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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, May 15, 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 7:00 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the April 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Ryan Baptiste. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$4,941.72 on April 27, 2023. Expenses for April include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal in the amount of \$56.44, Cheque #248 in the amount of \$459.92 to the Township of Armour for website hosting through Client First Canada. A deposit was made in the amount of \$110.00 which included \$10.00 in membership and \$100.00 for an anonymous donation. The lottery account balance remains at \$65.00. The Historical Society has received the annual contribution from the Village of Burk's Falls in the amount of \$5,000.00, the cheque will be



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deposited. Members thanked the Village for their continued support. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Heritage Festival Update:

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

- Site Visit of the Fairgrounds – scheduled for May 19, 2023 at 2:00 pm – draft site plan to be presented next month.
- Car Show – we have 28 cars and 1 motorcycle registered to date.
- Vendors Market – we have 50 registrations to date.
- Victim Services & Sawyer the Crisis Response Dog – confirmed attendance – extra chair under Historical Society's tent for Gail.
- \$2,000.00 grant received from NECO to support Heritage Festival and cover the cost of a horse wagon shuttle.
- Pending response from Thunder Ridge Farms on horse shuttle booking.
- Pending response from Village of Burk's Falls on permission to run horses along Yonge Street.
- Donation: Savour This Bakery - \$25 Gift Card.
- Donation: Bickley Ford – two \$25 Gift Certificates.
- Donation: Burk's Falls Legion – to pick up Fish & Chip Dinner Certificates
- Burk's Falls Mayor Chris Hope confirmed attendance and will participate in the opening ceremony.
- Ryerson Mayor George Sterling confirmed attendance to the event.
- Purchased a Tripod Dry Erase Whiteboard to list Car Show Winners – placement at the judges' tent.
- Ballot Box for Car Show Crowd Favourite created – to be placed at Historical Society's tent.
- Legion will open for Heritage Festival and serve alcohol.
- Legion will host a pancake breakfast on the morning of Heritage Festival – we will help to promote.
- Learn to Fish not attending but will send promotional material –Hatchery to hand out.
- Free bottled water will be handed out at the Agricultural Society's BBQ Booth – will invoice Armour after event.
- Bag signs to be posted around municipalities in early June.
- Each Fire Department will be given 10 bag signs to post around their municipality.



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CAR AWARDS

Crowd Favourite with Trophy	Fire Chiefs with Trophy	Mayors Choice with Trophy
Heritage Festival with Trophy	Best Car 1920 – 1994	Best Truck 1920 – 1994
Best Car 1995 – Current	Best Truck 1995 – Current	Best interior
Best Motorcycle	Best Muscle Car	Best Rod
Best Paint	Belongs in a Museum	Most Original
Best Restoration	Most Unique	Wild Ride

Nieves Guijarro will contact Candy Shuker at the Village of Burk's Falls to obtain supplies for the popcorn machine for Heritage Festival. A table and canopy tent will be required for this station. Nieves will bring the tent from the library.

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

George Sterling informed Members that a new sliding screen door has been installed at the schoolhouse. Judy Ransome expressed interest in volunteering at the Heritage Centre to allow for the facility to be opened this summer. A calendar sign-up sheet will be presented at the next meeting. It is anticipated to be opened on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. this summer. Ryerson Township's Canada Day celebration is on June 24, 2023 and the schoolhouse is planned to be opened for the event.

Correspondence:

Members reviewed the invitation from the Village of Burk's Falls to attend the May 20, 2023 Downtown Celebration Festival from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Diane will attend the event on behalf of the Historical Society and hand out flyers seeking volunteers, promoting the Heritage Centres and Heritage Festival. A draft flyer was presented to Members for review. Members approved the flyer with minor revisions.

An email advising Members that insurance is coming up for renewal was received. Diane Brandt will review and respond.

An email was received from Kendra Kellas indicating that she has made the difficult decision to resign as the summer Heritage Assistant and Treasurer. Members discussed the vacancy as the resignation may impact hours at the Watt Farm House Heritage Centre. Diane will report back to Members next month. Hiring of a summer student requires additional duties for Members, including the requirement for an on-site supervisor.



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General Business:

Nomination and Election of Officer:

Members discussed the resignation of Kendra Kellas and the measures that were required by the Historical Society. Kendra Kellas resigned as Treasurer in March 2023, 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. **Motion to accept the resignation of Kendra Kellas as the Treasurer for the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society effective May 15, 2023. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried**

Members discussed the requirement for a signing officer due to the changes in the Treasurer position. A Deputy Treasurer nomination for the 2023/2024 Officer position was created by Members. **Motion to nominate Charlene Watt for the position of Deputy Treasurer and signing officer for the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society effective May 15, 2023. Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Peter Hall. Carried**

Charlene Watt will hold the Officer positions of Secretary and Deputy Treasurer for 2023/2024.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on June 19, 2023 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **George Sterling moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary &
Deputy Treasurer

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President