

DODGE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
July 29, 2008 SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
Log Cabin, Kasson, MN

Board Members Present and Term Expires:

<u>x</u> Ruth Stringer (2009)	<u>x</u> Don Smith(2010)	<u>x</u> Melisa Ferris (2010)
<u>x</u> Scott French (2010)	<u>x</u> Sue Harwood (2011)	<u>x</u> Bob Peterson
<u>x</u> John Kvasnicka (2011)	<u>  </u> Nancy Smith	

Museum Director: Earlene King - absent

The meeting was called to order by President Sue Hardwood at 7:00 p.m.

Sue H offered Julie de Groot as a Board member to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Lynette Dahms, and as a potential Treasurer. Julie has offered to work with Borgstrom Durst to get the DCHS books in order. Discussion was had re: Julie dG. Ruth S. says that to be Treasurer, Julie must be on the Board and must be a volunteer—the only paid member of the DCHS “staff” is the Museum Director. Johnny K said that we must review the minutes of the last meeting to determine what we said about Julie dG coming on to the Board—his recollection was that she would not come on as a Board member until after the financial records were in order. Don S. recalled the conversation being that nothing would be done to elect Julie as Treasurer until the whole Board had a chance to get together and discuss the proposition, and noted that this was exactly the point of calling a special meeting. Johnny K. demanded that we follow Robert’s Rules of Procedure. He thought we’d bring her on the Board after the financial statement was prepared and in front of the Board for review. Sue noted that we have to have an elected Treasurer in order to have a financial statement. Don S. noted that there was a suggestion to pay Julie originally, but that we cannot do that in accordance with our by-laws, so Julie waived any agreement for payment and has agreed to be our Treasurer if we elect her and bring a statement to the August meeting. Johnny K said he does not want us to get “tripped up” in our minutes because we are “coming very close to an audit.” He said anyone can request an audit because we accept public funding. Although he said anyone can request an audit, he said he doesn’t know anyone who has or would do so. Johnny K then asked whether this was a special Board Meeting and if so, asks whether written notice of the meeting was sent to the Board members. Sue H. says she e-mailed written notice to everyone who has e-mail and telephoned Ruth, who does not have e-mail. Don S. noted that this meeting and the discussion of the treasurer’s position is an attempt to bring the Board into compliance with its By-Laws. Don S. moved to bring Julie DeGroot on to the Board. Melisa F. seconded. Sue H. asked for any further discussion. Scott F. asked whether Julie had been working with Borgstrom Durst on the books already. Julie said she had not started working on them and would not unless and until she was elected to the Board and elected Treasurer as it would be improper. Julie said she refused any pay as an independent contractor to work on the books because she wanted to avoid even the appearance of impropriety, but would begin working on the books as soon as she was elected to do so. On vote, the motion passed, with Johnny K abstaining because he was not able to review the minutes of the last meeting prior to the vote. Don S. then nominated Julie dG as Treasurer, Melisa F seconded; the motion carried with Johnny K abstaining again for the same reason as previously stated.

Sue H. then closed the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.