

The 81st annual Sloopers Meeting was held on Sunday, October 8, 2006 at the Norway Community Building, with 42 Sloopers and friends attending. Potluck was served at 1:15 pm with grace given by Rev. Wes Hougsted.

The business meeting was called to order by at 2:20 pm by Pat Hayes and she then led the group in the pledge to the flag. Pat welcomed out of town guests.

The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was read showing a balance of \$2,247.29 on hand. A moment was spent in silence honoring the memory of Sloopers Dan Hougas.

Si reported 8 or 10 Sloopers Books available for sale and also Sloopers pins are available.

Lou mentioned to the group she has found that early Sloopers Society records are missing. Secretary records in her possession begin with 1942. Her earliest attendance record book begins with 1955. (The society had their first meeting in 1926, electing officers and drawing up a constitution.)

Orion Carlson of Cleng Peerson Lodge announced upcoming events and invited those interested to join this organization.

After receiving prior authorization from the four Sloopers officers to proceed, Bill Injerd presented his proposal for the Sloopers Society of America website that he has offered to put together for us at no cost to the Society. The content for the pages will have to be provided by the Society but Bill will maintain it. He stated he would be honored to help the Sloopers Society in this manner. Discussion followed.

A motion was made by Lou Wise to give Honorary Sloopers status to Bill and Kathie Injerd and Wayne and Irene Borchsenius due to both couples' avid interest and unique promotion of the Sloopers Society. Motion was unanimously approved.

Sloopers families in attendance: Nelson's 4
Hougas' 11
Rosdail's 13

Door Prizes went to Orion Carlson, Barb Hougas Semlar, Ruth Rosdail, Jay Rosdail, Jennifer Chelsen, Bill Injerd, Barb Rosdail and Dale Hougas.

Treasurers Report given by Si Peterson.
A collection was taken with \$190.37 collected.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm

Loucellie Hougas Wise, Secretary

Approved 10/12/2008

Balance at 2005 Meeting
2613.24

Income

Collection 126.00
Book Sales 150.00
276.00

Expenses

Newington Center Inc.
for Wine (Boatage)
Post Hays (Supplies)
Newbury Imp. League
Boatage for Boat
Newbury Store (Beer/Paper)

500.00
10.00
45.00
50.00
12.00
73.95
690.95

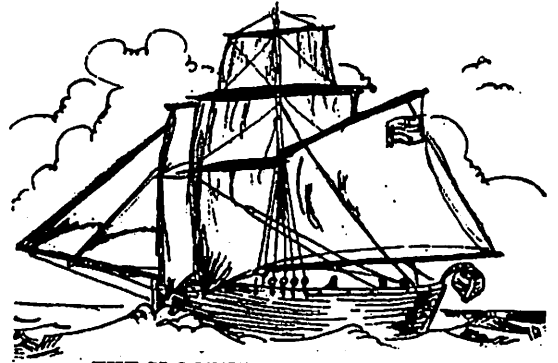
Balance 2006 Meeting
2277.29

The Norwegian

SLOOPER SOCIETY OF AMERICA

The Norwegian Mayflower People

Organized at the Ottawa Centennial, October 9, 1925



THE SLOOPERS VOYAGE TO AMERICA

The first group of Norwegian Immigrants to America departed Stavanger, Norway - July 4, 1825 on the Sloop - Restoration and these 52 persons entered New York Harbor October 9th - 98 days later. Cleng Peerson led this group first to Upstate New York . . . then to this area of Illinois near Norway where the first Permanent Norwegian Settlement was established. Descendants of these Norwegians who came over on the Sloop have formed the Norwegian Sloop Society of America, that meets annually at the Norway Community Center in Norway, Illinois the Sunday nearest to October 9.

September 8, 2006

Dear Sloopers and friends,

You are cordially invited to the 81st annual meeting of the Sloop Society of America. We hope you will make plans to join us on Sunday, October 8, 2006 at the Community Building, Norway, IL just off Route 71. Dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. We ask that each family bring two dishes to pass and their own table service. Drinks will be provided.

We are pleased to have Della Moen from Freeport, Illinois, as our program presenter. She will be sharing information about the early history of troll tales and a brief explanation of how folktales help to teach life's important lessons. Della became interested in trolls on a trip to Norway in 1992 and since has made an extensive study of their origin.

In 1994 Della retired after teaching 35 years in grades K-6. She considers herself a Norwegian by choice--her husband, Chuck, has the Norwegian heritage. Her favorite saying is "Living with a Norwegian builds character."

Reprinted copies of "The Sloopers, Their Ancestry and Posterity" books are still available and Sloop pins can be purchased for \$20 from our Treasurer, Si Peterson.

As in the past, the Norsk Museum will be open for those interested. The Norway Store has many Norwegian items and foods and will be open until 5:00 p.m.

Hope you will join us for an afternoon of good food and fellowship!

Sincerely,

Lou Wise

Lou Wise, Secretary
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"God Velsigne den Norske Heritage"