

**Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment / Ruthven Quasquicentennial Meeting**  
**Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

The regular monthly August meeting of the Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association was held jointly with the Ruthven Quasquicentennial Committee at the Ruthven Social Center with John Josephson chairing. Margo Brockmeyer motioned to approve the agenda, with all in favor. The minutes of the July 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were read by Becky Oppedal with Jan Helmke motioning to accept, all in favor. The LIRBA treasurers report was given by Tami Eaton and the Quasquicentennial treasurers report by Becky Oppedal. Chuck Oppedal motioned to approve the report with all in favor. In old business, there was one advertising bill yet to pay to the Estherville Daily News. There may be some lagging bills yet to come in from the Quasquicentennial Celebration. Jay Schoning will write and send the remaining thank-yous to the firemen, Craig Grange and his sponsor, Sandra Dvorksy, Doug Strike with the old patrol car, The Ruthven Zipcode, Emmetsburg Publishing, and Alice Finnegan. In new business, the annual election of officers were held with Jon Josephson being elected to fill out the two year term of Chairman expiring in 2010; Kay Suhr was elected as Vice Chairman with term expiring in 2011, and Jay Schoning was elected as Secretary with term expiring in 2011. It was decided to restore the \$5,000 CD that was withdrawn from the Centennial account earlier and have this available for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration with \$2,500 coming from LIRBA and \$2,500 coming from the Quasquicentennial. Options for the prints and the clock were discussed. Chuck Oppedal motioned to raffle the Redlyn print during Cabin Fever with tickets being \$1, 6 tickets for \$5 with all in favor. Ron Brockmeyer motioned to keep the large print for the city social center or community center and the clock for the library with all in favor. Becky Oppedal motioned to sell Jane Badke the small print, with a 6 to 3 vote in favor. The remaining history books need to be stored and Jan Helmke will check with the bank about storing some in their vault. Birthday calendars are now free at city hall. There are only 39 remaining T-shirts for sale, they are at relatively T's, and Kay Suhr will check with the Picket Fence to see if they will sell history books and also whether we will still get a percentage of pottery sales. The Quasquicentennial Dinner Committee is now dissolved and the account closed. The Quasquicentennial Committee will be dissolved at the September meeting. It was voted to have another debit card raffle for Santa's Visit as it was a very popular fundraiser. Becky Oppedal will check into changing the debit card raffle tickets and we will sell 300 at a cost of \$10 each. Jan Helmke motioned to approve Senator Grassley to use the LIRBA sound system. Kay Suhr and Jay Schoning will set this up on Monday morning. It was decided that the banners should come down after Labor Day. John Josephson will call the phone company on this project. Gary Small updated the group on the trails project at Lost Island Lake and Kay Suhr spoke briefly on the upcoming gaming grants from the Palo Alto County Economic Development Board. It was also noted that the community center committee needs to get rolling again, and a meeting has been scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM at the social center. Linda Hansen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 with all in favor.

Respectively Submitted,  
Jay Schoning