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**MINUTES**  
**Burk's Falls & District Historical Society**  
**Fell Homes, Burk's Falls**  
**Monday, July 17, 2017**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – Acting Chair  
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President  
Charlene Watt - Secretary  
Lorne Main  
Wilma Bentley  
Maureen Lanois  
Lisa Morrison  
Jarv Osborne  
Mike Quinton

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 June 19, 2017 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Lisa Morrison, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**



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

Treasurer's / Financial Report was not presented. No report was available due to Treasurer's absence.

Diane Brandt advised Members that on July 8 (Heritage Day / Canada 150 Celebration) \$80 in donations were received and that \$215 in picnic table raffle tickets were sold.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Membership Committee:* Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society currently has 16 paid Memberships for 2017.

### **General Business:**

1. *Canada 150:* Charlene reported to Members that the celebration was a success. Many compliments were received on the displays. Presenting a community oriented event that focuses on families and children and free food and entertainment will always draw a crowd. Attendees for the day were estimated between 300 – 400 people.

Charlene also indicated that the Township of Armour expressed interest in partnering with the Historical Society again next year to celebrate Heritage Day.

2. *Picnic Table:* Lisa Morrison and Linda Maurer will sell raffle tickets for the picnic table in the Valu-Mart parking lot on July 29, 2017 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. Diane will advise Charlene if the hand painted picnic table can be accommodated in the designated spacing. If so, Cam Watt will deliver the table via truck and trailer.

Mike Quinton will look into selling picnic table raffle tickets at the Lake Cecebe Regatta on Sunday, August 6, 2017 at the Lions Club Park in Magnetawan. Diane Brandt will attempt to obtain a letter of support from Magnetawan Council.

3. *Heritage Centres – Summer Update*  
Schoolhouse: Wilma Bentley presented to Members a report on visitors, sales and donations. Ryerson's Canada 150 Event of June 24, 2017 is estimated at 114 visitors, July 1 – 16, 2017 brought in 95 visitors. Total visitors to the schoolhouse this year is estimated at 255. Donations collected in the last month total \$100 and souvenir sales total \$4.



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Farmhouse: Diane Brandt presented to Members a report on visitors stating that in the last week, \$55 in donations were received. The farm house averages 8 – 10 visitors per week. The day camp program that is being run by the summer student, Jessica was a success after the first week. There were seven children for the first week that enrolled for the day and ages varied from toddler to 9 years old. Activities that Jessica has incorporated include arts, crafts and games.

Lorne Main will attend the farm house on July 21 at 11:00 am to work with the summer student for the day. Lorne and Jessica will work on a fall newsletter.

#### **New Business:**

Members discussed a farewell dinner and social for Linda Maurer. Linda has resigned as the Historical Society's President and will be retiring from her Clerk position with the Township of Strong and moving to Alberta in September.

#### **Other Business:**

Maureen Lanois presented to Members a donation of textbooks for teachers. The books will be kept at the schoolhouse and date back to 1904.

#### **Adjournment:**

It was decided to meet on Monday, August 21, 2017 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, Acting Chair