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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, June 19, 2023

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Jarv Osborne
George Sterling
Kirk Du Guid
Judy Ransome
Jenny Hall
Peter Hall
Krista Trulsen
Kristoffer Trulsen-Hunt

Guest: Jennifer Furtney

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 and our Guest. Diane introduced the new members, Krista Trulsen and Kristoffer Trulsen-Hunt. Kristoffer is the 2023 summer student for the Historical Society. Members introduced themselves.

Delegation:

Jennifer Furtney offered a quilt donation to the Historical Society and provided a history on the item. The quilt was made in 1954 and contains the provincial flowers. A request was made to put the item on display. Members accepted the donation and agreed to place the item on exhibit. Jennifer completed the donation form and submitted it to Diane Brandt.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the May 15, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Jenny Hall, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$9,813.82 on May 25, 2023. Expenses for May include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$56.44 and Cheque #249 in the amount of \$71.46 to the Township of Armour for office supplies. A deposit was made in the amount of \$100.00 for a donation from Murray Caldwell and the annual municipal contribution of \$5,000 from the Village of Burk's Falls. 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 Jenny Hall. Carried**

Charlene Watt has received account signing authority effective June 9, 2023.

Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Diane advised that the heritage centre has been cleaned and prepared for the season's opening. Summer volunteer sign up will be discussed later in the meeting.

Watt Farm House Update:

Members were provided a copy of the TSSA Report for the stair lift. The stair lift is available for public use. The summer student will begin working at the Farm House on June 30, 2023.

Heritage Festival Update:

Members reviewed the written report on the status of the event from Charlene Watt. Updates for June included:

- Kyle "The Monster" Nelson confirmed attendance from 11 am to 1 pm
- Crime Stoppers will be attending – to assign Vendor site #2 – needs vehicle with display
- Horse drawn wagon booked – to run on fairground track up to legion. Not running on Yonge Street.
- Site map reviewed.
- We have a face painter! Thank you, Ryan & Ariel Baptiste.
- Video footage will be taken on event day by Economic Development. Signage to be posted at points of entry for visitors to be made aware.
- All 3 Mayors will say a speech at the opening ceremony
- Event bag signs posted around the area
- Invited dignitaries – no response to date
- Confirmed attendance of members
- Dunk Tank Volunteers are Mayor Rod Ward, Councillor Dan Robertson and Councillor Ryan Baptiste. Charlene will attempt to obtain more politicians due to the length of the event.



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- Meeting scheduled with volunteers this week
- Arrive at Fairgrounds around 7:30 a.m. on July 8. No traffic on the fairgrounds after 11:00 a.m.
- No cake or cupcakes will be served this year. Valu-mart is no longer offering the service.
- A Frame Sign Displays created
- 3133 Air Cadets will be in attendance to set up with military
- Food Bank will set up a tent beside Historical Society tent – 50/50 draw
- Vendor sites to be marked with orange paint – permission granted from Wilma Robert
- Moved the attractions out of the horse corral and onto the field per discussion with Agri Society
- Fairgrounds lawn cutting on July 5
- Watering of field by Armour Roads Dept after grass cutting, then spray paint site area
- Village of Burk's Falls is ordering the popcorn and smaller popcorn bags

Members reviewed the list of duties, site plan of the fairgrounds, site plan of the vendors market, and the team meeting agenda. A team meeting for Heritage Festival with event coordinators and volunteers is scheduled for June 20, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in the Armour Council Chambers.

Members in attendance on Heritage Festival will include: Diane, Jenny, Peter, Krista, Kristoffer, George, and Charlene. Ryan Baptiste was absent from the meeting but is anticipated to be in attendance.

Correspondence:

Members were informed of correspondence from Shaaron McDonald, member of the Knight Family, that she will not be in attendance for Heritage Festival but she will visit the Watt Farm House in September.

Members reviewed a photo donation from Kim Short of "river rats" logging the Magnetawan River in Burk's Falls. The photo is dated 1916 and will be added to the Historical Society's collection.

Diane Brandt advised Members that the Legion, Burk's Falls Branch 405, donated \$500 to the Historical Society.

Diane Brandt discussed the insurance renewal. Renewal documents from the insurance company were reviewed and accepted by Members. The policy will be renewed on July 1. 2021's insurance fee was \$834.84 and 2022's insurance fee was \$1,176.12. The 2023 insurance fee is \$1,425.60.



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General Business:

Summer Student:

A summer student has been hired and will work between the two heritage sites over the summer. Work hours will be Thursday to Monday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members welcomed Kristoffer.

Summer Volunteer Sign Up Calendar:

A calendar sign-up sheet was presented to Members. Members signed up to volunteer at the School House. Krista will be at the school house from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Thursday in July and on August 17 and 24, same hours. Judy volunteered to be at the school house on Saturday July 15, 22 & 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Kirk will visit the school house on Friday and discuss volunteering with Diane at that time.

Amendment to the Historical Society's Constitution:

Motion, effective July 17, 2023, to change the wording in the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society's Constitution and By-laws, as amended January 16, 2017, be revised in ARTICLE 9 - SECRETARY to reflect a title change from Secretary, to **Secretary/Deputy-Treasurer**. The exact wording for the description of the job title to read as follows:
"He/she shall record the minutes and circulate copies to all members. **A Deputy Treasurer will temporarily assume the Treasurer's duties when the latter is unable to perform them, continuing until the Treasurer is able to resume his/her duties or until a new Treasurer has been appointed. The Deputy Treasurer is not a member of Council.**"

Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried

Motion, effective July 17, 2023, to change the wording in the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society's Constitution and By-laws, as amended January 16, 2017, be revised in ARTICLE 10 – TREASURER to read as follows:

"He/she shall take charge of all accounts against "THE BURK'S FALLS AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY" and see that the accounts are duly paid when the same have been passed for payment by the Committee. All cheques must be signed by at least any two (2) signatures which can be either the President, Vice-President, **or Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer** in any combination thereof. It is his or her responsibility to have proper accounts drawn up in a financial institution in Canada, named by the committee and that all monies, with the exception of petty cash, be deposited therein. All accounts exceeding twenty dollars (\$20.00) must be paid by cheque."



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As per last month's meeting, Charlene Watt will hold the Officer positions of Secretary and Deputy Treasurer for 2023/2024.

New Business:

Ryerson Township's Canada Day celebration is on June 24, 2023 and the Schoolhouse will be opened for the event. Volunteers for the event include Judy and Diane.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 17, 2023 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **George Sterling moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary &
Deputy Treasurer

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President