

MABA Minutes

May 9, 2011

Maine Maritime Museum Bath, Maine

Steve Hanly, John Ring, Craig Olson, Robert Sezak.

Guests: Norma Larsson, Fairfield.

Call to Order

President John Ring called the meeting to order at 10:10.

Treasurer's Report

Sezak reported that MABA has \$ in its account.

Old Business

Web Site: Sezak asked that anyone with a Facebook page to link it to the new MABA website and Facebook page. He reported a good response from users thus far and asked for members to send their website links, e-mail and Facebook account links so that they can be placed on the website's contact page.

Member Directory: Sezak reported that mailing the directories worked well and there are still boxes available for those in need of additional copies.

New Members: President Ring put forth the applications of Goose River Exchange in Camden and Military History Bookshop in Brooks. All materials were in order for both applications.

Motion by Sezak to admit Goose River Exchange and Military History Bookshop as members of the Maine Antiquarian Booksellers Association; seconded by Hanly. Passed unanimously.

Sezak reported that two members did not renew their 2011 membership.

Book Fair: Ian Kahn, in an e-mail to John Ring, suggested Marvin Getman of New England Antiques Shows as a possible promoter for a future MABA Fair. Hanly remarked that in his experience Getman does a wonderful job, but wondered if the MABA Fair would be too small of a venue for him. Ring said that he felt Garry Austin of Austin Books in Vermont whom Harland Eastman suggested at the last MABA meeting would do a good job as well. Much discussion ensued regarding location, dates, etc. with the final decision made that Olson will poll the membership to see if there is interest in a show and then the time of year and location.

Additional Meeting: Ring reported that MABA's attempt to have an additional Winter meeting in Portland did not happen due to weather issues. MABA will try again in 2012.

Nomination of Officers: Hanly made a motion to nominate the current slate of officers for the next two-year term: President, John Ring; Vice Chair, Joanna Reese; Treasurer, Robert Sezak; and Secretary, Craig Olson; seconded by Sezak. Passed unanimously.

New Business

Literary Tourism Ring reported that a man from Ontario, Canada, stopped by his shop earlier in the year to gauge interest for a new company he was founding called Literary Tourists. Literary Tourists would organize tours of used and rare book stores in the United States and Canada. Ring thought that it would be a nice connection to make for promoting Maine antiquarian booksellers. Ring will follow up with additional information once it is received from Literary Tourists.

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m. for a tour of the Maine Maritime Museum's Library & Archives by the Museum's Senior Curator, Nathan Lipfert. The tour was followed by a fabulous lunch provided by the Maine Antiquarian Booksellers Association at Beal Street Barbeque in Bath.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig R. Olson Secretary