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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, April 15, 2019

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President
Jarv Osborne - Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Bruce Campbell
Lorne Main
Lisa Morrison
Delynne Patterson
Judy Ransome

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. Regrets from Nieves Guijarro. Diane thanked Bruce Campbell for his assistance in helping to move the donated newspapers from the Almaguin News Archives.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the March 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne. Account balance effective March 31, 2019 was \$8,511.01. Expenses include the monthly payment to Net Spectrum. Revenue includes \$40 for two family memberships. Jarv will make arrangements with Dalene MacDonald for income tax/charitable status filing. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the monthly invoices was moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society has 9 paid Memberships for 2019 and one honorary membership to date. Two family memberships were submitted tonight (Brandt and Watt) and will be reflected in next month's report.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:*

An email was received from David Hart inquiring about information on the Davison Family. His grandmother's parents are buried in the Midlothian Cemetery in Ryerson. Diane Brandt responded to the inquiry and directed David to contact Bob Hall as he had pictures and information to share.

An email with photographs was received from Christine Lauffer offering to donate a cook stove from Eliza Brandt's Farm House located at Concession 10, Lot 9 in Armour Township. **Motion to accept the donation of the Brandt Farm House historic cook stove, to have it appraised and a charitable receipt issued to the donor was moved by Judy Ransome, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**

2. *Heritage Day:*

Charlene Watt provided a written report updating confirmed and unconfirmed attendees for Heritage Day 2019. Ornge helicopter has tentatively confirmed that they will be coming; however, emergencies of the day may determine otherwise. We still have not received a response from the OPP. Lawn bag signs were ordered and received and will be placed throughout local municipalities in June. Diane Brandt asked Bruce Campbell to extend an invitation to Almaguin Highlands Health Committee (AHHC) to attend Heritage Day and represent the local healthcare services.



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25th Anniversary – Display:

Betty Caldwell informed Members that photograph displays will be exhibited to visitors to the Watt Farm House and the Schoolhouse and recognize the 25th year of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society. The anniversary celebration will be held at the Heritage Day event.

3. *Community Bus:*

Lisa Morrison agreed to offer free community bus transportation to and from Heritage Day. Lisa asked that a poster be circulated and posted locally with a deadline to register before June 30, 2019.

New Business:

1. *Quotes for Advertising:*

Diane Brandt obtained a quote from Muskoka Senior Magazine and provided two options for magazine advertising for 2019. The magazine edition of May/June comes out the first week of May. Members discussed the advertising rates and declined to advertise in the publication.

2. *Donation of Newspapers and Negatives from Almaguin News:*

Diane Brandt informed Members that the newspapers editions dating back to 1919 from Powassan, the Burk's Falls Arrow and Almaguin News from Metroland Publishing have been received and moved to the Farm House. The donation included negatives and pictures. Mike Quinton will look into preservation measures that are available for newsprint.

3. *Time Capsule:*

Members have decided to promote the 25th Anniversary of the Historical Society by filling a time capsule on Heritage Day. The stainless steel capsule will be engraved to reflect the 25th anniversary and displayed at the Farm House. Diane Brandt will reach out to Brad Crozier to see if he is interested in taking photographs of local businesses and attractions to include in the capsule. Charlene Watt provided a list of possible items to include in the capsule. An aerial image of the area was considered. A quote was provided to Members offering two different sizes of time capsules. **Motion to purchase one 16.3 inch anti-corrosion waterproof stainless steel capsule container from Amazon.ca at a cost of \$89.99 plus \$3.98 shipping, plus HST was Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**



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4. *Borrow a Boot:*

Members were provided information regarding Veteran Canada's Borrow A Boot Campaign. Military boots that were on display in Vimy Ridge last year are available to borrow at no cost on a weekly basis. Members discussed the opportunity to display the boots as an attraction this summer after Heritage Day. **Motion to submit a request to borrow a set of Canadian Military Boots for the week of August 5 to 9, 2019 from Veteran's Canada was Moved by Bruce Campbell, Seconded by Delynne Patterson. Carried**

5. *Opening Dates/Cleaning of Heritage Centres:*

Members discuss the 2019 operating season. The heritage centres will be open to the public in late June.

Members will meet to clean the Schoolhouse once Delynne Patterson obtains a response from the Township of Ryerson on the condition of the building. Delynne indicated that structural repairs are scheduled for 2019 and will be funded by the Main Street Revitalization Grant.

Members will meet to clean the Farm House sometime in May. Diane will call or email Members to schedule.

6. *Ryerson Yard Sale:*

The Township of Ryerson will be hosting their annual yard sale on Saturday, June 22, 2019. Members confirmed that the schoolhouse will be open depending on Delynne Patterson's response from the engineer's assessment.

A table at the yard sale will be set up and Charlene Watt will provide a canopy tent to shade the volunteers. Betty Caldwell and Lisa Morrison will represent the Historical Society at the yard sale and Diane Brandt will volunteer at the schoolhouse.

7. *Young Canada Works:*

Both the Township of Armour and the Township of Ryerson did not receive financial support for student wages from Young Canada Works this year. We should hear about the other grant application by early June.

We need to put out a help wanted advertisement for a summer student. The Historical Society is awaiting a response from the Township of Ryerson and the Village of Burk's Falls regarding financial support for 2019. Armour Township



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has committed to the usual \$5,000. Diane Brandt will meet with John Theriault, Armour Township's Clerk to discuss the summer student's employment.

Adjournment:

It was decided to meet on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. **Bruce Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Diane Brandt, President