

Armada Area Historical Society
General Membership Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2025
We the People: 23010 West Main Street; Armada, MI – 7:00pm

Meeting called to order at 7:10 pm

Members Attending:

Ross Boelke, Sam Boelke, Pat Darling, Pat Gakstatter, Kevin Grand, Gary MacArthur, Gregory Schultz, Rhosan J. Beatham Zebelian

Approval of Agenda:

Motion to accept agenda as amended made by Sam Boelke. Second by Pat Gakstatter.
All Ayes.

Approval of Minutes from July 10, 2025 Meetings:

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Ross Boelke. Second by Gregory Schultz. **All Ayes.** Sam Boelke abstained.

Officer Reports:

President (Greg) – See below.

Vice President (Sam) – See attached.

Secretary (Kevin) – See below.

Treasurer (Sam) – See attached.

Curator (Pat) – Nothing to report.

Old Business:

- 153th Armada Fair. Ross provided a brief update on where we will be set up at this year's fair. We will be displaying on a 12-foot table with items showing the Grange symbols meaning like a Sheaf of Wheat along with farming implements like a hand plow. Sam had distributed a sign in sheet for fair volunteers during Fair Week.
- "Show Us What You've Got" – September 13th & 14th. Ross explained that this year's event will be like last year's. He went on to state that we will be sharing the Fairgrounds with an equestrian event on Saturday, but that there will be no one else at the Fairgrounds on Sunday. He will reach out to the Eastside A's, Cushman Club and Rocky Harding: Antique Tractor Coordinator. Letters will be sent out to the Richmond, Romeo and Memphis Historical Societies along with Capac and Almont. Someone commenting that the appraiser will only be available on Saturday from 10am until 4pm, and will not be available on Sunday.
- Armada Township request for historical information and photos of Township Hall. Greg moved that this be tabled until September. Ross and Sam will help with a committee to assemble the information from our collection.

Old Business (con't):

- Written update/amendment proposal to Grange Hall Transfer Agreement. Greg prepared a template letter for members in attendance to review. After reading this to the members, he will further review and send out around the 18th.
- Set up acquisition committee for purchase of Armada antiques online. Tabled until September.
- Armada Township request for historical photos/displays – Nothing to report.
- Discussion to purchase a scanner for large documents & artifacts. Tabled until September.

New Business:

- Discussion on expanding AAHS presence on X/Twitter with an upgraded membership. Item tabled until October.

Final Member Comments:

Ross handed out Fair Passes to those volunteering at the Fair. He had also asked about writing a Thank You letter for the Simpson Pharmacy donation to AAHS. Greg had asked about getting a P.O. Box to receive correspondence. Sam said that she would contact the Post Office and ask about details.

Upcoming Events:

General Membership Meeting September 11th.
"Show Us What You've Got" September 13th & 14th.

Close Meeting

Motion made by Ross Boelke, second by Rhosan J. Beatham Zebelian to close meeting at 9:02pm. **All Ayes.**

Minutes prepared by Kevin Grand: AAHS Secretary

Tentative AAHS Meeting Dates for 2025

October 9th

November 13th

December 11th

Unless otherwise publicized, all meetings will begin at 7:00pm within The Grange Hall located on the Armada Fair Grounds, Armada, MI

**Armada Area Historical Society
Treasurer's Report August 7, 2025**

Checking Account Beginning Balance July 10, 2025

\$17,941.17

Income

Memberships:	
Interest Income	.16

Total Income	\$.16
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\$17,941.33

Expenditures

Total Expenditures	
Total Expenditures	\$

Checking Account Balance 8.7.25

\$17,941.33

Historical Marker Fund		Estimated total needed	\$6,500.00
Fall 2019	Carryover from Sesquicentennial		\$810.63
5.27.22	Mark & Karen Albrecht		\$250.00
6.4.22	Vinckier Ribfest		\$252.50
6.13.22	Ross Boelke; additional Ribfest food donations		\$115.00
6.27.22	Kevin Grand		\$100.00
7.11.22	Partial donation payment Armada Flea 50/50		\$500.00
7.15.22	Armada Flea donation		\$300.00
8.16.22	Ross Boelke – pre fair hours worked		\$61.59
9.15.22	Pre-fair hours worked by society members @ \$10 per hour		\$850.00
2.13.23	Greg Schultz		\$100.00
2.9.24	Online donations		\$135.00
8.24.23	Armada Flea Market 2023 donations		\$500.00
9.11.23	Armada Fair 2023 donation		\$900.00
6.17.24	Shirley & Ron Slobodnik		\$50.00
6.17.24	Butch Peders (Armada Flea Vendor)		\$40.00
7.11.24	Armada Flea Market Donation		\$197.00
9.16.24	Armada Flea Market Donation		\$380.00
9.16.24	Armada Fair 2024		\$800.00
	Total Collected		\$6,341.72
	Application Fee Ck# 241		-\$250
	Total funds for Marker		\$6091.72

Notes:

- After taking out the Historical Marker Fund of \$6091.72 the unassigned balance is \$11,849.61