

**Minutes of the Herndon Historical Society Meeting  
Wednesday 28 January 2015  
Herndon Depot  
Herndon, Virginia**

**Business Meeting:** The meeting was called to order by President Charlie Waddell with 14 people in attendance. Minutes from the 24 September 2014 meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** The Treasurer's report was given: checking account balance: \$3,984.13, balance of Herndon Historical Society (HHS) investments as of 30 June 2014 was \$5,302.70.

**Old Business:** President Waddell thanked the many volunteers who have given so generously of their time to serve as docents at the Depot on Sunday afternoons and again reminded the members there is always a need for docents.

The Model Train Show held 13-14 December 2014 was a big success, 950 people visited the train display in the Herndon Municipal Center. The Caboose was open and very busy.

President Waddell reported no real progress has been made on the Coleman Cemetery.

**New Business:**

The annual election of officers to HHS was held. Ballots and membership forms had been emailed/mailed. The voting is restricted to members of HHS in good standing. There was one nomination from the floor, Barbara Glakas was nominated to the Board. Virginia Clarity tallied the votes and reported the results: President: Charlie Waddell, Vice President: Jeff Davidson, Secretary: Beverly Harris, the term of office for these three positions is 1 year. Richard Downer will continue to serve as Treasurer. The three members elected to the Board were: Melissa Highley, Steve Sensabaugh, and Scott Tilton. The term for each of the Board positions is three years.

President Waddell thanked three retiring officers: Virginia Clarity, Margaret Cyrus and Harlon Reese for the time and support while serving HHS as officers and for promoting the HHS.

HHS received boxes of artifacts from the now defunct Herndon Business and Professional Women's Club. Chuck Mauro volunteered to go through the material in order to select items that would be suitable for HHS.

The Town of Herndon is putting up historic signs/markers in different places around Herndon and have requested three volunteers from HHS. Jeff Davidson and Barbara Glakas have volunteered.

Thank you notes will be sent to Dave Kirby – a thumb drive of Berkley Green photos, Scott Pafume, Herndon Middle School Theatre Arts Director, – script from the play, "Herndon Town" and Daryl and Maria Smit - 1955 Herndon High School class ring on loan.

Credos to Melissa Highley for maintaining the HHS presence on Facebook. Thank you. Also thanks to Carol Bruce for keeping us informed of the gold reclaimed from the SS Central America. This is still high drama.

There were some issues regarding the requirement to vote by secret ballot. The HHS Board will review the voting process. The By-Laws were last updated in 2011.

**Announcements:** The Fairfax Genealogical Society Spring Conference will be held 27-28 March at Fair Oaks. For additional information contact Charlie Waddell.

There are two applications before the HPRB for new roofs. These properties are located at 626 Spring

Street and 863 Grace Street. Asphalt shingles were available in the 1870's, however were asphalt shingles used on homes in Herndon at that time is an issue. Possibly the HPRB guidelines should be re-visited particularly regarding the Standing Seam roof. Currently, the guidelines are being ignored. Do the guidelines need to be updated? Jeff Davidson provided he had grown-up in a home with sealed-seam roof, and how you would hear different sounds. It was truly a different culture.

A resident who had recently purchased a historic home at 805 Monroe, inquired if the HHS maintained a list of "approved contractors" who do restoration and repair work on historic home. During the discussion it was pointed out there are very few contractors who will do work on homes 50 years or older.

**Program:** Mike Hall gave a lively and entertaining presentation on the myth and legend of the American cowboy. Mike is reenactor/impressionist/story teller who focuses on the Old West and does talks about myths and legends in the Old West. He also does Pecos Bill and Mark Twain impersonations.

The next meeting of the HHS will be held 20 May 2015.