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## MINUTES

### Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

### Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

### Monday, November 20, 2023

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

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. Regrets from Jenny Hall, Barry Burton and Ryan Baptiste.

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

Acceptance and adoption of the October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

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

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$10,380.36 on September 28, 2023. Deposits in September totalled \$183.45 and expenses totalled \$1010.59. The main account balance was \$9,744.44 on October 31, 2023. There were no deposits in October and expenses totalled \$635.92. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**



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### **Correspondence:**

There was no correspondence.

### **Committee Reports:**

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

The heritage centre has been closed for the season. The final clean up is pending. Diane purchased a new vacuum cleaner for the heritage centre.

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

Diane advised that there were two visitors to view the Remembrance Day display. At the Legion's Remembrance Day presentation, Diane noted that Cpl. Wallace Millar was named. There are two Navy uniforms at the farm house with the name W. Miller on them. The discrepancy in the spelling of the last name is noted. Diane will investigate to obtain more information on the soldier. The farm house will be opened throughout the off season by appointment only. The stairlift is expected to be inspected in November. The new steel building construction is coming along.

### **General Business:**

#### **Halloween 2023:**

Members reviewed an email from Barry Burton advising that the Lions' Club Halloween Party the event saw 102 young squires and maidens being knighted. The Lions Club advised that there were over 300 children in attendance. Members expressed interest in co-hosting the party again next year.

#### **Santa Claus Parade:**

The Burk's Falls Santa Claus Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. This year will be the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Parade. The leftover Halloween candy will be given to the Parade Committee to hand out. Members discussed entering a float in 2024. Diane will seek Boxing Day sales to purchase Christmas lights, etc.

### **New Business:**

#### **Donations:**

Leonard and Dave Gray donated items to the Historical Society from their mother's estate. Members were thankful to receive treasured items from June Gray and will continue to preserve the family heirlooms.



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Holiday Giveaway – Facebook Contest:

Charlene Watt suggested to Members that the Historical Society offer a holiday giveaway through social media this year as it is an excellent way to engage with our existing audience on Facebook. A caption competition will share an image and ask the audience to come up with a description for it. Usually, a winner is drawn by choosing the best caption and is rewarded with a prize. We would base the winner on “likes”. Options of images were presented and Members selected a Christmas image #4. A gift certificate, Armour History Book and wreath prize will be awarded on December 14, 2023.

Winterfest:

Krista Trulsen inquired if Members would be interested in co-hosting Winterfest in Burk's Falls. The weekend event was not of a matter of interest to Members at this time as Heritage Festival is our focus.

December Meeting:

Members discussed a December meeting and agreed to cancel the monthly meeting as we have in the past. **Motion that the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve the cancellation of the December 18, 2023 meeting and Members will return to the regularly scheduled meeting of January 15, 2024: Moved by George Sterling, Seconded by Krista Trulsen. Carried**

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 15, 2024 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **George Sterling moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary &  
Deputy Treasurer

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, President