

**Alexandria Historical Society**  
**April Board Minutes**  
**April 11, 2017**

Meeting took place by Conference Call  
Convened at 6:35 p.m.

**Members Present:** Ginny Hamill, Steve Kimbel, Julia Randle, Caroline English, Mark Whatford, Katy Cannady, Tal Day, Audrey Davis, Debbie Ackerman

Unable to attend: Patrick Ladden, Jim Mackay, Catherine Weinraub  
Absent: Jackie Cohan

Mark made a motion to accept March minutes. Ginny seconded. All voted unanimously.

1. Programs – Audrey Davis

- a) Audrey reviewed the Mount Vernon Event (Mansion, Distillery, and Grist Mill Tour) and noted the positive attendance. She pointed out that this event was a “nice gift” from Jamie Bosket, former board member, who had been Vice-President at Mount Vernon.

Audrey will send thank you note to Emily Thomas whom she coordinated with at Mount Vernon.

Board members spoke about doing more events like this. Discussion of Teddy Bear Picnic in conjunction with Ivy Hill Cemetery which had originally been considered for May. However, due to limited time, board members agreed to postpone for a later date in 2017.

- b) Audrey discussed finalization of plans for May Lecture – Mark Tully – “1861 Peace Conference”. Debbie brought up whether board should have Jay Bartol videotape. Discussion. Steve Kimbel made a motion and Katy seconded to have the lecture taped. All voted unanimously.

2. Treasurer’s Report – Tal Day

Report was circulated prior to meeting. Transmitted email included the following:.

1. PayPal includes a number of payments for the Mt. Vernon Event and 6 new memberships
2. Market values of index funds are stable. The General Savings Fund is still below the threshold for diversification at a 60/40 apportionment.

3. AHS has paid \$660 toward the cost of the Mt. Vernon event.

### 3. Book Project – Tal Day

Tal discussed book project which had originally been conceived by Linda Greenberg, former board member, which was a series of articles written by Richard Klingenmeyer. Board discussed whether AHS desired to publish articles from one author (who could publish on his own) or a work of quality that would not be found elsewhere. Tal suggested articles on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century describing the economic relationship between plantations in this region and the town of Alexandria. Aspects which could be included would be the effect of Jefferson's embargo on the area. Discussion of whether AHS wanted to work with Mount Vernon on this project and to check with staff first whether they already have done something in this area. Suggestion that Mount Vernon could have an Epilogue in an AHS publication.

Steve suggested reviewing articles from other disciplines that might be available. He noted the recent excavations in Alexandria that may produce significant reports.

Board discussed obtaining copyright clearances and permission, and how this would occur. Suggestion made to review material and determine whether there was merit in doing a publication on this subject. Discussion of ways to bring this together with themes/authors/material.

### 4. Membership – Mark Whatford

Current membership – 207.

Discussion of a deadline regarding new members. For instance, if someone signed up as a new member in April, May, or June, would they have to pay the membership fee for the upcoming year beginning on July 1.

Board agreed that new members who enroll at or before the May lecture (the fourth Wednesday of May) will automatically be enrolled for the upcoming year beginning July 1.

### 5. Website – Caroline English

Caroline brought up whether she had approval to put items on website. Tal advised her that she has this approval. Caroline will post photos from last events on website and Twitter.

### 6. Chronicle – Ginny Hamill

Ginny has been reaching out to Bill Dickinson about an article for the Chronicle on the sewer system in Alexandria. He has not responded, but she will keep trying.

### 7. Newsletter –

Tal brought up that the Board of Directors slate for 2017 – 18 needs to be in the Newsletter for April and May as well as the change in the by-laws. Also the by-laws change should be published on the website.

8. Alexandria Archaeology – Katy Cannady

Katy indicated that nominations for the Ben Breneman award are being requested.

9. Hospitality – Debbie Ackerman

May lecture – Caroline and Ginny

June – Mark

These board members will obtain the ABC liquor license for the day.

10. April Awards Evening – Julia Randle and Debbie Ackerman

Julia spoke about the nomination process. The awards winners are: Fran Bromberg and Kim Bernard Hollien – both have been informed.

Julia spoke about the benefits of sending out request for nominations earlier – in September and then reminder in January. Discussion of whether we want to give our membership email list to the City so that an email blast can go out in conjunction with the City's and therefore reach a wider audience.

Brief discussion of a way for AHS to recognize City employees.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Debra P. Ackerman  
substitute