

HATT Membership Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2018

The Historical Association of Tobyhanna Township convened for its June, 2018 meeting, and Annual Picnic, on Thursday, June 14 at 5:30 P.M. A new location for the annual picnic was chosen for this year: the historic lodge at Blanche D. Price Park in Pocono Pines.

The meeting was called to order by Past President Rick Bodenschatz, who led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. Rick welcomed all members and guests and encouraged guests to consider joining HATT.

The July meeting was announced for Thursday, July 12, 5:30 P.M. at the Clymer Library. The presentation will be made by Rick Smith, entitled "*Molly Maguires: The Heroes or Scourge of the Pennsylvania Coal Region?*"

Rick showed representations of 3 interpretive historical panels of the WB&E Railroad that HATT has donated for display at the new Bike & Hike Trail, WB&E Segment. A panel of the driving tour map of historical markers was also donated by the Marker Advocates of Tobyhanna Township, with this also showing to the attendees.

Rick advised the members that minutes of HATT's meetings reside on our web site. If any one needs printed copies, or wishes to see a financial report, let Rick or any officer or director know. He then introduced the officers and directors in attendance.

Several books and DVD's of local history are for sale at the registration table, with proceeds benefiting the Clymer Library.

Rick showed a chart of all officers, directors and working committees for which members are needed for volunteering to help, and encouraged members to sign up to volunteer, on the chart.

Rick introduced State Representative Jack Rader from our district, who is also a supporting HATT Member and a history enthusiast. Rick noted how appropriate it is for Jack to attend this program about Pennsylvania's Governor homes.

Publicity posters for next month's meeting were distributed to volunteers for them to post throughout the community.

Rick then introduced HATT member David Morison, presenting this meeting's program, *Pennsylvania's Governors' Residences from the 17th to the 21st Century*". Dave is on the Governor's Mansion Preservation Committee for the state. He wealth of knowledge and information shared with the attendees are incredible. Photographs supplemented the information, starting with William Penn's home, to Benjamin Franklin, to today's Governor Mansion completed in 1968. The attendees shared their appreciation and Rick presented Dave with a framed Certificate of Appreciation from HATT.

The attendees were then welcomed to feast on the food prepared for the picnic. HATT supplied the grilled chicken, hamburgers and hot dogs grilled on-site, as well as the beverages. Members brought salads, side dishes and desserts. There was plenty of delicious food for everyone to enjoy.

Attendance: 34

Submitted by Rick Bodenschatz
