

Lost Island Ruthven Betterment Association January 15, 2009

The January meeting of the Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment Association was a joint meeting with the Ruthven Quasquicentennial committee. John Josephson called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM in the social center. Linda Currans made a motion to accept the agenda with all in favor. After minutes were read from both secretaries of the two organizations, Becky Oppedal made a motion to have one secretary, Jay Schoning, take minutes at the joint meetings. The motion was approved. Jim Graham motioned to accept the minutes as read tonight. Tami Eaton then went over the LIRBA treasurers report and Becky Oppedal went over the Quasquicentennial treasurers report. The treasurer's report was accepted by majority after a motion was made by Diana Wichman. It was reported that Mark and Chelle Bisenious donated their \$50 lighting contest winnings back to LIRBA and that Jay Schoning paid for Santa's visit and open houses advertising in the Zipcode. Santa Day was reviewed and the group had 144 Santa sacks, 94 for older children. In the future, 38 infant sacks should be enough, but we will need about the 94 older children's sacks. The final proof on the Quasquicentennial history book is done, with 160 books sold containing 168 pages. The lay-out session will be 8 AM until 8 PM tomorrow night and finishing up on Saturday morning. Gary Small of the Lost Island Protective Association was present to update the group on the progress of the Lost Island area trails project. The recreational trail, which will be 10 feet wide with 2 foot shoulders, will be done in phases and constructed of concrete. The first phase is proposed to be constructed from the big rock on the north side of Lost Island Lake, through Huston Park, Redwood Resort, the state inlet property and south into Ruthven. The group has secured an engineering firm for the project and will be applying for a casino grant to cover these cost's and related cost's to advance the project. Gary Small said he was interested in getting the project public awareness and asked the group if they could be a part of the Quasquicentennial-BBW Weekend to promote the project. Those in attendance agreed, and asked him to attend the March BBW planning meeting. J.D. Speltz was in attendance to thank and award the Quasquicentennial print committee for their hard work in the print sales. There were 213 sales and the committee won every incentive they could have for their hard work. Speltz commented that 213 sales for a town of this size were very good. J.D. Speltz then presented a check for \$2,595 to Kay Suhr of the Quasquicentennial print committee as well as a Ruthven print clock, a Terry Redlyn print, and \$250 credit to spend at Speltz Wildlife Studios. Cabin Fever was then discussed with Dave and Marilyn Ruehle present to talk about the Quasquicentennial beard contest kick-off on Saturday night at the Quasqui soup supper. Tim Murphy will be handling the fishing contest, Jay Schoning the snowman contest with each entry receiving a free ice cream cone for each child. Jon Josephson will be chairing the Jr. High boy's basketball tournament starting at 8:00 AM and Jim Graham will be at the social center from 9:00 AM until 12:00 noon featuring Ruthven history memorabilia and coffee. Jay Schoning will make and post flyers on the events after checking local businesses and restaurants for their specials as well as contacting Tim Murphy for the hours of the fishing contest. Jon Josephson will bring a screen and projector to the social center for the history event and Jay Schoning will contact Al Oppedal to see if he has items for this event as well. Dave Smith said there may be an ATV ice challenge added to the list of events if the club decides to do one after attending the winter games event at Okoboji. Linda Currans will assist the Ruehles on posters for the beard contest kick-off and Marilyn has ordered the buttons necessary for the event. The soup supper will feature chili and potato soup to be held at the American Legion from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Advertising will be done in the Zipcode. Next on the agenda were the birthday calendars. There are some unsold calendars and Jan Helmke said they were not sure if they

would do the calendars again. The All-School Reunion update was next on the agenda with Kitty Smith reporting on issues. There seems to be uncertainty on who gets the dinner reservation money, who the checks are to be made out to and where they should be sent. Becky Oppedal will update the website and Jay Schoning will place an article in the Ruthven ZipCode that checks should be made out to 'All School Reunion' and sent to one of the chairpersons on the committee. The dance and bands were discussed. There will be a street dance on Friday and Saturday evenings with discussion that the events be shared by the Fire Department and the Quasquicentennial committee. Diana Wichman motioned that these two organizations co-sponsor the dances and the motion passed. Dave Smith will take this information to the fire department. There is discussion on having a teen side for the dance, so that the minors will not be in with the adults. The groups will look into having the stage in the middle, with adults on the front side and the younger crowd on the backside on the stage. The bands to be booked are the 'Senders' for Friday night and the 'Murphy Brothers Band' on Saturday night. Chuck Oppedal will talk to Bully's about the likelihood of a street dance on June 6th featuring 'Uncle Fester' which proceeds would be used to cover the Quasqui-BBW street dances. 'Uncle Fester' has shown a strong desire to play in Ruthven for a fundraiser since they could not attend the actual event after being booked due to a wedding of a band member. The parade was discussed and a parade route will need to be thought of as the parade will be much larger than before. Kay Suhr, who chairs this event, has stated she needs help and Jane Minor and Patty Rouse stepped up and said they would help out. Membership brochures will be mailed tomorrow, and the Palo Alto County Gaming Development Corporation Grants will be awarded on February 27th at 6:30 PM at the Wild Rose Casino in Emmetsburg, both LIRBA and the Quasquicentennial Committee has applied for grants. The next joint LIRBA-Quasqui meeting will be held on Thursday, February 19th at 7:30 PM in the social center. Becky Oppedal motioned to adjourn at 9:15 with all in favor.