

MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Thursday, January 7, 2016

Members Present: Linda Maurer – President
Rakel Gray - Treasurer
Diane Brandt
Lorne Main
Nieves Guijarro
Rosalind Hall
Dona Crawford
David Gray
Jarv Osborne
Judy Ransome
Rebecca Zanussi
Charlene Watt - Secretary

The Members present constituted a quorum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Linda Maurer in the Chair

Agenda Item:

1. Acceptance and adoption of the December 7, 2015 Minutes as amended. **Moved by Diane Brandt, Seconded by David Gray. Carried**

2. Treasurer's / Financial Report. Total for November's end account balance was \$7,132.28. The Treasurer was presented \$50 in calendar sales from Armour Township Office, \$100 from the library for calendar sales and \$30 in calendar sales from the Century 21 Office. Receipts from Diane Brandt for office supplies, plate easels, etc were submitted. Invoice from Jordan Watt for the September-December 31, 2015 lawn maintenance was submitted in the amount of \$70. Mike Quinton submitted an invoice from Lord Durham Rare Books for the purchase of T.B. Higginson's Collection of letters and booklets in the amount of \$282.50. Mike has requested for return payment in the amount of \$150.00. December's Bank statement has not been received to date, it is expected mid-month. No invoice has been received from Ryerson Township for the summer student to date. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

3. **Project Manager's Report.** Presented by Diane Brandt and discussed items with Members.

Update on Activities: Hallway walls have been washed upstairs at the farmhouse. The upstairs washroom is now usable. Painting is ongoing at the Watt Farmhouse. A filing cabinet is being organized which contains Historical Society records from 1990s.

Wish List: Diane has purchased a microwave from Canadian Tire and is to go to The Source to purchase a wireless router.

Donations: 1940's bedframe from Paul Dickinson, anchor and bottles from Bill Allen, school books from Christine Ellis, various items from Bob Hall, and Grant Graham, and a piano from Linda Maurer. Linda suggested the creation of a wall for the recognition for sponsors and donors.

Directional Signs: Signs were received from Rick Almont. Louisa Moffit will install the 1x4 sign at the Village Green. A 9x12 sign will be replaced in the green area at Hwy 520 and Ontario Street, once weather permits. Keith McCoy, Armour Township Roads Supervisor, has installed the signs for Armour Roads and Bob Edmunds, Ryerson Roads Supervisor, has installed the sign on Midlothian Road.

Karen Jones Consulting: Diane has a conference call scheduled with Karen Jones Consulting on Friday, January 8, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.

West Parry Sound Museum: Diane attended the location and spoke to the Curator, Nadine. Nadine is going to be at the Watt Farmhouse on January 23rd from 1-3 pm to discuss growing pains of a museum. Rebecca, Lorne and Diane will attend. All members are welcome to attend and any other interested persons.

Logo: Diane indicated that the word Incorporated was not noted in the logo. As a committee, it was determined that the word "Incorporated or Inc" was not required in the logo.

Facebook: David Gray is handling the matter over the inability to access the Facebook account for the Historical Society directly with the 2015 summer student and hopes to have access to the Historical Society Facebook Page as the administrator by the next meeting.
4. **Work Plan for 2016:** Linda indicated that she would like to encourage volunteerism in 2016, especially for the restoration of artifacts.
5. **Upstairs Upgrades:** The upstairs bedrooms at the Watt Farmhouse need painting. The committee should decide if they wish to paint with historical colours typical to a house of that era or pick a generic colour. The schoolhouse needs to be cleaned and floors painted grey in colour before spring opening. Nieves indicated that there would be a donation of paint for the schoolhouse repairs. Jarv Osborne volunteered to paint the schoolhouse floor.
6. **Budget for 2016:** A part-time mature worker and summer student(s) were discussed. Students require consistent direction to ensure success of the position or risk being set up for failure. Linda informed the committee that she will be attending the TRI Council meeting at the end of the month and presenting a budget. Charlene Watt will email the draft/confidential presentation notes to members for

review and should there be any recommendations to be included in the report, a response is required back to Linda by January 15, 2016. A reminder was mentioned to Members to keep the document confidential.

7. *Special Event Weekend:* 2016 is the 100th anniversary of the 162nd Battalion. Dona Crawford has researched and obtained all of the names of the members. A joint meeting with the Strong Agricultural Society is needed in order to co-ordinate an event. A small committee of volunteers including Lorne Main, Dona Crawford, Linda Maurer and possibly Bruce Campbell were named to meet with the Strong Agricultural Society. The intent is to meet and report back at the next meeting. Anyone interested in joining this committee is requested to contact Charlene Watt or Linda Maurer.
8. *Heritage Day:* The annual Historical Society's Heritage Day is set for July 23, 2016. We still need to determine what event will take place on this day.
9. *Newsletter:* Rebecca Zanussi volunteered to write a small blurb for the local municipalities' spring Newsletter that will be sent out with the Interim Tax Billings. The deadline for the Township of Armour's contribution is February 4, 2016.
10. *Other business items:*
Meeting Dates: Diane Brandt advised that meeting dates are supposed to be the first Thursday of the month @ 7:30 pm per the constitution. The annual general meeting is to be in February. If we want to change the meeting date, we need to alter the constitution. In February's annual general meeting we will change meeting dates to be the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:00 pm and the meeting will also include the election of 2016 Officers.
Building Repairs: Kris Kilmartin from Northland Power is requesting a list of required repairs for the Watt farmhouse. Jarv Osborne will attempt to meet with Diane Brandt on January 9, 2016 between 10 am – noon to review the building requirements. Diane indicated that there are leaks occurring by the front and back porches. A proper step, and possibly a ramp, is needed for the front porch as there are accessibility issues.
11. *Next Meeting:* It was decided as a committee to meet on Thursday, February 11, 2016 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m.
12. *Adjournment:* There being no further business, **David Gray moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., Seconded by Nieves Guijarro.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt

Approved by
Linda Maurer, President