



CHEBEAGUE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Members Meeting Minutes June 11, 2022

Mary Holt, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The meeting was held in hybrid format, with 22 attendees present at the Chebeague Community Church and 6 others attending via Zoom.

- **Minutes from 2021 Annual Meeting**

A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes.

- **President's Report**

Mary Holt, President, gave the President's Report, excited that this was the first in-person meeting and CIHS group since March 2020.

Mary reported that museum staff and trustees have kept busy during Covid. The exhibit committee has been working hard in spring 2022 to get the "Growing Up on Chebeague" exhibit ready to open this summer. More than 6000 photos by Chebeague families and friends were submitted and scanned; 400 of these are in the exhibit. The *Sloops Log* about "Growing Up on Chebeague" was well received and volume 2 will be published in the fall.

We have stayed connected to our community through the Chebeaguehistory.com website, our newsletter, other websites, and social media. The Ellsworth Miller Memorial Lecture Series on Zoom have been highly successful, and recordings of past ones can be found on the CIHS website. Community WiFi is now available from the museum parking area and lawn – look for picnic tables soon!

Generous grants in 2021 from the Raymond Family Foundation, Recompense, and matching gifts from the community allowed for updates to the heating system and technology at the museum. Grants in 2022 from the 1772 Foundation for Maine Historic Preservations Projects and Recompense will contribute to the restoration of the 150-year-old schoolhouse windows and painting of the exterior.

Despite the museum being closed for 2 ½ years, the staff have been hard at work and spending extensive hours on the behind the scenes work to keep the enterprise going. Mary acknowledged the hard work of Carol Sabasteanski as treasurer and Beth McNulty in the museum shop and thanked all board members for their work on behalf CIHS.

Mary noted that the schoolhouse will soon celebrate its 150 birthday and CIHS will celebrate its 40th birthday in 2024. The members of CIHS must consider if this is the right time for a capital campaign to ensure that the museum and the historical society can continue to serve future generations on the island.

Attendees were encouraged to please sign up to volunteer – to work Chedemption and/or serve as a volunteer in our efforts, especially a future capital campaign.

- **Treasurer’s Report**

Carol Sabasteanski, Treasurer, presented the Treasurer’s Report. The profit and loss statement was not available at the meeting, but will be posted on the website.

Carol reported that through donations, grants, and the Museum shop, we had \$145,000 in revenue in 2021 – which was \$75,000 greater than in 2020. Our operating revenue over expenses for 2021 was \$29,100 - \$26,700 more than 2020.

Carol reported that our projections for 2022 show a deficit. This is largely due to less grant income and reduced donations.

A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to approve the Treasurer’s Report.

- **Election of Trustees**

A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to elect the slate of trustee candidates shown below.

TRUSTEE (3-year term)
David Hill
Mary Holt
Carol Sabasteanski
Jackie Trask

- The **Volunteer of the Year** for 2022 is Cathy McNeill. She was recognized for her extensive volunteer hours, dedication, photography, dependability, and collaborative nature. Her generous gifts of time and talent are greatly appreciated.
- **Recognition** - Chip Emery was recognized at the conclusion of his years of service on the Board of Trustees. Sincere thanks were given for his many years of

technical expertise and the advancements in technology that he shepherded CIHS through.

- **New Business**

There was no new business (except a couple corrections to the President's Report (which have been made to the text above).

A MOTION was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 PM.

Lecture – Dr. Chuck Radis

At the conclusion of the annual meeting, Dr. Chuck Radis, author of the books *Go By Boat*, *Island Medicine*, and *Wildflowers of Casco Bay*, gave a presentation. He began with a fantastic whistling demonstration. He gave background on his time in the National Health Service Corps, serving in a Health Manpower Shortage Area. From 1985-1990, he served Chebeague Island, Peaks Island, Long Island and Cliff Island as a family practice physician, coming to Chebeague 2x a week for the first 4 years and 1x a week for the last year. He shared fond memories of his time on the island and some of the people with whom he interacted; sometimes his bill was paid in fish or lobster! He talked about his writing that came from his pocket calendars where he recorded stories and conversations; most of his stories are a collage of people. He read from his second book *Island Medicine*, which highlighted some of the challenges of treating the intersection of physical and mental health.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jill Whitman Marsee, Secretary