

NH Storytelling Alliance Annual Meeting

Granite State Story Swap

Saturday, May 4, 2018

Canterbury, NH

26 in attendance: John Sanders, Ruth Niven, Sharon Wood, Papa Joe Gaudet, Laretta Phillips, George Radcliffe, Andy Davis, Kim Hart, Sue McPhee, Joyce Sabato, Kevin B. Waldron, Steve Wood, Quinn Golden, Pam Matson, Jo Radner, True Ricker, Mike Cohen, Libby Franck, Jackson Gillman, Kevin Mahoney, Matt Krug, Simon Brooks, Barbara Aliprantis, Sebastian Lockwood, Bruce Marcus, Tom Brillat

I. Welcome – President John Sanders called the meeting to order at 11:40 am.

II. Honor (departed and departing Board members):

- A. Peter Brodeur, who had been a founding member of NHSA, passed away last fall; known in storytelling circles as Bearded Turtle, he is greatly missed and will be remembered for his stories and photos of nature and for his many wonderful photos of past storytelling events
- B. Mark Chamberlain has moved to Maine and is no longer a member of NHSA
- C. Laretta Phillips, founding member of NHSA, is retiring from her position as Event Manager.

III. A Few Words from Laretta

- A. After fifteen years of being at the helm of many different storytelling ventures, Laretta is looking forward to having more time to promote her own storytelling.
- B. She introduced Joyce Sabato, who will be taking on the duties of Event Manager.

IV. Introduction of Current Board Members – John Sanders, President; Joyce Sabato, Vice President & Event Manager; Ruth Niven, Treasurer; Vicky Dworkin, Secretary; Papa Joe Gaudet, Membership Chair; True Ricker (also a founding member of NHSA) and Sharon Wood, Members-at-Large

V. Board Member Nominations - Papa Joe Gaudet, for an additional 3-year term; True Ricker for a new 3-year term (returning to the board, having served previously); Joyce Sabato, for her first 3-year-term. A motion was made by Kim Hart to accept the slate presented; Simon Brooks seconded; motion passed.

VI. 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes: copies of last year's minutes were distributed; motion to accept made by Jo Radner; seconded by Pam Matson; motion passed

VII. Treasurer's Report: Ruth Niven

- A. There is a balance of \$1262.37; expenses exceeded income for both GSSS & WMSF in 2018; both events showed a loss; GSSS -\$288 due to severe storm the night before keeping many people away)and (WMSF -\$190 extra cost of featured speaker arriving early because of approaching storm)
- B. 2019 GSSS is paid for (no bills outstanding)
- C. Our trade name (NHSA) has been renewed with the state of NH
- D. Motion to accept by Papa Joe Gaudet; seconded by Kim Hart; motion passed

VIII. Membership Committee Report: Papa Joe Gaudet

- A. Membership has been stable at 60-80 members over the last three years; Joe would like to see that grow to 100
- B. Dues is only \$20; our budget has been basically the same each year; we need to keep the events going, in order to realize our goal to promote storytelling
- C. We need more people to help with NHSA website (Mike Cohen volunteered)
- D. We need to remind members of the option to have dues automatically renewed via the online link; Joe sends a "thank you" each time a membership is renewed automatically

IX. 2019 White Mountain Storytelling Festival Plans: Joyce Sabato

- A. Sept 13 to 15, 2019, Plymouth State University,
- B. Regi Carpenter is featured teller
- C. \$25 for full weekend; \$5 single concerts (\$10 for Regi's Sat. evening concert)
- D. More info on NHSA website

X. Call for volunteers: John Sanders

Members needed to help with WMSF in the fall & next year's GSSS; let him know if you are available and willing to lend a hand; there are many different jobs to be done & every one's help is appreciated

XI. Questions

Andy Davis announced that Milbre Burch will be telling in Tamworth in the morning of June 2, and before that on May 28 in Newton, MA

XII. Adjourn: motion made by Papa Joe, seconded by Simon Brooks, to adjourn, motion passed (12:10 pm)

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Wood, Secretary Pro-Tem