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MINUTES Burk's Falls & District Historical Society Fell Homes, Burk's Falls Monday, May 28, 2018

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Jarv Osborne - Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Lorne Main
Wilma Bentley
Rosalind Hall
Dona Crawford
Judy Ransome
Linda Leggett

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 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 April 24, 2018 Meeting Minutes as amended: **Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Linda Leggett. Carried**

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented, Jarv Osborne reported that the account balance as of April 30, 2018 was \$6,576.14 and the account balance as of May 28, 2018 is \$7,060.04. Deposits for the month included \$70 in memberships, \$500 Legion donation and \$500 donation from the Township of Ryerson. Expenses this month included \$56.44 to Net Spectrum, \$379.66 for office supplies and



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\$150 for a used display case. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices. Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Nieves Guijarro. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society has 11 paid single memberships, 2 honorary memberships and 1 family membership for 2018.

Archiving: Diane Brandt reported that archiving is ongoing and more donations are on their way from the Darling family.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence*

Diane Brandt, Betty Caldwell and Nieves Guijarro are to respond to inquiries relating to the Gerow Family, the McCrae Family and the Berriedale School.

2. *Schoolhouse*

Wilma Bentley reported that the schoolhouse has had 21 visitors since the 2018 opening weekend. We had 19 visitors on the Victoria Day long weekend. Sales to date include three postcards and \$10 in donations.

3. *Signing Authorities*

Resolution, That the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve the following:

The following individuals are company agents who act as Authorized Signatories for the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society, who have the authority to sign binding agreements to establish a member relationship with, become and act as the Depositor with, and borrow funds from, the financial institution, and sign binding agreements to designate any Authorized User(s). The Treasurer of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society is directed to communicate this authority and the relevant signatures to the "Kawartha Credit Union", and to ensure proper enforcement of this resolution. Any two Authorized Signatories of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society are authorized to sign all documents and perform such acts as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to the above resolution. This resolution may be executed in counterparts. Facsimile or scanned signatures are binding and are considered to be original signatures.

NAME	TITLE
Jarvis Osborne	Treasurer
Diane Brandt	President
Nieves Guijarro	Vice-President

Moved by Linda Leggett, Seconded by Rosalind Hall. Carried



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4. *Grass Cutting at Farm House*

A quote from Groundscapes was received for grass cutting at the Watt Farm House from June 1 – October 15, 2018. The quote detailed \$40 per cut to a maximum of \$800 for the season. **Diane Brandt declared pecuniary interest as the quote received was from her son-in-law. Resolution, That the Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society accept the quote from Groundscapes, Stephen McGregor, for lawn maintenance at the Watt Farm House from June 1 to October 15, 2018 to a maximum amount of \$800 for the season. Moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**

5. *External Hard Drive*

Diane Brandt provided two quotes for an external hard drive to back up heritage centre records and data. Members discussed the quotes and options. **Resolution, That the Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society accept the quote from Near North Business Machines in the amount of \$110 + HST for a 1TB hard drive. Moved by Rosalind Hall, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**

6. *Heritage Day Update*

Charlene Watt updated Members on the status of the event. Almaguin Minor Hockey will be attending, flyers are to be updated by Diane Brandt and circulated through the local public school before the end of June and Hunter's Bay Radio may attend the event.

7. *Watt Farmhouse Sign:*

Diane Brandt informed Members that the sign has been located. It was removed sometime after the installation of the BACED directional sign. Louisa Moffit will not permit the sign to be reinstalled on her property. Rosalind Hall will discuss the matter with BACED to determine if the heritage site may be added to the BACED sign.

8. *Schoolhouse Repairs:*

Rosalind Hall indicated that the schoolhouse exterior needs to be repaired and offered to obtain a quote for vinyl board and batten siding. Maintenance is required and Rosalind indicated that red siding would likely maintain the integrity of the era and a "Little Red Schoolhouse" appearance. Rosalind will bring a quote back to our next meeting. Committee Members thanked Rosalind for taking the initiative in the possible restoration of the structure.

9. *Summer Staffing:*

We hired a summer student, Jessica Fraser for the 2018 summer season. Due to recruiting challenges for the college student position, Young Canada Works has agreed to amend the position. Jessica Fraser will be hired as the Heritage Co-ordinator for a 12 week term. We hired Jessica at a rate of \$15 per hour but the Heritage Co-ordinator position advertised an hourly rate of \$18. Jessica worked for us last summer and is familiar with the job requirements.



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10. *Antique Car Tour:*

On August 15, 2018, an antique car tour from Huntsville will be travelling through the area. Floyd Allen, the organizer of the travelling car tour, plans to schedule a stop with the group at the Watt Farm House. Members also recommended a stop at the Schoolhouse. Diane Brandt will inform the event organizer of local road construction as Floyd wanted to avoid using dirt roads.

New Business:

None

Other Business:

Keith Hall is to have a new display case built by the end of June for the Watt Farm House. A used 5 foot display case was purchased from Gary Binkley and set up at the schoolhouse for artifacts.

Brad Crozier contacted Diane Brandt to offer the picnic table he painted last year for Valu-Mart's Canada 150 Contest. The grocery store is having another contest for its employees and would like last year's table removed from the store.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, June 18, 2018 at Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. **Judy Ransome moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President