

Tom

VOCA Annual Meeting, Townshend, VT.

October 4, 2014 39 people present, not all were members. Possibly 35 were members.

Meeting called to order at 10:05 AM by Pres. Giffin

Began the meeting with recognition of Peggy Jenks. She received the Association of Gravestone Studies' highest award, the Forbes Award. She received it in June at the AGS Annual Meeting held at Franklin College in Indiana.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the 5/3/14 Spring Meeting and the 9/15/14 Board Meeting were read and approved.

President's Report: 1. New signs are available
2. Need some help with county reps and foot stones.
3. Recognition of Diane's work on the biannual donation letter, and its success
4. Pres. went to Hildene and Sharon
5. Web and face book update and thanks to Tom and Barry
6. Stones and Bones now on disc (\$15), thanks to Cliff
7. IRS update - was submitted and rejected, now being resubmitted.

Secretary's Announcements:

1. Announcement of Wayne Rowell's death - creator of the show "Sudden and Awful" - monuments that cited a tragedy and a contributor to Burial Grounds of VT.
2. Jamaica restoration and the discovery of a buried Civil War monument.
3. 2015 AGS meeting will be in Westfield, MA
4. Flag stands returned to Hudson Falls, NY
5. Discovery of a box of Burial Grounds of VT. books.
6. The need for county reps and foot stones.

Treasurer's Report: Copy attached, motion made and seconded to approve, as corrected. There were questions about what year, vs. calendar year, and this being the annual meeting. Also the format

Grants Report: Attached. Motion made and seconded to approve \$3,000 for 2015. Amendment made to approve up to \$4500 - 7 for 16 against. Amendment fails. Main motion passes with some descent. Note: current maximum per cemetery is \$750.

Old Business: 1. Aldrich Cemetery - update by Whit Mowry, the cemetery is not being maintained.

New Business: 1. Newsletter - suggestions on how to save money. Reduce to two newsletters. How about email? Have a committee come up with a proposal. Have members respond to the website with their email address and send out a notification in the next newsletter. Send a sample email newsletter to those who want it to see how they like it. Tom G. will forward the mailing list to tom LeDoux.

2. Dean Fund - try to make more money. Whit had a Vanguard proposal. Marchant had an Ameriprise proposal. Motion made and seconded to allow the Board of 4 and 4 members (8 total) invest no more than \$10,000. Failed

Motion made and seconded to have the Executive Board allot \$10,000 (from the Dean Fund) to a better investment plan than we now have. Carried

3. Motion made and seconded to have VOCA join the VHS by 11/1/14 at \$100 and appoint Barry Trutor our representative and to participate in the next biannual History Fair at Tunbridge. Carried

Election of Officers - motion made and seconded to have the Clerk cast one ballot for the proposed slate. Carried - same slate as currently serves

Need Washington County and Caledonia Reps. Foot stone appointment - Clayton Trutor. Need sites for

future meetings. Wells was suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM

Following a catered lunch at the Townshend Town Hall, a program on "How to Photograph Gravestones" was presented by Bob LeBlond from Wardsboro and the Brattleboro Camera Club

Charles E. Marchant, Sec.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Charles E. Marchant". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.