

Joint Meeting / Lost Island-Ruthven Betterment Association and the Quasqui Committee Thursday, April 16th, 2009

The monthly meeting of LIRBA was a joint meeting with the Ruthven Quasquicentennial Committee, called to order by Jon Josephson on Thursday, April 16th at 7:30 PM in the Ruthven Social Center. Becky Oppedal motioned to approve the agenda with all in favor. The minutes of the March meeting were read by Jay Schoning and Margo Brockmeyer motioned to accept the minutes with all in favor. The treasurers reports were given, LIRBA's by Treasurer Tami Eaton and the Quasqui's by Treasurer Becky Oppedal. Tami reports \$150 in memberships came in during the past month, the centennial CD has been placed in checking if needed, and Ron Brockmeyer has donated his money in float hardware back to LIRBA. Barb Thompson asked if the cattle roping program expenses for BBW 2009 could come out of the \$1300 they donated last year during BBW in profit money, and Margo Brockmeyer motioned with all in favor to allow expense money of up to the \$1300. Becky's report stated that \$55 has come in beard contest buttons, the committee received a \$25 donation, and has a balance of \$7066.46 with an available budget after expenses set aside of \$2,247.50. In old business, the history book open house to be held this Saturday was reviewed, and it was decided to have coffee and cookies available. The all-school reunion was discussed and mailings went out again this week to nearly 1000 residents with all the information needed. The name has been changed to 'community meal' to avoid confusion. Memorabilia was discussed for the display, and Jon Josephson said he will check under the bleachers at school this week. Jane Minor discussed the community gardens, and she reports she is still looking for a plot in or near town for next summer's growing season. There will be a canning class by Nancy Clark on July 18th at the RUMC from 10 AM to noon with demonstrations. Tammy Higgins asked the group if they had checked with Wal Mart for submitting a grant for the event. Jon Josephson will check this week with Wal Mart. In new business, the Quasqui-BBW schedule has pretty much come together, and was briefly reviewed. Jay Schoning was asked to line up advertising for the June 6th fund raiser event, and to advertise on radio in Spencer and the lakes as well as newspapers in Spencer, Milford, Ruthven, Graettinger, and Emmetsburg. For the July celebration, it was determined we should expand the advertising to include television stations, and newspapers in Algona, Storm Lake, and Estherville. The June 6th fundraiser will include a car cruise, fire department BBQ, dance with the band 'Uncle Fester', and a breakfast afterwards at Bully's. It was decided that streets should be closed for the pedal tractor pull, Stewart from Rolling to Main; burn out contest, RR street from Gowrie to Washington; parade route, and the downtown area for the July event as well as no parking on the west side of Bruce Street by the ball diamonds. This will be taken before city council. Jan Helmke is checking with the Clay County Fair to see where they got their hoop building. Tammy Higgins will get Jan the name of a place in Sanborn that does rentals for tables, chairs, tents and such. These will need to be reserved as soon as possible. The LIRBA gaming grant was discussed. The PA system has been ordered, the tables and chairs have been ordered, and the float repairs are completed. It was also mentioned that we need to place some of the special parade entries on our flyers this year, such as Granges draft horses, Barney Fife, and whatever else. The last item was to accept nominations, review the nominations, and vote on the nominations for the 2009 Ruthven-Lost Island Citizen of the Year. There were several nominations, but after a vote, the nearly 30 in attendance elected Maurice Conlon by a vast majority to be the 2009 Citizen of the Year. Chuck Oppedal motioned, with all in favor, to give a 'Special recognition' Award to the Ruthven American Legion and Auxiliary for their contribution to our community over the past 90 years, as they were one of the nominations. Both Mr. Conlon and the Legion and Auxiliary will be recognized on Friday evening of the July celebration at the Iowa State Bank. The R-A school will be willing to donate the current bleachers to LIRBA or the city as they are being replaced with new ones. It was decided to ask the city if they would take them, as they could be used for multiple events. Luther Thoreson motioned to adjourn with all in favor at 9:05 PM. Respectably submitted: Jay Schoning, Secretary