

HUXLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY



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First Quarter - 2008

2008 Officers

- **President**—Nels Nord
- **V.P.** — Don Duncan
- **Sec.**—Michele Kalsem
- **Treasure**—Scot Petersen
- **Officer**—Ron Krull

2008 Calendar:

February 25—Meeting

March 24th—Meeting

April 28th—Meeting

May 26th—Meeting

June 23rd—Meeting

July 28th—Meeting

August—Pre-Prairie Fest planning session.

August 22nd—24th Prairie Fest

August 25th—Tentative

September 22nd—Meeting

October 27th—Meeting

November 24th—Meeting

December 22nd—Meeting

2008 Calendar:

Nords Notes

a word from our president

Huxley Historical Society started in November of 2005. We received acknowledgment as a nonprofit and tax exempt corporation starting in March of 2006.

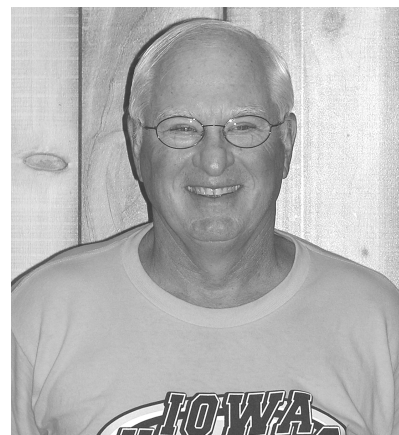
It is the mission of the Huxley Historical Society to engage the community of Huxley in the preservation, education and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. Our goal is to preserve, for research and education, artifacts, information about Huxley and about the lives of people of Huxley from their pioneer origins to the present day.

Since I was born in 1941 and reared in Huxley from that time, Huxley has always been very

important to me. I also was on the Huxley Police Department for 34 years and served as Police Chief from 1978 to 2004.

After I retired from the Police Department, I was elected Mayor, serving 3 terms so far.

Huxley has grown from about 400 in the 40's to 3,200 in 2007 after a special census. We have a lot of housing development along with commercial development including an annexation of 500 acres East and Southeast of Huxley where Monsanto and Van Wall John Deere are located along Interstate 35. Van Wall has about 160 acres



they are planning to develop, commercially, this year.

As you can see, Huxley has really changed over the 125 years since it was established and we need your support to preserve the past and future of the Huxley Historical Society. Your continued commitment will enable us to achieve our goals – for those who come after.

Nels A. Nord, President

MISSION STATEMENT: *To engage the Community of Huxley, Iowa in the preservation, education, and celebration of our heritage and ancestry. To preserve for research and education, the artifacts, information, and verbal histories about the lives of the people of Huxley from its pioneer origins to the present day and into our future.*

January Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2007- Call to order at 6:30 Pm in the public library by President Nord.

Attendees: Nels Nord, Michele Kalsem, Scott Petersen, Don Duncan, Ikey Lee, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Bonnie and Fritz Erickson, Laverne and Elaine Helland, Ronald Chelsvig, Bob Ryerson, Ruth Lee, Arlene Lande, Ron Krull and John Hendricks.

- Secretary Kalsem read the past Minutes. Corrections were made then the motion to approve the minutes was made and passed.
- The treasury report was given by Treasurer Scott Petersen. The treasure report given and approved.
- Web Master –No report.
- Collections committee report. The committee has completed The Collections Management Policy. The Society needs to vote to accept this policy and to implement it as stands with changes being made later by the committee if needed. President Nord called for a motion to accept the policy as it is currently. Motion passed.

Old Business

Fire Station Discussion on the old fire station. There is no new information at this time however the information that Craig Henry was reviewed and a few new questions came up. Craig Henry will have to be contacted to get further information. At right see an idea for consideration using and moving the old fire station.

Viking Ship The documentation and tax information for Lyle Martin and Erickson's concerning the Viking Buffet table were completed. Lyle Martin gave the society a list of repairs he made to the buffet and Erickson's included a volume of supporting documents with the buffet. It included pictures from the Fjord restaurant when the buffet was in use, and photo's of the ships condition when it was recovered in 2007 and more photo's documenting the final condition after Mr. Martin's repairs.

Memberships It was generally decided that we need to send a post card notice to the membership that is considered current for '07 to notify them of our annual meeting. Sec Kalsem will assemble and mail those. Additionally a mass membership drive mailing will be sent to the Huxley graduates.

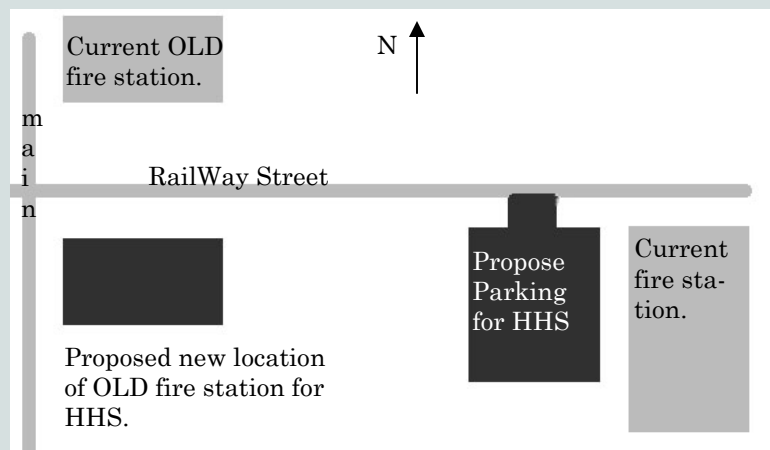
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting schedule was developed. The director of the National History Day competition will speak for about 45 minutes beginning at 10 AM. Ron Krull is coordinating with the director for the needs of the presentation. Following the History Day presentation VP Duncan will present the lifetime membership certificates to those members who can be at the meeting additionally thanking the others. Then will have a short meeting during which we will ask for board nominations and discuss both our short and long term goals including fundraising, new memberships, and the acquisition of a building. Following the meeting we will eat potluck provided by the members including Rice Pudding made by the Bonnie and Fritz Erickson. Additionally there will be displays and scrap books available to review, DVDs for sale and memberships accepted. Ron and President Nord will open the shelter, provide the table service and set up tables and chairs around 9AM.

No New Business

Next meeting will be the annual meeting Feb 2, 2008 at the Nord-Kalsem shelter house.

Meeting Adjourned 7:30PM—Sec Kalsem



Annual Meeting Minutes Feb 2, 2008

On February 2nd, 2008 at 10:00A.M. in the Nord/Kalsem Shelter house the annual meeting of the Huxley Historical Society was begun with the Iowa Director of the National History Day contest, Naomi Peuse telling us about the contest. She told us about how students become involved, some of the rules, and the types of projects students can do, she also showed a short film that was an actual contest entrant. At the end of her program Naomi shared with us contact information to become involved as a volunteer or judge for the contests.

After the completion of Naomi's presentation there was a short break and the meeting was called to order at 11:10 A.M. in by President Nord.

The attendees were: Naomi Peuse, Nels & Rowena Nord, Michele & Mike Kalsem and Children, Don Duncan, Ikey Lee, Daisy Fjelland, Bonnie and Fritz Erickson, Laverne and Elaine Helland, Ronald Chelsvig, Bob Ryerson, Ruth Lee, Arlene Lande, Ron Krull, John Kalsem, Delila Roberts, Lyle Martin, Craig and Jeannie Henry, Doug Sheldahl, Javerna Maland, Wayne Halverson, Harriet Sheldahl and John Hendricks.

- Secretary Kalsem read the past minutes.
- The treasury report was given by President Nels Nord. The treasurers report was approved.
- Web Master report was given by Secretary Kalsem some changes are being made, the minutes are current yet many of the genealogy links are not connected.
- Collections committee report was not given.

All committee reports were accepted as given.

Old Business

Vice President Don Duncan gave a short speech about starting the historical society and thanked everyone for their support. He then presented our life time membership certificates to Nels and Rowena Nord (pictured top), John (center) and Ann Kalsem and Laverne (bottom) and Elaine Helland. Thanks to all our members and especially those who have given \$500 life-time memberships.

Below—Nels and Rowena Nord



Below—John Kalsem



Below—Laverne Helland



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New Business

The Historical Society asked for board member nominations and accepted Ron Krull in order that a quorum can regularly be present to do the business of the Historical Society. The board thanked and welcomed Ron to the board. Ron immediately agreed to take the responsibility of notifying the papers with meeting notices and other information.

The membership voted and agreed to publish and send a quarterly news letter to the paid members. The newsletter will be published and mailed beginning in March it will include the prior quarters meeting minutes, a letter from the President, order forms for the historical society membership and DVD's in addition to other pieces of information including a calendar to help members plan for meetings, work days and exposure opportunities for the Historical Society.

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The Historical Society motioned and approved to pay bills including paying the lawyer and reimbursements.

At the end of the meeting we accepted memberships and DVD sales. Among others Harriet Sheldahl purchased a lifetime membership and Doug Sheldahl purchased an annual membership and a 2nd edition DVD and also asked permission to air it on his UHF channel 34. Thanks to both of them!

The meeting time and place was arranged for the 4th week of each month starting at 6:30PM in City Council Chambers. Next meeting will be the annual meeting Feb 25, 2008 at the City Council Chambers.

Meeting Adjourned 11:50A.M.

After the meeting adjourned we ate a potluck meal provided by the members and enjoyed Erickson's Rice pudding plus many other dishes.

Sec Kalsem ***



**Speaker Naomi Peuse Director
of the National History Day
contest.**

**February 25th, 2008 Meeting
Cancelled due to weather.**



If you have not paid your 2008 dues this is the only news letter you will receive. Look at your address label if its colored BLUE this is your last one. Please don't miss out. Membership forms on the back page. **PAY TODAY. Thanks!**

THANKS! THANKS! THANKS!

To the Palestine Trustee's for \$150 to help cover the expenses of keeping up the Ballard Cemetery!

2nd edition DVD is ready!

This DVD includes the 1st edition AND more it can be purchased for \$20 or \$22.50 w/S&H if we need to ship it to you.

This awesome DVD contains video stream of Huxley Iowa 1939-1955, Ladies at Ovid Louks Farm, 1955 City streets, 125th Anniversary of Fjeldberg Lutheran Church, Huxley Horse Show, and a 1944 Baseball game in addition to some silliness. Get yours today!

The Historical Society would love to have copies of any film you may have or photo's from the past in our community. To purchase a video OR contact us about getting copies from you please contact us at 515-597-3142 or email to hhs@huxcomm.net

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line? Email and let us know!
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March 24th, 2008 Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2008 - Call to order at 6:30 Pm in the Council Chambers by President Nord.

Attendees: Nels Nord, Michele Kalsem, Scott Petersen, Don Duncan, Ikey Lee, Ruth Lee, Arlene Lande, John Hendricks, Yvonne (Daisy) Fjelland, Vivian and Arnold Larson, Ja Verna Maland, Wayne Halverson, Delila Roberts and Craig Henry.

- Secretary Kalsem read the past Minutes.
- Treasurer Scott Petersen reported on the balance and the report was approved.
- Web Master Kalsem reported the web site is up to date and encouraged the membership to visit the site.
- Collections committee gave no report.

Old Business

At the annual meeting the membership agreed to publish a Quarterly newsletter. Secretary Kalsem presented the layout and showed it to those present. Two blank pages were to include the minutes from the March meeting.

Secretary Kalsem reported the printing options for the newsletter and settled on the best option being Alpha Copies in Ames additionally she checked on bulk mailing and recognized that not an option at this point.

Secretary Kalsem reported on the Huxley Business Fair. Don Duncan and Leslie Beglinger manned the booth for most of the day. We sold 5 DVD's, 3 New Family memberships and received one donation of \$100 from Dana Rewoldt.

New Business

Secretary Kalsem asked for ideas to help get the community more involved in HHS. A suggestion of giving a 2nd ed DVD in the library for people to view there. President Nord said he would get one to them. Also we will ask the HBA to give HHS brochures to new residents and HBA members and post a brochure in the 3C's building. One other idea that was generally encouraged was to ask businesses and churches to write up a history of their group and submit it to us for inclusion on the web site. There was also some discussion about publishing a book similar to the Huxonian as a fundraiser.

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A message from Marge Nearness let the HHS know to contact the Story County Foundation concerning grant opportunities. Which led us into discussion about the old Fire Station. We are waiting on more details before we can move forward on that project and so we tabled that discussion until more details can be attained.

The HHS received a letter Via Delila Roberts from a family member in Des Moines. The letter talked about the old school in Huxley and started a very good discussion. Someone suggested each meeting we should have a type of reminiscence discussion and record the information that the membership recalls. We discussed how best to do that and thought at the end of meetings we would visit for 15 to 30 minutes and try to take notes from everyone to compile the information and to build on the last each meeting. Secretary Kalsem hoped that everyone would jot down some notes to help her and she requested for the next meeting each member try to recall their earliest memory of Huxley.

President Nels showed some of us a photo that was very unique and showed when Hwy 69 traversed 1st Ave. Sec Kalsem will get a digital photo and include it on the website. There was much discussion about the photo also and talk about how and when the road changed its course.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM

Secretary Kalsem ***

Do you know someone that has Huxley Historical memorabilia?



How about photo's or a great life story?

Let us know! Call Don Duncan 515-597- 2563

Huxley Business Fair—We were there!

Don Duncan and Leslie Beglinger manned the booth for us for most of the day. We sold 5 DVD's, 3 New Family memberships and received a donation of \$100 from Dana Rewoldt. THANKS to all! While I was there I met A couple of the Larsons' who stopped by and Rick Soroka also stopped to talk. He told us his house was (and still is) log built. He said the out side is sided over but the inside is still log. He even invited us to come see it—so we were thinking FIELD TRIP! Several of our members stopped by to say Hi too! We all had a great time. Sec Kalsem



Michele Kalsem talks about the Society.

Membership Form—Clip and Mail or Copy.

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Circle those that apply please.

Annual '08	\$20
Family '08	\$30
Lifetime Membership	\$500
Gift Amount	\$ _____
2nd ed DVD Purchase	\$20
S&H for DVD	\$2.50
Total	\$ _____

Mail To:

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NEED HHS INFORMATION?

For more information please contact us at one of the following:

Phone: President: Nels Nord 515-231-9174

Email: hhs@huxcomm.net

If your address label is highlighted BLUE please contact the Secretary to pay your '08 membership as this will be your last newsletter.



Thanks! Sec Kalsem
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