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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, October 16, 2023

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt – Secretary (via teleconference)
Krista Trulsen
Barry Burton
Kirk Du Guid
George Sterling
Ryan Baptiste

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:58 p.m.
Diane Brandt in the Chair.

Welcome:

Diane welcomed Members. Regrets from Jarv Osborne and Jenny Hall.

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Krista Trulsen, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

A Treasurer's Report will be available at the next meeting.

Correspondence:

Members were informed that Net Spectrum sent an email advising that they are enhancing their billing system and customer portal.



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Committee Reports:

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

Members were updated by Diane on the Sunday, October 15, 2023 Restoration Festival event that was held at the schoolhouse. The heritage centre was opened from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with over 20 visitors.

Watt Farm House Update:

Diane provided a verbal update to Members to advise that she has been working at the farm house at least once a week. A Remembrance Day display will be set up by October 27, 2023 and the heritage centre will be open on October 28, 2023 and November 4 – 5, 2023 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The stairlift is to be inspected in November. The new steel building is still in the early construction phase and walls are expected in the coming weeks.

General Business:

Halloween:

Charlene Watt and Ryan Baptiste updated Members on the Halloween Party with the Burk's Falls Lions Club. The party will be held on Halloween night at the arena from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Barry and Lorraine Burton will be dressed in authentic medieval clothing and host a Knighting Ceremony for children. Nieves Guijarro and Krista Trulsen volunteered to help with certificate and candy handouts. A bowling game will be set up by the Historical Society. Ryan Baptiste will assign duties to Charlene Watt, Logan Watt, Kaiyla Hoffmann, Mayor Rod Ward, Councillor Rob Blakelock, Danette Blakelock, Mayor George Sterling, Diane Brandt and Makayla Ludlow upon arrival. Volunteers are to arrive in costume no later than 5:30 p.m. Collins' Valu-Mart has agreed to donate bottled water and Diane will create a sign acknowledging their contribution. Charlene will bring the bottled water to the arena. The Lions Club will begin decorating in the late afternoon and the medieval display will be set up around 5:00 p.m. Volunteers that can stay for clean up would be appreciated.

New Business:

Donations:

Diane Brandt updated Members on donations from the last month. Steve Napper donated an anchor, winch, and scale. Paul Fowler and Marilyn MacKay have donated trapper equipment, snowshoes, an Indigenous deer hide jacket, hunting magazines, a mannequin and much more. Paul Fowler also donated Marj Fowler's family Christening Gown. Members were thankful for the donations and the donating families are appreciative that the Historical Society will continue to preserve the family heirlooms.



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Poppy Fund:

Members discussed the annual donation to the Burk's Falls Legion's Poppy Fund. **Motion that the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve a donation to the Burk's Falls Royal Canadian Legion Poppy Fund in the amount of \$100.00: Moved by Ryan Baptiste, Seconded by Barry Burton. Carried**

Santa Claus Parade:

Members reviewed a letter from the Santa Claus Parade Committee asking for a donation to support the costs associated with the parade and inviting the Historical Society to enter a float. Members agreed to donate and suggested that the request for participation in the parade be discussed at the next meeting. **Motion that the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve a donation to the Burk's Falls Santa Claus Parade Committee in the amount of \$100.00: Moved by Barry Burton, Seconded by Kirk Du Guid. Carried**

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 20, 2023 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Krista Trulsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:31 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary &
Deputy Treasurer

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President