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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, April 17, 2023

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Jarv Osborne
George Sterling
Ryan Baptiste
Kirk Du Guid
Judy Ransome
Peter Hall

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Regrets from Jenny Hall.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the March 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Kirk Du Guid. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$5,346.08 on March 29, 2023. Expenses for March include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$56.44, Cheque #247 in the amount of \$1,243.00 to the Almaguin Chamber of Commerce for advertising and the annual website hosting fee to Client First Canada in the amount of \$457.92. A deposit was made in the amount of \$150 which included \$30 in memberships and \$120 from PayPal's "Giving Fund." The lottery account balance



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remains at \$65.00. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Ryan Baptiste. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Watt Century Farm House Update:

Members were informed that a tender has been advertised by the Township of Armour to construct a prefab storage building. The red storage building will be demolished by the Township's Roads Department. The tender will close on May 18, 2023 and be awarded at the May 23, 2023 Council meeting.

The chairlift is pending inspection by the TSSA.

The new laptop data conversion from the old laptop is in progress.

The annual fire inspection of the farm house has been completed.

Heritage Festival Update:

Members reviewed the written report on the status of the event. Updates for April included:

- Bray Motors will have a 30 x 30 display area with show car
- Food Vendor: Artizza's Pizza confirmed attendance
- Food Vendor: Banger confirmed attendance - selling bangers & grilled cheese
- No face painting – Sue has arm surgery pending
- Wrist bracelets received
- 26 cars registered for the car show
- 51 vendors registered (includes food vendors)
- Firefighter coins are ready for pick up

Diane will contact the trapper regarding a display at Heritage Festival.

Auditors Report:

Jarv Osborne reported to Members that as per our Constitution, an examination of the 2022 financial records has been completed. Jarv Osborne and Betty Caldwell found the Treasurer's bookkeeping to be in order and well kept.

Correspondence:

PayPal sent a flyer recommending the Historical Society enrolls in their Giving Fund program. It is a quick way to receive grants from donors through Facebook, GoFundMe, PayPal and other online platforms. There are no fees to join. Charlene will set up the account.



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General Business:

Members reviewed the new Chamber of Commerce advertisement promoting the Heritage Centres and Heritage Festival for 2023. Members thanked Diane for creating the poster.

The construction at the Farm House with the new storage building will require the relocation of the portable washroom rental. Charlene will contact the supplier. Diane will mark a new location for the unit.

Members were advised that Lorne Main, founding member just celebrated his 97th birthday. Happy Birthday, Lorne! We wish you happiness, health, prosperity and thousands of sweet memories.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on May 15, 2023 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **George Sterling moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President