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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, March 20, 2023

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

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. New members, Kirk Du Guid and Peter Hall were welcomed.
Regrets from Judy Ransome.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the February 20, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt on behalf of Kendra Kellas. Main bank account balance was \$6,354.63 on February 28, 2023. Expenses for March include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$56.44. A donation deposit of \$140.00 was made on March 16, 2023. 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**



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Committee Reports:

Members discussed the Membership Committee and without a designated Member to provide monthly reports, it was agreed that the Treasurer's report will include any future membership updates.

Nomination and Election of Officers:

Nominations for the 2023/2024 Officers were made and discussed by Members:

Diane Brandt was nominated as President by George Sterling and seconded by Jenny Hall. Diane Brandt accepted the nomination.

Nieves Guijarro was nominated as Vice-President by Jarv Osborne and seconded by Kirk Du Guid. Nieves Guijarro accepted the nomination.

Kendra Kellas resigned as Treasurer but informed Diane Brandt before the meeting that she would agree to be the interim Treasurer until September 2023 to allow the replacement nominee, Jenny Hall some time to transition into the position. Jenny Hall was nominated as Treasurer by Diane Brandt and seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Jenny Hall accepted the nomination.

Charlene Watt was nominated as Secretary by George Sterling and seconded by Diane Brandt. Charlene Watt accepted the nomination.

General Business:

Heritage Festival Update:

Members reviewed the written report on the status of the event. Charlene requested direction from Members on the use of wrist bracelets to track attendance. Members agreed as it would be beneficial to have actual attendance figures for future reporting. We will need to acquire volunteers to hand out the bracelets at the event. The vendors market is now over 45 vendors. Members agreed that we need to be cautious of not overbooking the field at this new venue and suggested that we only accept registrations for FOOD VENDORS and COMMUNITY GROUPS that are fundraising or providing information on their services. As we get closer to the event day, we will reassess the availability of spacing. Members discussed the dunk tank and agreed that the funds raised with the attraction will be for the Historical Society due to the anticipated decrease in donations from the change in venue.

Diane provided Members with a verbal update on the dedication ceremony planning. Kelvin Williamson, great great-grandson of Walter Knight confirmed his attendance to Heritage



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Festival. Diane indicated that the dedication of Knight Brothers Park will be made after the opening ceremony.

NOHFC Grant Application:

Members discussed the NOHFC Community Enhancement Funding Program application for the red building at the Watt Farm House. The Township of Armour has requested approval of the application. Members passed a supporting resolution.

WHEREAS the Council of the Township of Armour has included, in their 2023 budget, a project for the expansion of the Watt Century Farm House Heritage Centre to provide viewing and storage space for the Heritage Centre;

AND WHEREAS this project will expand the functional exhibit and event spaces at the Heritage Centre;

AND WHEREAS this project will increase the preservation and celebration of additional cultural and historical artifacts;

AND WHEREAS to help fund this project the Township of Armour has applied for funding to the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program;

NOW THEREFORE the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approves the application submitted to the NOHFC Community Enhancement Program – Rural Enhancement Funding and confirms that the Township of Armour will fund their share of the project, estimated at \$16,200, and any shortfall which may occur with this project.

Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried

Knight Family Research by Mike Quinton:

Diane was provided a package of research by Mike Quinton from Charlene at the meeting. Diane will review the information and create a display at the Farm House for 2023 on the Knight Family. Members reviewed a written summary that Mike provided in the agenda package and thanked Mike for his impressive presentation. Kirk mentioned to Members that in Meaford, Ontario there was a Knight Brothers Milling Company many years ago. Diane will forward the information to Mike Quinton.

New Business:

None



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Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on April 17, 2023 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President