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MINUTES

Burk's Falls & District Historical Society

Fell Homes, Burk's Falls

Monday, September 19, 2022

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice-President
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Lorne Main
Jarv Osborne
Delynne Patterson
Judy Ransome
Jenny Hall

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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 August 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Jenny Hall, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

A written Treasurer's / Financial Report was submitted by Kendra Kellas and presented to Members by Charlene Watt and Diane Brandt. Main bank account balance was \$12,948.31 on August 1, 2022. Expenses from August to current include Net Spectrum automatic withdrawal \$56.44; Cheque #231 Burk's Falls Home Hardware \$13.08 cleared, Cheque #232 Burk's Falls Home Building Centre \$4.85 cleared, Cheque #233 Township of Armour for \$503.51 cleared (Cake for Heritage Day \$131.98, BroadArt supplies \$186.98 and \$172.71, Pens \$11.84), Cheque 234 Diane Brandt for supplies \$311.25 cleared September 1, Net



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Spectrum automatic withdrawal \$56.44. As of September 19, 2022 account balance is \$12,166.19. The lottery account balance is \$65.00. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Fall Fair Report:

The Burk's Falls Fall Fair was on September 5, 2022. Diane thanked the Members that were able to volunteer for the day. Donations for the day totaled \$41.00 with 5 history books sold. Volunteer recruitment posters were handed out. Consideration will be made to have an outdoor display for next year.

Watt Century Farm House Update:

Diane updated Members to advise the Knight Brothers cabinet has been picked up and is at the farm house. The kitchen and pantry have been painted a light green. Kendra Kellas' employment is finished for the season. The stairlift has been installed but requires inspection before use.

Wiseman's Corner Schoolhouse Update:

The schoolhouse remains closed at this time. Diane informed Members that the window is repaired. Irwin Russell has been hired by the Township to complete the building repairs. There are signs of bees in and around the building. Lorne suggested that the wood stove chimney be capped since it is not being used. Ryerson Township has an exterminator for rodent control. We will investigate the bees and determine if they can be removed safely.

Correspondence:

An offer of donation was received from Sandra Gohm of Burk's Falls Arrow Newspapers dating from 1940 to 1948. Members were thankful for the donation.

General Business:

Watt Farmhouse Halloween Ghost Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. A flyer has been created to promote the family friendly event. Admission is \$5 per family. Ghosts will be hung around the heritage centre with the names of Watt family members. Children will be given an opportunity to play a game by listing the names and handing in their paper to be entered into a draw at the end of the afternoon. Jenny Hall is



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looking into obtaining 50 mini pumpkins and 3 large pumpkins for the day. Treats will be handed to children as they leave. Free refreshments will be served.

The Charitable Status Income was submitted in August 2022 by Tina Pauls. Jenny Hall will contact Laura Harris, Trillium Tax Services to obtain a quote on costs for filing the Charitable Tax Status forms for 2023.

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be held on October 17, 2022 at Fell Homes. There being no further business, **Delyne Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President