

# Reliving History, Inc. (RHI) Board of Directors Meeting



## Minutes

Date: June 10, 2009

Location: Peter Burr House

Board Members Present: Joyce Cole, Betty Lowe, Kristen Marino, Nelson Parkinson, Bill Theriault

Board Members Absent: Deborah Rochefort

Others Present: Kitty Jackson; Ellen Hall, Boy Scouts of America; Representative from Boy Scouts of America; Margie

### Proceedings:

J. Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Approval of Minutes:

Discussion of minutes was tabled until the next meeting.

### Treasurer's Report:

J. Cole is working with the Eastern West Virginia Community Foundation to establish a legacy fund.

### Activities:

**1. Organization:** J. Cole reported that she is working on incorporation and tax exempt documents for RHI.

**2. Programming:** J. Cole continued discussions about having a Venturing Crew to serve as costumed interpreters to represent members of the Peter Burr family. Representatives from the Boy Scouts of America said they remain interested in the project.

**3. Archaeology:** K. Marino reported that the first session of artifact cleaning would take place on June 13. A person who expressed an interest in assisting to clean artifacts at the Potomac Valley Audubon Society lecture has been contacted.

**4. American Chestnut Tree Project:** J. Cole noted that chestnut trees were prevalent during the Colonial era in this area and she has learned of an opportunity to be a demonstration site to plant the trees. Once the trees have matured, we could sell the chestnuts. Soil testing will have to be conducted.

### 5. Fundraising:

- J. Cole reported on a potential fundraising idea that could become an annual event. She hopes to hold a Pumpkin Race to commemorate the 1753 Pumpkin Flood.
- Paypal is being placed on the website in order to accept donations.
- J. Cole has a copy of the Burr Family coat of arms and would like to apply it to items for sale at the Aaron Burr Society meeting in October.

**6. Costume/Interpretation:** J. Cole noted that D. Rochefort, along with Mary Orr, would like to set

up programs related to 18<sup>th</sup> century clothing to occur during the summer.

**7. Outreach:**

- J. Cole reported that she has identified a number of events in the community in which RHI could take part and would like to begin scheduling activities.
- K. Marino suggested hosting a table at Charles Town's or Shepherdstown's farmer's markets. N. Parkinson noted that Friends of Happy Retreat has a table at Charles Town's market and would be willing to share with RHI.

**Old Business:**

Nothing to report.

**New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:90 p.m.