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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, September 17, 2018

Members Present: Diane Brandt - President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Bruce Campbell
Linda Leggett
Lorne Main
Rosalind Hall
Lisa Morrison
Judy Ransome

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 August 20, 2018 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved**
by **Bruce Campbell**, **Seconded** by **Jarv Osborne**. **Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$9,482.78 on August 31, 2018. Rosalind Hall provided \$23 in donations from the schoolhouse to the Treasurer. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Lorne Main, Seconded by Linda Leggett. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society is maintaining 17 paid Memberships for 2018.

Archiving Committee: Diane Brandt reported that a spare filing cabinet is to be received from the Township of Armour municipal office and will be used to store historical records at the farm house and that consideration is being made to creating a display at the schoolhouse to detail the history of the building.

Heritage Centres:

Schoolhouse Report: Rosalind Hall reported that there was 11 visitors and received \$23 in donations on Friday, September 14, 2018. There has been 284 visitors at the schoolhouse for the 2018 season.

Farm House Report: Members were provided a copy of Jessica Fraser's (summer student) report on farm house events for July and August 2018. A copy of the report is attached.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:* None
2. *Classic Car Tour:* Diane Brandt reported that Floyd Allen has been in contact with her and that he has a donation that he would like to present to the Historical Society. Lorne Main and Diane Brandt will meet Floyd Allen at the Township of Armour's municipal office tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.
3. *Bay Press Quote:* Diane Brandt provided Members with a quote from Bay Press for brochures and "A" Frame Signs. **Resolution: That the Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society approve the purchase of two 36" x 24" "A" Frame signs, one for each heritage centre, each at a cost of \$142.29 and 1,000 brochures at a cost of \$248.00, moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**



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4. *Directional Sign:* Diane Brandt discussed the directional sign that was taken down at the corner of Yonge and Ontario Street with Nicky Kunkel, Clerk of the Village of Burk's Falls. The Historical Society has received permission from the Village of Burk's Falls to put the sign back up after the Ontario Street construction has been completed.
5. *Halloween:* Members discussed the event for 2018. A Halloween Party will be held on Sunday, October 21, 2018 at the farm house from 1:00 p.m.– 3:00 p.m. We will have a haunted house through the kitchen, front porch, living room and dining room. Children will carve pumpkins in the garage and be handed a bag of candy. Trick or Treating will not be planned upstairs in the farm house this year. Cost of admission will remain at \$5 per family.
6. *Heritage Day 2019:* Charlene Watt provided Members with two options for travelling exhibits from Archives of Ontario to set a theme for the event. Members chose "Medical Records" over "Small Town Theatres". Heritage Day 2019's theme will revolve around Health Care.
7. *Christmas Potluck:* Members discussed a holiday potluck and agreed to have it on November 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Fell Homes. A sign up list of menu items will be circulated at the next meeting.
8. *Cookies with Mrs. Claus:* Charlene Watt suggested to Members that instead of holding the annual event at the farm house that we hold it upstairs at the Arena. Members agreed that there would likely be increased participation by the community's families. We will inquire about holding the event during public skating hours on the afternoon of Sunday, December 9, 2018. Cost would be \$2 per child and include cookie decorating with Mrs. Claus and a visit with Santa.

New Business:

Lorne Main advised Members that the publication, "Great North Arrow" will be coming back into circulation. Lorne has been asked by the newspaper to contribute a regular column. Lorne would like to use the Historical Society's logo and contribute as a Member behalf of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society. **Resolution: That the Members of the Burk's Falls and District Historical Society authorize Lorne Main to use the Historical Society's logo in his regular written column in the Great North Arrow Publication, effective January 2019. Moved by Bruce Campbell, seconded by Judy Ransome. Carried**



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Diane Brandt provided an update on Wilma Bentley's medical condition. Meals on Wheels donation has been suspended at this time as Wilma has been hospitalized.

A thank you card was circulated to Members for signature for Dalene MacDonald in appreciation of her time in completing the Registered Charity Tax Return.

Other Business:

Members inquired about the status of the schoolhouse's operation and future with Wilma Bentley not being able to volunteer at the heritage site. Diane Brandt advised that a summer student would assist in keeping the site open in summer 2019; however, volunteers would also be required. Rosalind Hall indicated that a quote of approximately \$18,000 was received to put siding on the schoolhouse as exterior repairs and strapping is needed. Rosalind would inquire with the Township of Ryerson about funding. The facility is owned by the Township of Ryerson.

Jarv Osborne informed Members that he spoke to Dave Opatovsky about the horse drawn funeral hearse and was advised that Dave still owns the historical carriage. Dave is keeping ownership of it and would like to continue to store and display the hearse at the Watt Farm House. The carriage was not sold with his business.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Lisa Morrison moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt - President