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## MINUTES

### Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

### Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

### Monday, February 20, 2023

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President  
Charlene Watt – Secretary  
Jarv Osborne  
Ryan Baptiste  
Judy Ransome  
George Stirling

The Members present constituted a quorum.

#### **Call to Order:**

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

#### **Welcome:**

Diane welcomed Members. Diane welcomed our new Village of Burk's Falls representative, Councillor Ryan Baptiste.

#### **Delegation:**

None

#### **Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Acceptance and adoption of the January 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Ryan Baptiste. Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

A verbal Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$6,333.67 on January 31, 2023. Expenses for February include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$56.44 and Cheque #246 in the amount of \$22.60 to Diane Brandt for flowers that were given to Betty Caldwell in memory of Alan Caldwell. Deposits included \$100 in memberships for Lorne Main, Diane Brandt, Nieves Guijarro, Charlene Watt, Teresa Jordan, Jarv Osborne, Betty Caldwell and George and Mary Sterling. The lottery account balance remains at \$65.00. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Ryan Baptiste. Carried**



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## **Committee Reports:**

### Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse:

None

### Watt Century Farm House:

Diane Brandt informed Members that this summer's farm house display will be on the Knight Brothers. Diane will contact the family members to invite them out to the Heritage Centre and to the unveiling ceremony of the Knight Brothers Municipal Park in Burk's Falls.

## **Correspondence:**

Members discussed advertising in the Chamber of Commerce's Community Guide for 2023. An early bird discount is being offered if payment is made before March 15, 2023. The price of the advertisement after March 15 is \$1,265.00 + HST. Members agreed to having a full-page coloured advertisement promoting the Heritage Centres and Heritage Day. Diane will create the advertisement. **Motion to approve a full-page advertisement in the 2023 Chamber of Commerce Community Guide at a cost of \$1,100 + HST: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

## **General Business:**

Charlene Watt presented a written report to Members on the status of Heritage Day planning.

Members discussed renaming Heritage Day due to the change of venue and the increase of attractions. Members agreed to rename the event to Heritage Festival.

Diane Brandt suggested to Members that the Heritage Festival would be an appropriate time to proceed with the unveiling ceremony for the Knight Brothers Municipal Park. The firefighter challenge will be held on the grounds with the baseball diamond and skateboard park. There was an unveiling to occur previously; however, COVID restrictions prevented it from happening. Members agreed and Ryan Baptiste confirmed that he was aware of the previous Council's arrangements with the park's dedication and that the Village will support and participate in the unveiling. Diane Brandt will proceed with planning the ceremony and locate family contacts.

Members discussed cutting the grass on the fairgrounds in advance of the Heritage Festival. The Agricultural Society only cuts the grass for the Fall Fair. Charlene Watt will contact the Agricultural Society to obtain permission.



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**New Business:**

Psychic Days are being planned for the summer. Diane Brandt will have additional details at a future meeting.

A dunk tank was suggested at the Heritage Festival. Ryan Baptiste will inquire about local rental options. Before the booth is secured, we will need to ensure that there are participants that are willing to be dunked.

**Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on March 20, 2023 and will be the **Annual General Meeting** at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Ryan Baptiste moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, President