

Sabino Association Meeting Minutes  
September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Meeting was gaveled in at 7:15 p.m. by Doug Wilson. Doug thanked our hosts for the evening, the Werner Family. He then thanked the membership for their support over the past two years, with the complication of COVID. Doug explained we missed a business meeting last year, and with the late start this year, the board thought it would be best to have the business meeting at the end of the season. The Secretary and Treasurer reports will encompass the last two years.

Tina Sener then presented the secretary's report. It included a summary of the 2019 season, activities during 2020, and a wrap up of the 2021 season. The report will be posted on the website.

Izabela Werner presented the treasurer's report. This too included the 2019 summary, activity during 2020 with final balances, and current year status of our finances. This report will be on website as well. She thanked membership who gave more in 2020 to ensure we made the insurance payment and other necessary expenses. Also, she thanked Mike Jamison for working to reduce our insurance costs from ~\$2100 to \$1651. Membership is estimated at 31 for the 2021 season. In addition the membership has \$4,000 pledged or deposited for the hall preservation fund. Doug stated we would discuss more about the preservation fund later in the meeting. We have been able to pay annual operating costs out of membership dues. Any surplus from dues, plus auction proceeds goes to preservation. We were able to upgrade the electrical during 2020, which has now brought the hall into code compliance. Many commented on the ceiling fans as well.

Next topic was the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This was put on pause with COVID, as we were originally slated to celebrate this year, but instead will celebrate in August of 2022, which is the 100 year anniversary of the incorporation of the Sabino Improvement Association. Roz is open to receiving emails of suggestions for the celebration. Ideas of blessing of the boats, lobster bake, and scavenger hunt have been put forth. The thought is to have one day of celebration. With regard to photos, please forward them to Tina, she is working on the website and setting up an album. Suzanne Andresen brought forth the idea to get an official proclamation from the town of West Bath. Chet Freeman stated he had the video of the meeting that those who have been here for generations told stories of Sabino. We could show the video that evening. Doug asked Chet if he could get that to Tina for upload to website. Tina will contact Chet to have him download to Google drive. Kerry Nelson stated she had a collection of historical information available. Probably should look through, maybe use in preparation for celebration. Someone asked about Peggy Crawford's recordings. They are on the website.

Tony Chodorowski discussed the next agenda topic, the hall preservation. Tony updated the numbers associated with hall maintenance. The spreadsheet will be uploaded to the website. But as a point of discussion the roof estimates was increased by 20% due to building material increased cost. The average cost based on three estimates was around \$16,000 to replace entire roof. Tony reviewed the cost of work done for the electrical upgrades. The membership reviewed the list of other items and gave input into priorities.

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Next the discussion centered on fund raising. There were question with regard to our non-profit status, we are not a C3 but a C7 which is a social club. So we are not tax deductible for contributions. Kerry Nelson brought up the Davenport Fund, they typically give to C3 organizations, but since we are preserving history in the region they may make an exception. The board will look into this. There was another suggestion that we set up a Go Fund Me page. There will need to be some research on how that income is reported. Again the board will look into this option. The discussion then turned to regular maintenance such as painting. Work parties were put together and did paint trim, now looking to get building painted as well. Appliances was next topic, the membership has urged people to donate their appliances they are replacing if they are in good shape. The membership felt at this time the current appliances were sufficient. Kitchen upgrades were low on priority list as everything in the kitchen is sound. In summary the #1 priory will be the roof, with the second priority a handicap ramp. Need to review designs, but really looking for something unintrusive to the front of the hall. #3 would be the kitchen. Someone asked what the preservation fund goal is? It is currently \$25,000. This should cover priority #1 and provide a good financial foundation for future maintenance costs. Our timeline is to raise the money by the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. There was a brief discussion on borrowing money, but in general the membership was not interested in getting to debt. Another fund raising idea was to sell plaques, similar to the bricks they sell at the school to raise money. This will be part of the fund raising strategy

Angel Jamison had the last topic, which were elections. She reminded us the by-laws require an annual election. Last year we did not hold one due to the pandemic. The board and trustees have all stated they will serve one more year, but next year will be looking for a wholesale change out of leadership. We have been together for three years, next year will be four. Angel asked there was a challenge to any of the positions, none were identified. She motioned current slate remain. Kurt Pettis seconded, and the membership approved. The following will be the slate of officers and trustees:

Doug Wilson – President  
Rosalind Kalb- Vice President  
Izabela Werner – Treasurer  
Christina Sener – Secretary

Trustees: Anthony Chodorowski, Michael Jamison, Paul Werner.

Business meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.