

# Canal Fulton Heritage Society Monthly Board Meeting

March 7, 2011

**Location:** Hatfield Real Estate

**Time:** 7:00pm

**Called to Order:** 7:15pm

**Present:** John Hatfield (presiding), *Trustees* James Deans, Dennis Downing, Ed Shuman, *Admin. Asst.*, Robert Hodges

**Approval of minutes:** Jim Deans *moved* to accept, Dennis *seconded*, **all approved.**

**Officer's Reports:** **President:** John spent a few minutes setting up his plan for reorganization and provided everyone with a copy of his plan, notes, and comments. (*see additional sheet*) The following were also part of John's report: Robert will be doing the minimum amount of activity; we will review Robert's position and decided on the future of that position. Robert will act as John's assistant in the execution of his plan. Robert will also help John with an election. John will schedule individual meetings when needed otherwise email and phone will be used to provide information. John and Robert will be moving **misc. items** currently at John's office back to the Wm. Blank House for proper storage. The "NEW" **Horse Trailer**, currently at Leonard's will be picked up and as soon as possible and advertised for sale. John is currently reevaluating our existing trailer. Robert will arrange to get the "NEW" trailer from Leonard's as soon as he is able. Or **Horse Sam** was brought up but was put on hold until later in the meeting where it was under old business on the agenda. John has used his message boards to place messages for the Heritage Society. John is using a series of (4) messages to notify the community of our situation and get a response. A vote was held to approve these messages (page2 of John's plan on additional hand out,) *Greg asked* if we had obligations anyone that would be in question because of the phrase "limited operation." *John replied* that he plans on Robert handling the "daily obligations," and that he (John,) would move forward with putting this plan in action. Jim asked if we needed to vote on the messages. **Greg moved that we accept the wording of the messages and post them on a rotation as outlined by John. Jim Deans seconded. 3 in favor 1 abstaining.** Ed stated that he would not vote against the messages if John thought they would work but did not see who the clear target audience was or what they were being asked to do to help. Later discussion on John's plan, Greg asked John to define standby. John defined it as securing the buildings and minimal meetings. Greg asked about decisions that we were working on including the By-Laws and Changing the Number of trustees. John replied that he was in favor of getting some of the decisions made but was looking into legally how it needs to proceed.

**Administrative Report:** The Huntington Account mentioned last month was still held open. Robert explained that this would be the case until the OECA Grant was complete at such time he would be able to close this account and transfer the balance as discussed at previous meetings. Ed provided an updated total for the Mules Base Ball Club account, which stands at \$1784.46. Feb utilities were still to be paid.

*(Before we proceeded to Committee reports there was some discussion, at which time Robert suggested that before elections we make clear what the new trustees' duties will be.)*

**Committee Reports:** **Historic Preservation Committee:** (*no meetings*) there will be one scheduled on March 17. **Arts**

**Committee:** There were no meetings since the Feb. CFHS meeting. **Marketing:** Dennis again mentioned working with Robert to sell post cards and had some samples to show.

**Old Business:** **What to do with Sam (draft horse):** Sam had another Arthritic episode and was given some medication to treat this that was left by the vet. Nate who runs Butterbridge Stables is to contact us if the condition worsens. Rent for March will be pro-rated if Sam is moved before the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Others have asked about taking care of Sam, the Hammers (aka Flight Path Farms,) will be given first refusal. John stated we should move Sam as soon as we are able once an agreement is reached.

**Greg moved that once final detail are worked out we move Sam as soon there after to "Flight Path Farms." This being completed no later than March 31. Dennis seconded, all approved.** **Gift Shop:** the "Glass Factory" on Market St., has set up an area of our merchandise at their gallery. Linda Keillor also has set aside space at her store for selling CFHS merchandise.

**New Business:** (*none of note*)

**Announcements / Additional Notes:**

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned @ **8:54pm**

**Next Meeting:** to be **April 4, 2011, 7:00pm @ Hatfield Real Estate**

*Minutes submitted by: Ed Shuman, trustee 4/04/2011*

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