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**MINUTES**  
**Burk's Falls & District Historical Society**  
**Fell Homes, Burk's Falls**  
**Monday, May 30, 2022**  
**Masks Required**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President  
Charlene Watt – Secretary  
Lorne Main  
Jarv Osborne  
Delynne Patterson  
Judy Ransome

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 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented to Members by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$8,619.29 on April 30, 2022. Expenses in April included Cheque #221 for \$25 to Hospice, Cheque #220 for \$1,173 to Almaguin Highlands Chamber of Commerce for advertising, Cheque #219 for \$629.10 to Diane Brandt for office supplies and automatic withdrawal for \$56.44 to Net Spectrum. Jarv Osborne will inquire with the Village of Burk's Falls regarding the \$5,000 annual donation to the Historical Society. The lottery account balance is



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**\$65.00. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

### **Committee Reports:**

*Heritage Day Update:* Members reviewed a draft site plan of the farm field. Diane will provide a site plan at the next meeting for the farm house property. To date there are 28 vendors. A verbal update was provided to Members on the status of the event planning. Diane has ordered the cake and will advise Charlene on how many cases of bottled water to order.

### **General Business:**

#### *Watt Century Farm House Update:*

Diane updated Members to advise summer displays are being created and ultraviolet window grip is being installed. Diane advised that the farm house will be opened to the public on June 25 and daily summer hours will begin on July 1 with the hours of 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

#### *Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:*

The schoolhouse remains closed at this time. Delynne Patterson updated Members to advise that the window is being repaired and that she has been making calls to inquire about exterior and structural repairs. Funding for the project is being investigated. Members provided a verbal list of local masonry businesses to Delynne. Diane Brandt advised that if the schoolhouse is to be opened that it will require a deep cleaning. Charlene Watt volunteered to assist in cleaning the building. Judy Ransome offered to supply hot water.

### **Correspondence:**

Members reviewed correspondence from Andrew Hind regarding his recent book, *Founded on Stone 2: More Tales of Early Parry Sound District*. One copy will be forwarded to the Historical Society. Members will review the book once it is received to determine if we would like to purchase additional copies to sell to the general public. The book sells for \$17 and retails for \$25.

Members reviewed a thank you card from Laurie and Jarv Osborne in response to the donation to Hospice Huntsville in memory of Helen Maddeaux.



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### **New Business:**

#### *Dry Cleaning:*

Diane Brandt advised Members that \$358.61 was spent on dry cleaning vintage clothing artifacts such as Navy uniforms, suits, capes, etc.

#### *Income Tax for the Charitable Status:*

Diane Brandt received a response from Lorraine Henderson at Money Tree Tax Services in Sundridge with a quote to file the tax return. A resolution approving the quote was passed.

**Motion to approve the quote by Money Tree Tax Services to file the 2021 Charitable Tax Return in the amount of \$150 + HST: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried.**

#### *Archival Boxes:*

Diane Brandt provided a quote from BroDart for archival boxes which included 3 storage boxes for clothing, 2 oversized boxes, 1 box for a book and 1 box for the storage of calendars. **Motion to approve the quote by BroDart for archival boxes in the amount of \$312.30 + HST and shipping: Moved by Judy Ransome, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

#### *Insurance:*

Renewal documents from the insurance company were reviewed and accepted by Members, including the recommendation to add the coverage of \$18 per month for employees. The policy will be renewed on July 1. Last year's insurance fee was \$834.84.

#### *Great North Arrow Publication:*

Charlene Watt updated Members to advise that she had been in contact with Cyndi Culbert and obtained back copies of the publication. Diane Brandt was provided the newspapers at the meeting. Cyndi will continue to supply the Historical Society with editions of the local newspaper.

### **Adjournment:**

The next meeting will be held on June 20, 2022 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Lorne Main moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, President