NCUGRHA – Jackie talked about the Plymouth Church talks in early December. Planning is ongoing with PSU for Martin Luther King Day on January 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Kent Delord – The Caring and Sharing Open House of KDL went really well, Don said, with over 210 people viewing the decorations (up through December 20<sup>th</sup>) and donating \$780 and 2 carloads of food for the Interfaith Food Shelf. Don will be interviewed on December 16 at noon on ‘Across the Fence’ on Channel 3 WCAX. The Holiday Secret House Tour was not held this year – too much going on.
- PSU Arts – Samantha is working on QR codes and interpretive material. More events will occur in February when the semester starts and the gallery reopens.
- BOPA – New placards and artwork were placed on the exhibits. Kindle Fire Raffle tickets available at the Gift Shop until the end of the month. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Wreaths Across America event will be noon Saturday December 14, with reception at the museum to follow. Thanks to Tammy for her service – she plans to attend the January meeting...
- Bill Glidden mentioned the German Men’s Chorus on December 15 at 1:30 pm at the Strand. The local SAR meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, and that they have placed an historic marker on Route 9 for the Battle of Valcour.

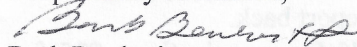
#### Chamber update

Amber provided applications for Day of Caring April 5, 2014, due March 12, 2014 at United Way.

Next meeting – Thursday, January 9, 2014, 8 AM, Plattsburgh State University, Winkel Gallery in Myers Fine Arts Building. Park in the student parking on the east side of Myers, between Rugar and Broad.

Motion to adjourn by John; seconded by Jackie. Meeting adjourned at 9:31 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barb Benkwitt  
ACCA Secretary