

HATT MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2016 Austin T. Blakeslee Natural Park, 11:00 AM

45 Members and Guests in Attendance

The August meeting (annual picnic) was called to order by Scarlett Rehrig. She also led the Pledge of Allegiance. Scarlett reported that the archives have been classified into numerous categories and they are ready to be used for research. On August 30th at 11:00 AM there will be a 2 hour meeting at the library for anyone interested in the archives. Rick reported that on September 8th, Jim Forcella will present a talk on the "Alamo" at 5:30P.M. The annual dinner meeting will take place at LNC on October 19th. Amy Leiser will give a talk about the "Women of Monroe County." Rick announced that a book and DVD about the history of Lutherland may be purchased for \$5.00 each.

Rick was pleased to announce that several people have agreed to take on leadership roles for HATT for the coming year. The following individuals have agreed to serve: President: Chuck Waygood, Vice-President: Kris Avery, Secretary: Dr. Peggy Rapp, Treasurer: Laura Laspee, Directors: Gene Kerrick (2 Year term) Doris Zimmerman (3 Year Term). These candidates will be voted on by the membership at the September meeting. Director Bruce Denlinger (year 3) and Immediate Past President Rick Bodenschatz remain on the Board.

Program Chair: Rick Bodenschatz, Program committee: Dick Cary, Maddy Mogel, Larry Jerema, Ike Olsen, Frank Dardone, and Doris Zimmerman. These positions do not require a vote.

PRESENTATION

Nell Fossa and Russ Cramer gave a talk entitled, "Survival in the Post Ice Age World." Nell said that the first inhabitants to the Pocono area likely arrived about 13,000 years ago during the Paleoindian Age/Clovis Tribe. The climate was very cold, there were no trees, and being hunters and gatherers the tribes had to follow the caribou and elk that were their food source and also follow the waters. Their spears had a clovis point. The Archaic period began about 7000 years ago, with a warmer climate and the appearance of trees. The tribes were still hunters and gatherers, but they were now able to have trade with other tribes. Food sources were turkey, deer, and fish as well as acorns and chestnuts. They were able now to make baskets in which to carry their food. The Woodland Period that is from 3,000 to 275 years ago, brought the Lenni Lenape Tribe to the area. During this time period, the tribes became a fishing/farming society growing corn, beans, and tobacco. The weather temperature during this time period was similar to the weather we experience today. The tribes lived in straw huts and produced clay pots. About the 1700's, the tribe members began living in long-houses made of tree saplings, they used the bow and arrow as their weapon, and began making decorative things out of stone in their free time. Sadly with the arrival of the Europeans in the 1600's, the Lenape Tribes became susceptible to diseases like cholera, smallpox, and tuberculosis brought by them. 80% to 90% of the Native Americans in the area died of these diseases and those that survived went to Oklahoma.

Following the presentation and question and answer period, Rick presented a plaque to Nell and Russ thanking them for presenting the program and showing their large collection of archives. Rick also gave a plaque to Jeanne Dyer and Lew Rarig for their service to the HATT board. A picnic lunch completed the event.

Respectfully submitted, Jeanne Dyer (secretary)