

EXPEDITION MESSENGER

NEWSLETTER OF THE
ARNOLD EXPEDITION
HISTORICAL SOCIETY



December 2008

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Sunday, 10-12-08 Annual Meeting – Augusta

In the absence of President and Treasurer Dan Warren, the other officers delayed the business meeting until after the dinner. Vice President **Jay Robbins** ran the meeting.

President and Treasurer Reports:

Absent, no report.

Colburn House:

Jay announced that \$1200 of AEHS funds had been spent on an oil spill at the Colburn House cleaned up by Maine DEP in September.

Jay explained briefly the proposed new relationship between AEHS, Maine's Bureau of Parks and lands (BPL) and the Colburn House, then introduced Tom Desjardin, AEHS historian and BPL Historic Site Specialist to explain further.

To summarize, the AEHS no longer has any responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the Colburn House, including the caretaker, and utility bills. The AEHS is allowed and even encouraged to continue to take advantage of the property to display artifacts, hold meetings, etc. The AEHS can retrieve any of its items it wants from the Colburn House property with a simple vote of the directors at any time. The house will still be used to promote the AEHS and its work as it is an important part of the public awareness and member recruitment for the society.

BPL and the AEHS board will formalize this new relationship in a memorandum of agreement in the next few months.

Reports:

Dude Wing informed the group that the book about the Arnold Expedition he has been helping Arthur Lefkowitz write for some years now is published and available. He and Arthur spoke recently at the Revolutionary War Round Table in New York.

Trail Map

Transcanada, a Canadian wind power company that is planning a wind farm on Kibby Mountain – has given AEHS a \$10,000 grant to create a full color, GIS-based map of the trail from Lake Wyman Dam to Canada. It will include mile markers with Fort Western as Mile “0”. The map is ready for press except for the narrative section which will go on the back. Community GIS in Farmington is producing the map. Transcanada has informed AEHS that annual grant money may be available in the future.

Ron Gamage informed us that the trail [Great Carrying Place] has not been worked on in at least three years and will need some clearing this coming spring.

Nichols Cabin, Middle Carry Pond Ron and **Rusty Arsenault** have built new front and rear steps on the cabin as well as a ladder for shoveling snow from the roof. {cont. Page 2}

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Nominations Committee Report:

Bob Cunningham and Jay Robins served as the nominations committee.

The following slate of officers and directors was nominated and elected for 2008-09. Directors were elected for three years.

President: Steve Clark
Vice President: Jay Robbins
Treasurer: Bob Cunningham
Secretary: Sherri Clark

Expiring Directors Terms

Susan Hutchins
Jean Lockyer
Rusty Arsenault

New Directors (three year term): Terms Expire 2011

Rusty Arsenault
Stephen Clark
Sherri Clark
Guy C. Grant

Actions Voted Upon:

- Report of the nominations committee accepted unanimously.
- The new Colburn House arrangement accepted unanimously.

Speaker:

James Lockyer, author and retired Bates College professor regaled the members present with a fascinating talk on Rev. Jacob Bailey, a minister in Dresden, Maine from 1760-1779.

Adjourn: 2:30 pm Minutes taken and submitted by historian **Tom Desjardin**

New Contacts for AEHS

Because of the changes at the Colburn House, where we will no longer have an AEHS representative, there will be some changes for people to contact the AEHS.

Phone: we will no longer maintain a phone at the Colburn House. For those wishing to call us, please call the president and secretary's home phone in Shapleigh, Maine. Someone is there most of the time. That number is (207) 636-1769. Best time to catch them is anytime after 7:00PM, except during a Red Sox night game.

US Mail:

The new US mailing address for the Society is at the president and secretary's home address in Shapleigh, Maine. Here is that address:

Stephen or Sherri Clark
599 Shapleigh Corner Road
Shapleigh, Maine 04076

Website: arnoldsmarch.com

Email: You can use the forwarding email address within our web site arnoldsmarch.com or feel free to contact the president at his email address, clarkbook@metrocast.net

The secretary, Sherri's email address is: scspringhill@metrocast.net

To contact any other officer or director, refer to the AEHS list of officers and directors, found within this edition of the *Messenger*.