

Wolf's Eye



ISLE ROYALE NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION

2007 No. 3



Original IRNHA members at first annual meeting.

IRNHA Annual Meeting Minutes *Then and Now*



Left to right: Former IRNHA presidents Candy Peterson and Grant Merritt, Executive Director Jill Burkland, former presidents Sara Basso and Chuck Boyle, current president Bob Guiliani.

1959 Minutes of the first IRNHA Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:15 p.m. by Chairman H.R. Orsborn. After a statement of the age of the organization and the purpose of the meeting, Executive Secretary Robert Linn brought the assembly up to date on the workings of the IRNHA from inception to date.

Explanation was made by the Secretary of the means of income to the Association: sale of maps and other booklets, and membership dues. A donation has been received from the extinct Isle Royale Protective Association of \$43.66, being voted to the Association by the President Mr. Glenn Merritt, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. H. T. Orsborn.

Election of officers: Two Board Members having been elected for one year (by mail ballot) the same two were re-elected for two years more, by acclamation: Mr. Peter O. Edisen and Commodore Joseph E. Colombe.

Several minutes were consumed in discussion of the proper amount of dues – result: The membership fee (and annual dues) were voted as follows: \$2.00 individual membership including all immediate members of the individual's family living with him (sons and/or daughters living away from home must establish their own membership). The \$2.00 includes the annual subscription to the Park's newsletter and natural history publication, "Wolf's Eye," which is sponsored and paid for by the Association. Secretary Linn explained that since the dues had now been set, the Board will be able to "write-up" the By-Laws which are called for in our Charter.

The date for the Annual Meeting was set for THE THIRD SUNDAY IN JULY, place to be Recreation Hall at Rock Harbor Lodge for the 1959 meeting.

A new booklet, now in the process of printing, was explained by Robert G. Johnsson, who has been assisting Secretary Linn in its production.

2007 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 50th annual membership meeting of the Isle Royale Natural History Association was held in the Rock Harbor Auditorium on Sunday, July 29, 2007.

Board President Bob Guiliani called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed all to the 50th year of IRNHA. Bob presented a certificate to Executive Director Jill Burkland from the Association of Partners for Public Lands honoring IRNHA on their 50th anniversary. Bob introduced the board members present at the meeting: Marilyn Cooper, Nelda Liebig, Ron Eckoff, and Sara Basso. Park staff Liz Valencia and Phyllis Green were introduced.

Isle Royale National Park Superintendent Phyllis Green congratulated the association on their 50th celebration. She thanked IRNHA and complimented the work they do. IRNHA has published 25 publications over the years, and provided valuable sales and support to the park. "People are what make IRNHA great," she noted. She thanked Jill for her 10 years with IRNHA.

Board President Bob Guiliani thanked Christine Manninen and Sara Basso for their service to the Board, as their terms are now up. The results of the recent board election were not in yet due to a delay in the mailing of ballots, and will be announced at a later date.

Executive Director Jill Burkland gave the membership report. Dues income increased, but overall membership numbers are down from 1014 last year to 907 this year. Jill also gave the fundraising report.

The endowment campaign continues to move along. The goal is \$600,000, of which close to \$100,000 has been donated or pledged. An "all-out" campaign will begin when the goal of \$300,000 is reached.

Ron Eckoff gave the treasurer's report. IRNHA donated over \$22,000 to Isle Royale and Keweenaw Parks in 2006, half cash and half in-kind assistance in park visitor

Thanks for the Memories

Our invitation for members to share their memories of Isle Royale brought this response from long-time IRNHA member Bob Oswald, who now lives in Gaston, Oregon:

I grew up in Houghton and my dad worked for the park service for about ten years. So as a child from about age 8 to 16, I spent summers on the Island. As I read your articles that date back to the 50's I see so many names I know well, even as a child and a teen.

Through my parents and daily events I knew Roy and Susie Stamie, arriving at the island from a southern park. Roy had a bit of the Kentucky accent I believe. Bob Linn, and Holly, and their newborn baby came to visit when we lived on Davis Island, after dad was 'transferred' from Windigo to Mott Island. At Windigo in the early days, Dave Stimson (wife Kay) was the district ranger. We had our incidents with kids falling off the dock, mink feeding on fish heads tied to the docking in the quiet evening. The placid scene of Washington Harbor, moose browsing on the bottom at the mouth of Washington Creek. And a visit by then Governor Williams (Soapy). Even then as a pre-teen I knew this was some kind of important thing.

And Bob Linn played the marimba on Mott Island. The sweet sounds drifting across the waters from the south end of Mott Island, all the way up the harbor I swear. So sweet to hear him play. And everyone loved it.

Ranger III, I was there when she arrived. Many trips to the island on the II and the III was like a cruise ship. I remember Ira Horton, purser at the time. He had his charm, his magic tricks. The pinwheel that can spin in either direction when you rub the stick. But you have to know the magic words. If you rub it yourself, nothing happens. But when he took it, "Hog Milk" made the propeller spin clockwise, "Moose Meat" made it reverse. Magic!!

Pete Edison... we knew him very well. We would drop by his home on an evening out and visit with him and Laura. I loved the old fish house. It was a working place then. Nets hung, repairs, the boat ready to go. What an incredible memory. And her cakes and cookies...for a kid, a treat beyond description. John and Blanch Markham, knew them so well. Even after he left the park and opened the motel in Copper Harbor, they were close family friends.

On the move to Mott, we knew Frank Taddeucci, Tommy the radio operator, the trail crew headed by John Muir, Pete Rose. Ben Zerby was another ranger living next to us at the little cove. I remember two of their four children and we played together. Working in the park even as a teen, driving the boats, the Mallard and the Loon, driving a boat long before I was driving a car. I had a job cleaning campground toilets and garbage. I can't believe the trust that was put into young people in those days.



The Friends of Fashion presented "Isle Royale Women: Memories of a Vanished Era" at the 2007 membership weekend in Rock Harbor.

And I look back on it fondly. We had an inspection of the campground by John Lewis. I have a couple of ancient photos of that process. Of my dad losing favor with the trail crew when his kids reported to Superintendent John that the outhouses 'smelled'. Out of the mouth of babes...

I think Bob Gibbs was the superintendent in our earlier days, daughter Patty. And he was replaced by John G. Lewis, ex prize fighter. Wife Lucy and a sweet daughter Jeanette who was our 'neighborhood' baby sitter and watched after the young folks person. A sweet lady.

Bob and Nadine Janke, isolated over on the north shore. Saw him once in a rare while. So many memories. And that makes me think of my brother Bill, living today in the St. Paul area. He was a ranger for a while. Hiked the Greenstone and even rescued a couple of folks that evoked a letter from the Secretary of the Interior a few decades back.

There is so much more buried in the recesses of this mind. Of Windigo fishermen, Roy Oberg, the North Gap, the America.... It's an overwhelming but wonderful feeling to know details about this great place, to have lived and grown with it.

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The booklet will be available for those wishing to take the Albert Stoll Memorial Trail at no cost, if they return it. If they wish to keep the booklet, a price of 15 cents will be charged.

The following were asked to act as news reporters for the monthly publication, *Wolf's Eye*: For island resident (northeast end) Mrs. Alfreda Gale, (southwest end) Mr. Stanley Sivertson; for construction crews and operations, Mr. John Markham; National Park Service personnel, Mr. Ben Zerby (Chief Ranger); for National Park Service news in general, Superintendent John G. Lewis; for National Park Concessions, Inc., Mr. J. Young.

After an excellent repast was served by Mrs. Goble and Mr. Young, meeting adjourned until 3rd Sunday in July, 1959.

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centers. We ended the year \$8,000 in the red, due primarily to lower sales.

Marilyn Cooper reported that IRNHA is in process of publishing *Island Life: An Isle Royale Nature Guide*. 5000 copies will be printed, and the book will be dedicated to Bob Linn, one of the founders of IRNHA and past Board president.

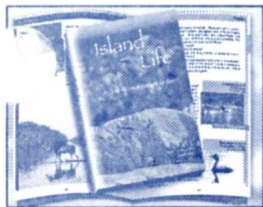
Rolf Peterson discussed the plans underway for the 50th anniversary of the wolf/moose study next year. Plans include programs, speakers, school curriculum, MTU events, and an island celebration.

Jill Burkland presented "An Isle Royale Retrospective," along with Grant Merritt and Chuck Boyle, featuring documents, letters, photos and stories from the past 50 years.

The afternoon was capped off by a wonderful whitefish, brats, (and more) picnic on the Rock Harbor waterfront, prepared by chef Marilyn Cooper. A beautiful 50th anniversary cake was enjoyed by all.

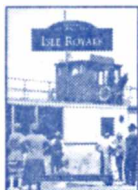


HOLIDAY GIFTS FROM ISLE ROYALE AND THE KEWEENAW



Island Life: An Isle Royale Nature Guide \$19.95

New, complete Isle Royale nature guide describes all the common flora and fauna of Isle Royale in a full color, compact book. Perfect for your backpack or bookshelf. 168 pages. Written by Ted Gostonski and Janet Marr.



Images of Isle Royale \$19.99

New book of historic Isle Royale photographs from Arcadia Publications Images of America series. Written by Jessica Poirier and Richard Taylor.



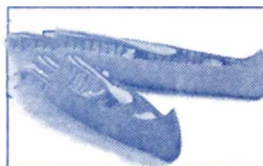
Isle Royale Wolf Tee \$16.95

Heather gray heavy cotton short-sleeve T-shirt with new wolf design in tones of black gray and brown. Sizes small to XXL.



Isle Royale Moose Sweatshirt \$22.00

100% heavy-duty cotton in cream color with muted green and brown graphic and black lettering. Sizes small to XXL.



Canoe Christmas Tree Ornaments \$7.95 each

8" long resin canoe ornament in red or green.



Kids' Ethnic Recipe Note Cards \$10.95

Ten cards in each packet, each with a different recipe and sepia-tone historic photograph. These recipes from Finland, Croatia, Italy, Spain, and Denmark were winners in our Keweenaw kid's ethnic recipe contest. The back of each card has the child's family story and the inside is blank for your message.



Fresh Balsam Wreaths \$29.00

Beautiful 24" diameter wreaths of freshly-harvested fragrant balsam fir greens gathered locally, crafted at the Einerlei in Chassell and trimmed with holiday red velveteen bows.



Keweenaw National Historical Park Pin \$4.50

Shiny copper pin with white KNHP logo design.
3/4" x 1 1/16".



IRNHA 50th Anniversary Pin \$4.50

Limited edition IRNHA logo pin with dates 1957 and 2007.
White with blue and green. 1" round.

Shipping charges for purchases

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over \$75.00, FREE 10% discount for all members. 6% sales tax for MI residents.

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SHARE YOUR LOVE OF ISLE ROYALE AND THE KEWEENAW WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!!

*Do you have family & friends who love Isle Royale or the Keweenaw?
Would you like to introduce someone to these special places?*

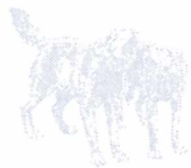
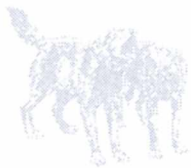
Consider giving a gift membership to the Isle Royale Natural History Association. Your gift recipient will receive a card from us announcing your gift, their annual membership card, the winter 2007 Wolf's Eye, and copies of the 2007 Isle Royale and Keweenaw Park newspapers.

They will also receive all the benefits of IRNHA membership over the coming year.

Please include the name and address of your gift recipient on the form below, and mail to us:

IRNHA, 800 E. Lakeshore Dr., Houghton, MI 49931.

Please copy this form for additional gifts.



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	Note: Life memberships can be paid in five \$200 annual installments.		
TOTAL			

Emergency Restrictions Enacted to Prohibit Untreated Ballast Water Release in Park Waters

Isle Royale National Park Superintendent, Phyllis Green announced emergency restrictions for the Lake Superior waters within Isle Royale National Park on Sept. 17. "The spread of viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) in the lower Great Lakes and the disease's rapid jump to new species has forced me to implement an order restricting the discharge of untreated ballast waters within Park waters by any ballasted ship." Green stated she feels accidental introduction of this virus into Park waters where the water temperatures are ideal for its spread, is potentially devastating to fish populations within the Park. In addition, during the fall spawning season, the threat of spreading the infection is greatly increased due to the congregation of large numbers of fish on spawning reefs.

VHS causes fish to bleed internally, often leading to fatal organ failures. The disease was first discovered in 2005 in Lakes Erie and Ontario. Since then the number of documented cases has spread to 26, including Lake Michigan. To date no cases have been reported in Lake Superior.

Lake trout, whitefish, rainbow trout and turbot are all susceptible to the disease. "The Park has 12 phenotypes of lake trout around the Island and its coaster brook trout population is used as brood stock for reintroduction of that species across Lake Superior. In addition many of the new species this virus affects are popular sports fishing species within Isle Royale. The vector to transmit the disease upstream has to be broken, and it can be broken with, in our case, an easy application of relatively inexpensive chemicals," said Green. The Park will be notifying industry and affected boaters of the regulation. Green is also encouraging the industry to sit down with researchers, relevant state agencies, and their technical engineers to design and implement emergency treatment as soon as possible.

Implementation of this restriction should prevent Isle Royale from becoming the first spot infected with VHS in Lake Superior and slow or retard the impacts of this virus on fish populations within the Park.

Isle Royale personnel have taken temporary steps to treat ballast water on the NPS owned and operated ship the *Ranger III*. Green stated: "We're treating our ship, which has 10 ballast tanks, in a manner accessible to any ship with ballast tanks. We're dumping a little over one gallon of bleach into about 18,500 gallons of water to kill anything in its tanks through the tank vents. To help distribute the disinfectant, we will be pumping ballast between tanks. We will neutralize the effects of the chlorine with vitamin C and release only decontaminated neutralized water within Park boundaries.

The park will initiate formal rule making for permanent regulation prohibiting untreated ballast exchange with a Federal Register notice. Public comment will be collected during the rulemaking process. If you would like to be on a mailing list, either send or email your name and address to Isle Royale National Park Ballast News; 800 East Lakeshore Drive, Houghton MI 49931 or email: ISRO_Superintendent@nps.gov.

New Superintendent of KNHP

Keweenaw National Historical Park has a new Superintendent. Jim Corless made the move from Skagway, Alaska, where he was Superintendent of Klondike Gold Rush National Park, to Calumet, MI in June.

Prior to his 2 1/2 year Superintendency at Klondike, Jim served as Chief of Interpretation and Education at Lowell National Historical Park in Lowell, Mass. While there, he managed the nationally-recognized Tsongas Industrial History Center education program, serving 62,000 on-site students and teachers annually.

In announcing Corless' appointment, Ernest Quintana, director of the NPS Midwest Region, said "Jim's strong public history background, and intensive and extensive involvement in, and understanding of, partnerships and community engagement will serve him well in his new assignment."

We look forward to working with Jim as we continue to expand our partnership with Keweenaw National Historical Park.

Record Low For Lake Superior

A new record low water level was recorded for Lake Superior in August. The average lake level in August was 600.43 feet. The long-term average is 602.2 feet almost two feet over this year's reading.

Contributing factors were high temperatures and low precipitation. Water temperatures have been rising on the lake, resulting in less ice cover which contributes to a higher rate of evaporation. Precipitation for 2007 through August was only 15 inches, which is about half the average.

Low water levels were felt by boaters at Isle Royale this past summer with island docks high out of the water and inaccessible for some boats. Park visitors coming to Isle Royale from Minnesota missed the services of the Wenonah which was unable to navigate shallow waters near its home port in Grand Portage, MN.

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Summer 2008 Events

Botany Workshop

June 16- 21 The Isle Royale Natural History-sponsored botany workshop WILL be happening again next summer! Monday will be an introductory session in Houghton. Travel to Isle Royale on Tuesday, returning on Saturday, with on-island sessions all day Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Participants can choose to camp with the group in Rock Harbor or stay in the Rock Harbor Lodge or house keeping units.

IRNHA Isle Royale Service Trip Siskiwiit Bay Campground Work July 11 - 19

50th Wolf/Moose programs and IRNHA annual meeting
July 25 - 27
Speakers and programs in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the ISRO wolf/moose study.

For more information on IRNHA events, visit IRNHA website at www.irnha.org or phone 800-678-6925.

Isle Royale Institute Courses on Isle Royale

Courses for the general public:

July 6-13 Isle Royale with the National Audubon Society (Lodge-based)

August 3-10 Isle Royale with the National Wildlife Federation (Lodge-based)

August 10-17 Isle Royale with the National Parks Conservation Association (Lodge-based)

August 21-30 50 Years of Wolf-Moose Research at Isle Royale (wilderness camping, canoeing, and hiking)

Professional Development courses for teachers:

July 19-27 Ecology of Isle Royale

July 24-August 1 50 Years of Isle Royale Wolf-Moose Research

For more information on IRI courses, visit the Isle Royale Institute website (www.iri.mtu.edu)

Board Election Results

The IRNHA Board of Directors has two new members as a result of this summer's election. New board members are Brian Bergson and Michael George. Brian lives in St. Paul, MN where he works as Director of Communication and Legislative Affairs for the Minnesota Attorney General. Michael is Chief of Interpretive Services for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks in southeast MI. He lives Fenton, MI.

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Membership Categories

Individual \$25	Household \$35
Supporting \$50	Sustaining \$100
Patron \$250	

Life Membership \$1,000*

*Life memberships may be paid in 5 annual installments.

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