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**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, August 18, 2025**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Jarv Osborne – Vice President
Nieves Guijarro, *Acting Secretary*
Kirk Du Guid
Krista Trulsen
Nancy Kyte
Mike Quinton
Peter Hall

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Regrets: Jenny Hall – Treasurer
Barry Burton
Charlene Watt – Secretary/Deputy-Treasurer

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane Brandt welcomed Members to the meeting. Regrets were disclosed.

Appointment of Secretary for the Meeting:

Per section 6.2(c) of the constitution: if the Secretary is, for any reason, unable to be present at a meeting of the Board or the Members, the Board may appoint another Director to record the minutes of the meeting. **Motion to appoint Nieves Guijarro as the acting secretary for the August 18, 2025 meeting of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Kirk Du Guid. Carried**

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance of minutes and adoption of the July 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Krista Trulsen. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Peter Hall on behalf of Jenny Hall. Main bank account balance was \$10,976.16 on July 1, 2025. Expenses totalled \$5,102.02 for expected fixed monthly business expenses (e.g. telephone/internet), and Heritage Day Prizes, farmhouse keys, new phone, pictures, frames, printing, partial payment for Insurance, cleaning schoolhouse and contribution to refreshments for the King Charles Coronation event honouring Lorne and Betty, and the engineering assessment of the barns fitness for repair or recovery. Revenue totalled \$7,958.15. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Nancy Kyte, Seconded by Krista Trulsen. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Diane Brandt informed the Members that the facility has received approximately 18 visitors during the month of August. Diane and Mike met with the Zehr Family who were visiting the area once again. The Zehr family has a long history in the area, in particular with a Timber Company.

Watt Farm House Update:

Diane Brandt informed Members that the Heritage Centre received 25 visitors during the month of August. The two part-time employees, Clara and Jordan, have been actively engaged in researching and inventorying artifacts.

Diane Brandt also provided a status update on the red building construction. The utilities have been hooked up now.

Facilities and Function Committee:

Diane Brandt informed Members that she received a response from Anthony D'Agata, who has contact with the Amish community, and discussed the disassembling of the barn at the farmhouse. Heritage Centre staff are currently cataloguing the barn wood boards.

Membership Committee:

Peter Hall advised Members that he received two payments to renew memberships for 2025. Peter attended the Ryerson Yard Sale where he was able to promote the Historical Society and the work being done at the Heritage Centres.

Correspondence: None

General Business: None



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New Business:

Fall Fair:

The Fall Fair will be held on Monday, September 1, 2025. Display items for the table at the fair will include the mystery box game of artifacts, newsletters and membership forms. The donation jar and large banner poster will be picked up from the Farm House before the event.

Halloween:

Nieves Guijarro informed Members that she will be meeting with the Lions Club on September 18, 2025 with Charlene Watt to discuss the annual event planning. It is expected that Historical Society Members will do as they have in the past with manning game tables and handing out candy. We will advise the Lions Club that the Historical Society will bring their fishing game back and hand out our own candy. Charlene will send out donation request letters to the Township of Ryerson and Township of Armour. She will also offer to create the event flyer and seek bottled water donations from Valu-Mart. Additional information will be brought forward next month.

Relocation of an Active Member:

At this meeting, members presented a photo keepsake to Kirk Du Guid in recognition of his dedicated service, as this was his final meeting with the Historical Society. Kirk has been an active volunteer for several years, generously opening the schoolhouse to visitors and playing a key role in ensuring the heritage centre remained accessible for public tours. The Society expressed its sincere appreciation for Kirk's contributions and extended best wishes for the future. Members also expressed hope to remain in touch and to receive future correspondence from him.

Other Business:

Jarv Osborne inquired about any update on the tinted windows. Diane will bring an update at the meeting in September.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Kirk Du Guid moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.**

Recorded by
Nieves Guijarro, Acting Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President