

Minutes of the Adirondack Coast Cultural Alliance Meeting, August 11, 2016



President Ellen Adams called the meeting to order at 8:35am, Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the North Country Chamber of Commerce building. Thanks, Kristy and Alina for hosting and training!

Present: Ellen Adams (Alice T. Miner Museum, ACCA president), Samantha Bellinger (PSU Arts), Barb Benkwitt (Schuyler Falls Town), Julie Dowd (CCHA and NNYACGS Genealogy), Kristy Kennedy and Alina Walentowicz (Visitors' Bureau), Ricky Laurin (ATM, community, past-president), David Monette (Strand Arts), Melissa Peck (CCHA), Stan Ransom (Champlain Valley Transportation), Don Wickman (KDH Museum).

The minutes of the July 14th meeting were approved on motion (Ricky motioned, Stan seconded). There was no treasurer's report.

Melissa's coordinator's report - Still waiting for Museum Days attendance reports from 8 venues; received info from KDHM, ATM, AARCH, PAFB, PSU, Babbie, CCHA. It's imperative to report due to our support from the Lake Champlain Basin Program. Please send to coordinator@adkcoastcultural.org ASAP. Dozer Days is again scheduled against next year's Museum Days. Suggest 'LIKE' all the organizations in ACCA and also Discover Plattsburgh and GoAdirondack. Grants upcoming are listed on the website and include Pomeroy Foundation for signage, Adirondack Decentralization Grants (NYSCA), and more.

Old Business –

ACCA will sponsor opening the Macdonough Monument on Saturday from 10-1 then after the parade until 4pm, during Battle of Plattsburgh; helpers needed to monitor the crowd, hand out coloring books – contact Julie Dowd. Sunday during BOP the monument will be open for 'Race to the Eagle' – aco-sponsored benefit of \$10 each entrant, for/by CCHA and Champlain Search and Rescue.

New Business –

Re the 350th anniversary of the Carrignan-Salieres – Jim Brangan of LCBP notes that both Vermont and Quebec have had commemorations, yet New York has been silent. Suggesting events could be held in Plattsburgh at PSU or CCC. Watch for a meeting; contact Jim or Melissa to support/suggest.

Path Thru History (PTH) Workshop – after the museum/venue reports, Kristy walked us all through the Path Thru History website and how to use it. The Chamber of Commerce is the designated TPA - Tourism contact for this 'Adirondacks' region. Attractions need to be nominated, according to PTH guidelines. Kristy and Alina will help you get started. PTH is looking to promote a positive visitor experience. PTH is a separate site from I Love NY and an additional database to manage. For I Love NY – www.iloveny.com – at the bottom there is a link to CMORENY where you can complete the application for accreditation, and submit events to be included. Check CMORENY to be sure your organization is included.

Bottom line –the Visitor Center folks – Kristy and Alina - can help you learn to use the tools available. It's important when listing your attraction or event to put in robust and descriptions and names, and stress heritage tourism. Add photos, use Twitter, Instagram, as well as Facebook.

Museum Reports –

Suffrage artifacts request – An Essex filmmaker, Martha Wheelock, is doing a documentary called “Forward Into Light” on Inez Milholland and the NYS suffrage movement so is seeking material – buttons, posters, etc. Google Martha’s name for info - <http://www.ishtarfilms.com/> and [http://inezmilholland.org/about-2/Alice T. Miner Museum](http://inezmilholland.org/about-2/Alice-T-Miner-Museum) – Aug 12 7 pm – Alice’s Fault music& picnic; Sept 17- Sounds of the Northway concert; Sept 24 – Alice’s 153rd birthday celebration; Sept 30 – Abby Zoldowsky – textile expert talk; bring items for evaluation [Ellen]

Champlain Valley Transportation Museum – A model train tour held July 23 was successful. The Children’s Museum and also Robotics/competition are going well. [Stan]

Clinton County Historical Association/Museum – Aug 18, 6pm– Intro to Genealogy by Julie Dowd; Aug 20 – Barracks Walk 1-3pm; Aug 27 – Street drive/fundraiser in Plattsburgh; Sept 2 & 10 – at Farmers’ Market, Sept 10-11 – At monument/Battle of Plattsburgh; Sept 24 – Out of the Attic Antique appraisal; Oct 15 –Art Fair/ Book Sale [Melissa, Julie]

Kent Delord House Museum – Been working on grant applications including SHPO grant; Nov 11-12 – History Month activities; Aug 25 –Across the Fence filming for BOP plus History Happy Hour with CATS; Kate Besaw legacy encampment during BOP. [Don]

Municipal Historians – Annual NYC public historians’ conference Sept 15-17 in Syracuse, with Family History Conference at same location/joint meeting. [Barb]

NNYACGS Genealogy Society and Library – Genealogy society annual conference Saturday Sept 24 from 9-3 at Dannemora Community Center, 40 Emmons St, Dannemora; speaker from Montreal archives [Julie]

Plattsburgh State Arts – Pre-School enrichment 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10 am. [Sam]

Strand Center for Arts – Aug 26 Ken & Brad Kolodner group performs on hammered dulcimer, fiddle and banjo. Art – Gharan Burton and The Dark Show; Louise Patinelli at Plattsburgh locations; Sept – Ita Bullard solo show. [David]

Visitor Bureau – Once the airport renovation is finished ~October 2016, the Travel Guide, Passport, and possibly other brochures can be placed there. More signage is coming to the ferry docks/road about Path Thru History, I Love NY. [Kristy/Alina]

Meeting adjourned at 9:36am.

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, September 15, 8:30am – Clinton-Essex-Franklin Library System offices located at 33 Oak Street in Plattsburgh

Respectfully submitted,

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