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## REGULAR MEETING

July 24, 2007

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kim Hoagland at 9:02 a.m.

### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Commissioners

Ed Jenich, Houghton County Board  
Kim Hoagland, At-Large  
Sue Dana, Village of Calumet  
Bob Langseth, Calumet Township  
Steve Albee, At-Large  
Clyde Raasio, Quincy and Franklin Townships  
Allan Johnson, State of Michigan

Keweenaw National Historical Park

Jim Corless, Superintendent  
Tom Baker, Management Assistant  
Steve DeLong, Landscape Architect  
Abby Sue Fisher, Chief of Museum, Archives & Historical Services  
Kathleen Harter, Chief of Interpretation and Education  
Brian Hoduski, Museum Curator  
Jo Urion, Historian  
John Rosemurgy, Historical Architect  
Dan Johnson, Quincy Unit Interpretive Specialist  
Betsy Rossini, Administrative Officer  
Charles Masten

Recording Secretary

Melissa Davis

Guests

Paul Lehto, Calumet Township  
Kurt Hauglie, Daily Mining Gazette  
Gary Kaunonen, Finnish-American Heritage Center, Hanka Homestead  
Jim Lowell, Calumet Theater  
Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office  
Judy Albee

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Albee and seconded by Raasio to approve the agenda.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

## III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Langseth and seconded by Johnson to approve the minutes of the April 24, 2007 meeting.

Motion carried unanimously. (7/0)

## IV. BUSINESS

### 1. PARK REPORTS:

#### a) Jim Corless, Park Superintendent

(1) **Introduced himself**, commended the Park staff, former superintendents Bill Fink and Frank Fiala, and the many Park partners for the stewardship of the resources thus far.

(2) **Some goals include developing a 'sense of arrival,'** with higher visibility visitor contact stations, finding the way to fully fund the Advisory Commission, and working together on planning and plan implementation.

(3) **Key Ingredients** was embraced across the community and he was impressed with the widespread involvement.

#### b) KATHLEEN HARTER, Chief of Interpretation and Education, handouts: (see index 1)

(1) **Isle Royale Natural History Association** has a new pin. Sites can sell the pin for \$4.50, but it can be bought wholesale.

(2) **Unigrid** map is complete.

(3) **Junior Ranger Book** is complete. It is free and targeted at children 8 – 12.

(4) **Stamp Program** (new version). New program insert to add to the passport book, being field-testing this summer. Please give feedback to Kathleen and Dan.

(5) **Exhibit** - timeline of the history of copper, located at the visitors' station.

#### c) CHARLIE MASTEN

(1) **YCC Crew** working again this summer. Three local high school students are in week six of an eight-week program. They have been working with vegetation removal, alley cleanup, painting projects, etc.

(2) **Quincy Boilerhouse No. 4** has one person working on stabilization.

(3) **Interior Rehabilitation at Park Headquarters** interior demolition work is completed and the building is empty and ready to go when the contract is awarded.

**d) JOHN ROSEMURGY**

(1) **Quincy Mine Office** Walk-through was held July 19, bids will be due Aug. 6 for slate roof rehab - project will be awarded this fiscal year, but starting spring/summer in '08.

(2) **Union Building** steam heat rehab with contract to commence after September 30 through the winter of '08

(3) **Warehouse No. 1** fire suppression system, project revised upon inspecting the building. The existing system is not in good enough condition to rehabilitate, so there will be a service upgrade to electrical. There is also asbestos in the building to remove.

(4) **C & H Library (Keweenaw History Center)** completed second walk-through, and will receive bids by the end of July with construction planned for fall of '07 for new boilers, first floor restroom, rezoning heating systems. Handicapped access to the building options are being reviewed with preliminary conceptual drawings.

(5) **Interior Rehab for Main Office** proposals have been received and negotiations are underway. Hope to secure a contract and begin work this winter.

(6) **No. 4 Boilerhouse** NPS staffed, nearing completion. Repointing, some level of masonry re-building. The stack associated with No. 5 Boiler house is being researched and scope of work developed?. Working on a cooperative agreement with Quincy Mine Hoist Ass'n.

(7) **CLG Application** with the Village of Calumet is completed and will be submitted.

(8) **Assistance** to Historic District Commission design guidelines will be available in August in CD format and hard copy.

(9) **Main Street Calumet** assisted the Design Committee with a grant application through MSHDA and three façades will be rehabilitated in the spring 2008.

**e) STEVE DELONG, Landscape Architect – Preservation Services Division**

(1) **Quincy Cultural Landscape Report** first half is nearing completion and should be ready this fall. Project start has been postponed by one year to do internal planning and resolve issues surrounding Quincy landscape prior to Phase II.

(2) **Heritage Site Markers** are all in place except for three, Copper Range, Chassell and Firefighters Museum.

Langseth asked if the older signs on the road could be re-used. Steve thinks the regulations would prohibit that, but Langseth wants to follow-up with the possibility of giving the old signs to partners.

DeLong will look into the disposition of the old signs and if they can be re-used as highway signs.

f) **ABBY SUE FISHER, Chief of Museum, Archives, and Historical Services** (see Index 2 for details)

(1) **Painesdale Mine Shaft Organization** has asked that KNHP salvage their records. Outside of park boundaries with a non-official partner. Estimated additional 150 hours.

(2) **6000 feet of C & H Drill Cores:** Industrial scale collection. School owns building that it is stored in, and cores need to be moved. Working with school and contacted regional office to purchase the building. Comprehensive briefing paper about the history of the cores written and edited by whole park staff; Ted Bornhorst donated accompanying drill core logs.

g) **TOM BAKER, Management Assistant**

(1) **Quincy No. 4 Boilerhouse Ruins** a cooperative agreement for the project using a funding program called Historic Structures Stabilization. They were allowed funding without the matching grant from the non-profit organization; a landmark precedent from this funding source.

(2) **Comments from Draft Memorandum of Understanding** from six Heritage Sites. Convening a meeting with the Partnership/Selection Committee on Friday to review the comments, make necessary revisions and continue process.

(3) **Amy Berglund** Senator Levin's Representative in the U.P. sends along her regards. Setting up a visit for this fall.

h) **JIM CORLESS, Park Superintendent, closing statement.**

(1) **Visiting Heritage Sites** wants to see them all within three months.

(2) **Proposed/upcoming planning meetings** visited regional office in Omaha. Reviewed the General Management Plan carefully. Development Management Plan looks at facilities, how to organize operations in the park. Covers compliance and the next level of planning is implementation of General Management Plan.

(3) **Long-term goals for seven – ten years** the Main office is asking for a 'Centennial Strategy Plan,' – identify what parks want to look like in ten years. Implements Commission's input. Right now hammering out draft long term goals, which will be sent to Washington.

(4) **Regional Stewardship Strategy** looks at park-owned resources and identifies targets for preservation. Will expand that to look at all historic resources in park boundaries to prioritize and protect those as well.

(5) **Long-Range Interpretive Plan** Harter and Johnson working with it.

(6) **Quincy Smelter** discussion with interested partners to work a plan for it.

(7) **Quincy Unit Cultural Landscape Report** working out Development Concept Plan making decisions about contact stations.

(8) **Meeting with Isle Royale Natural History Association** later this week about partnership. Will enter discussions with a Foundation with Lake Superior National Partners. Want to work together to identify

potential funders. Currently composed of Isle Royal National Park, Pictured Rocks, Aspostle Islands and Grand Portage.

## 2. COMMISSION REPORTS

Hoagland: Funding bill survived the committee markup. Legislation that would lift the ban on contaminated sites for park acquisition and change matching fund requirements is also progressing.

### a) BUDGET (See Attachment #4)

(1) **Dana added bills to the list to approve** additions include Heritage Center rental; and Global Stamp Works for \$686.50; reimbursement to Steve Albee for refreshment \$31.48.

**Dana moved, Jenich seconded that the bills be approved for payment.**

**Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

### b) PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE Raasio report:

(1) **Memorandum of understanding for Heritage Sites** meeting Friday morning. Hoagland mentioned that they have assigned different commissioners to each Heritage Site to act as liaisons.

### c) DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, formerly Grants Committee, Johnson chair:

(1) Committee met for the first time, with Johnson as chair. They drafted a mission which is "...to assist the KNHP and Heritage Sites achieve their goals to preserve and interpret the hard rock copper mining story in the Keweenaw Peninsula and environs." This will be done by identifying current needs and opportunities to pursue that are of interest to the Park, Commission and Committee members. These efforts may include fund raising activities using the Committees 501C3 status where appropriate.

(2) **Bicentennial Stamp to honor Douglass Houghton** born 1809, working per Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee's requirements.

(3) **Discussing developing 'Miner's Memorials'** open to ideas and comments.

### d) COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

(1) **Raasio and environmental consultants** will be doing a walk-through of the Mesnard Streetcar Station, looking at contamination issues.

**Baker** mentioned that VCI from Wisconsin was contracted through the Lands Division in Omaha. This is the next step to clear the title. They don't need to do an appraisal because it was a straight donation.

(2) **Langseth** expressed three concerns: Visibility: Visitors last year said they did not know where the park begins and ends. We need better signage both for the park and for the Heritage Sites. Resource Stewardship Strategy: As a commission might we be included in this

strategy because just in Calumet Township there are thirty threatened buildings. Matching Fund Requirement: Isn't there some way in which the dollars expended by our partners at the Heritage Sites can be included in fulfilling the matching funds required in the legislation?

(3) **Albee** attended the UP History Conference in Ontonagon and commends the planning group that put it together. Worked with park staff for meetings with Heritage Sites, want to develop marketing strategies for Keweenaw National Historical Heritage Site Program. They will be meeting in October.

(4) **Johnson** attended the UP History Conference in Ontonagon on June 23-24. Bruce Johanson, Ontonagon Historical Society received the prestigious Follo Award at the annual banquet in recognition of his many contributions to the history of the western Upper Peninsula.

(5) **Jenich** attended the Conference as well as Old Victoria.

(6) **Dana** Main Street has been giving community service awards during Pasty Fest: the 2007 Russell Erkkila Community Service Award was presented to Paul Bracco.

The Twinning Ceremony between the Village of Calumet and Camborne, Cornwall will be held Friday, July 27, 2007 in the Calumet Theater Ballroom.

The Village of Calumet Planning commission and Historic District Commission will present the 2007 Preservation Awards on Saturday, August 19, at 10:30 in Agassiz Park.

**Hoagland** moved that **Dana** be the representative to the Main Street Commission Board. **Jenich** seconded.

**Motion carried unanimously (7/0).**

(7) **Hoagland** took the NPS guided walking tour of Calumet and highly recommends it. Key Ingredients is open every day from 10 – 5. Commission helped to send Scott See to the meeting of the Alliance of National Heritage Areas in June in Detroit, and he delivered a report to the Commission, which is interested in the partnerships model.

## **I. REPORTS/COMMENTS FROM LEGISLATIVE STAFF**

**A. Amy Wisti, Congressman Stupak's Office** Appropriations across the state, congressman is working hard for the park.

## **II. COMMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**A. Paul Lehto, Calumet Township** owns a lot of property that are all getting older and the budget is not enough to maintain all of them in a safe and secure fashion. They need help from the park service and the Advisory Commission on how these properties will be maintained.

**B. Jim Lowell, Calumet Theatre** having a busy season with lots of tours. Want to expand on exhibits to augment the tours. A lot of projects for building and grounds. They would like to

transition to hot water heating and augment insulation, etc. New Board Chair, Jim O'Brien. Website: actively trying to find other non-profits that want to share costs of the website architecture using the same template. Would be able to accept proposals to do the initial work over the next two to three months.

**C. Gary Kaunonen, Finnish-American Heritage Center, Hanka Homestead** Thanked DeLong for putting up new sign. Concerned that smaller sites are being marginalized. Hanka Homestead hasn't received a park stamp, or recording documents and a waiting for a book to be approved for sale on the NPS website for five months. Hoagland said that would be looked into.

**D. Judy Albee** invited everyone to attend the exhibit in St. Annes's.

### **III. ADJOURNMENT; NEXT MEETING**

Moved by Hoagland and seconded by Dana to adjourn the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

Motion carried unanimously (7/0)

The next meeting is scheduled in Ontonagon on October 23, 2007 at 10 a.m.

These unapproved minutes are respectfully submitted by

Melissa Davis

July 31, 2007



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

## Keweenaw NHP - July 24, 2007 Interpretation & Education Update

### Interpretation & Education Activities:

1. Program attendance was up over last year in the beginning but seems to have steadied and is about the same as last year.
2. Kathleen is in charge of the July 26, 2007 Fourth Thursday in History program which is taking place at the Chassell Heritage Center. The topic is strawberry farming which will include samples of strawberry inspired recipes.
3. Tom Maksimchuk is a park volunteer who is transcribing a powerpoint presentation by Dan Johnson. Through Tom's volunteer work, we will be able to distribute a local history powerpoint presentation to all area teachers this fall. This was something they requested at the 2005 teacher workshop.
4. Ted Holmstrom is finalizing the Calumet Unit curriculum for *Teaching with Historic Places*. Kathleen and local teachers will be reviewing this before it is finalized.
5. Julie Dlubala has volunteered to take the newly created Junior Ranger books to all of the area schools and talk with teachers about the book and how to use it in their local history curriculum. If arrangements can be made, this will occur in the fall at the start of the school year.

### Media Update:

6. Park Unigrd
  - a. The park received the new unigrids on June 26, 2007. They have been delivered to all of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites. Old unigrids have been distributed to all of the requesting state welcome centers, along with park newspapers.
7. The park's first Junior Ranger book is complete and being used by park visitors. The Junior Ranger programs are low in attendance but up over last year's children's program.
8. Interpretive panels are being created and installed at the Quincy Visitor Information Desk. The panels represent a timeline of the region's copper mining history. The research and writing was done by Cat Oyler, Jo Urion, and Dan Johnson. Ken Kipina is creating a frame to mount the panels.
9. Work continues on the Calumet self-guided walking tour booklet.
10. Dan continues to update the park webpage with local events and happenings related to the park and KHS.

### Keweenaw Heritage Sites:

11. Park Unigrids have been distributed to all Keweenaw Heritage Sites.
12. The new 'stamp' program has been implemented. All KHS have received their new stamps with instructions. They have also received a stamp album which is a paper brochure that visitors can collect their stamps in.
13. Seasonals Dan Brown and Nick Clark (with either Dan, Kathleen, or Ellen Schrader) visited all of the Keweenaw Heritage Sites prior to opening the visitor information desk in June.
14. Only six of the 19 Keweenaw Heritage Sites have consistently reported their monthly visitor statistics: Fort Wilkins, Ontonagon County, Adventure Mining Company, Quincy, Old Victoria, and Calumet Theatre.

### Miscellaneous Activities:

15. Calumet Storefront Window Display Contest – Lorri Oikarinen, Julie Waara, Kathleen Harter, and John Rosemurgy did a presentation on creating storefront window displays for local businesses and interested parties. The response has been very positive and enthusiastic!

16. IRNHA board meeting is July 26, 2007 in which Superintendent Jim Corless and Kathleen Harter will be attending. The board will be visiting KHS within the Calumet Unit prior to their afternoon board meeting. Two years ago they visited all of the Keweenaw Keweenaw Heritage Sites within Keweenaw County.
17. A new park pin has been developed and is now available for sale from IRNHA. The pin retails for \$4.50. Sites can purchase the pin wholesale from Executive Director Jill Burkland at IRNHA.
18. Kathleen and Dan conducted staff training for the AmericInn in Calumet in June. The manager, Julie Waara, created an employee incentive program that encourages employees to explore and share their experiences with guests at the different KHS.



Division of Museum, Archives & Historical Services  
24 July 2006

### Highlights & Issues

1. Division staff is working collectively to catalog 8,400 items (or 2.5% of our 334,832 backlog) to address a servicewide annual goal by September 30, 2007.
2. In preparation for The 14<sup>th</sup> Gathering of Cornish Cousins celebration from July 25-29, division staff are preparing finding aids and research services for the Ross Genealogical Collection, and the Keweenaw National Historical Park Oral History Project. The Keweenaw History Center will be open Friday and Saturday (July 27-28) from 9-5 to access these collections.
3. In response to a request for assistance from the Painesdale Mine & Shaft Organization (PM&S), park staff are working collaboratively to safely salvage records from the basement vault of the Copper Range Mining Company (Champion Division) office building.

We are working through the Advisory Commission, however, this project with a non affiliated partner outside of park boundaries, has brought many issues to light. To date park staff has spent approximately 32 hours collectively in preparation for the salvage, including:

- A site visit by museum staff to investigate the situation; ordering personal protection equipment and ensuring annual respirator fit tests are complete;
- Two site visits by facility management staff to evaluate the safety of the structure and later install temporary lighting and construct reinforcements to ensure the area is stable prior to entering the building; preparation of a Job Hazards Analysis (a health & Safety requirement).
- Meetings, discussions, and email correspondence among all involved.

Three days are scheduled for the salvage work (July 31, and August 1-2) with an estimate of an additional 72 hours. Remedial treatment will take perhaps another 60 hours depending on the quantity of materials removed. Total park staff hours spent on the project could exceed 164 hours. We are tracking hours to document how much effort goes into a salvage project from start to finish-for our annual work plan, and to inform those unfamiliar with this kind of work. Thus far funds for the project are being covered by the park.

Other issues include the final disposition of the materials that are salvaged. The records are owned by PM&S, however, the organization is not equipped to store the records safely, or to conduct the remedial treatment necessary to stabilize mold and other pests, clean and re-house the materials. Park staff have the tools and expertise to perform these functions. PM&S could potentially loan the materials to the park with the understanding that park staff are already working on a backlog of other salvaged materials on loan (Calumet Village records). Consequently, there would be a delay before the records can be cleaned and processed. Other options include treating the materials on behalf of PM&S and passing them to MTU Archives or another repository.

4. The park acquired 601,542 feet of diamond drill core (referred to as the Keweenawan Drill Core Library) in 2002. The core is stored in former C&H No. 2 Dry House, which is currently owned by the public schools of Calumet-Laurium-Keweenaw (CLK). The industrial scale quantity of drill core is not yet part of the museum collection. This spring CLK had other pending uses for

the building. Faced with the possibility of having to move the core, the park sought assistance from the Midwest Regional Office to purchase the building. The request led to a full scale examination of the drill core and Dry House, a resulting briefing paper and assemblage of past correspondence compiled with input from park staff. Regional Office staff will be paying a site visit at the end of August 2007.

5. Volunteer Anita Wuoti has contributed 134 hours of work to date this summer. Anita starts her senior year at Adrian College in the fall, and has interests in history and art. Her work with the park collection has focused on an inventory of materials relating to fraternal organizations. She is creating a time-line and research file on each organization which includes archival materials, furniture, regalia and artifacts. Her efforts lay the groundwork for future studies on the organizations that occupied the Union Building and acted as important social foundations in the community.

**KNHPAC Development Committee**  
**First Official Meeting Agenda**  
7:15AM ,Wednesday, July 11, 2007  
Calumet Village Offices

**Development Committee Mission** --- To assist the KNHP and Heritage Sites achieve their goals to preserve and interpret the hard rock copper mining story in the Keweenaw Peninsula and environs. This will be done by identifying current needs and opportunities to pursue that are of interest to the Park, Commission and Committee members. These efforts may include fund raising activities using the Committees 501C3 status where appropriate.

**Committee Makeup:** Sue Dana, Ed Jenich, Al Johnson (chair)

**Review Mission Statement,** edit as needed.

**Projects to consider:** (miner's memorial?, heritage site needs?, others?)

**Current Activity** Seeking issuance of a Douglass Houghton bicentennial stamp to recognize and celebrate the person most responsible for the presence of the KNHP.

Report by Al Johnson on progress:

1. Draft of letter to CSAC (Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee) proposing a bicentennial stamp to be issued on Sept. 21, 2009.
2. Contacts with Amy Berglund re Senator Levin's support for the stamp.
3. Identification of Robert Thom's Douglass Houghton painting at Eagle River in 1840 for the stamp image.
4. Contact with AT&T Corporation re use of the copyrighted Thom painting for promoting and using the image for the stamp.
5. Makeup of present ad hoc committee assisting this effort (non Park/Commission members). Jim Curtis – Portage Lake District Library, Dr. Philip Mason, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of History, Wayne State University.

**Other Business**

**Next Meeting**

## 2007 - KNHP ADVISORY COMMISSION

12-31-06 CASH IN BANK

\$51,936.95

REVENUESDeposits

01-31-07	Range Interest	\$ 22.02
02-28-07	" "	18.83
03-31-07	" "	20.79
04-20-07	Deposit - Smackdown contributions (River Valley Bank 100.00, Range Bank 500.00 Pat's Foods 200.00, KMMC 200.00)	1,000.00
04-30-07	Range Interest	20.23
05-31-07	" "	20.58
06-30-07	" "	19.65
07-31-07	" "	
08-31-07	" "	
09-30-07	" "	
10-31-07	" "	
11-30-07	" "	
12-31-07	" "	
<b>Total Deposits \$</b>		<b>\$1,122.10</b>

EXPENSES 2007Paid Bills

01-10-07	State of Michigan non-profit application	\$ 20.00
01-23-07	Gray & Pape Prof. Serv. October 2006	1,995.00
01-23-07	North End Framing - commissioner plaques	261.12
01-23-07	Master Engravers - Fiala plaque	39.99
01-23-07	Melissa Davis - January minutes	160.00
01-23-07	Cheryl Kangas - Fiala Retirement cake	225.00
01-24-07	Keweenaw Heritage Center - room rent	100.00
02-01-07	Gray & Pape Prof. Serv. - Dec. 2006	190.00
02-20-07	Louie's Super 2 Fiala reception	59.96
02-20-07	State of Michigan - Nonprofit application	10.00
04-24-07	Melissa Davis - April Minutes	160.00
04-24-07	Gray & Pape - Prof services Feb. 07	807.50
04-24-07	Al Johnson - reimburse for quit claim deed	14.00
04-24-07	Abby Sue Fisher - reimburse for smackdown	243.44
04-24-07	Finlandia University - April Meeting	250.00
05-03-07	Homestead Graphics - T-shirts Smackdown	597.80
05-03-07	USPO - Stamps	24.60
05-03-07	Abby Sue Fisher - Pizzas Smackdown	225.00
05-03-07	Al Johnson - Reimburse Heritage Site Meeting Lunch	104.00
<b>Total Paid Bills</b>		<b>\$5,487.41</b>

**Expenses Continued:**

**Bank Charges**

01-31-07	Range Checks and Service Charges	\$3.50
02-28-07	" "	3.50
03-31-07	" "	3.00
04-30-07	" "	3.41
05-31-07	" "	3.60
06-30-07	" "	3.00
07-31-07	" "	
08-31-07	" "	
09-31-07	" "	
10-31-07	" "	
11-30-07	" "	
12-31-07	" "	
<b>Total Bank Charges</b>		<b>\$ 20.01</b>
06-30-07	<b>CASH IN BANK</b>	<b>\$47,551.59</b>

**May 2007 - Bills to approve**

Finlandia University - Room rent, April	\$250.00	paid 04-24-07
Homestead Graphics - T shirts - smackdown	597.80	Paid 05-03-07
US Post Office - stamps	24.60	Paid 05-03-07
Abby Sue Fisher Reimburse - Pizza Smackdown	-	paid 02-20-07
Al Johnson - Reimburse - Heritage Site meeting lunches	104.00	Paid 05-07-07
Scott See - Reimburse for Conference	100.00	Paid 07-02-07
Melissa Davis	160.00	July Minutes
Keweenaw Heritage Center - Room Rent	243.44	
Logan Stamp Works	685.50	
Steve Albee - Reimburse refreshments	31.48	
Total	\$2,196.82	