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**MINUTES**  
**Burk's Falls & District Historical Society**  
**Fell Homes, Burk's Falls**  
**Monday, June 17, 2019**

Members Present: Diane Brandt – President  
Jarv Osborne - Treasurer  
Charlene Watt - Secretary  
Betty Caldwell  
Linda Leggett  
Lorne Main  
Delynne Patterson  
Judy Ransome

The Members present constituted a quorum.

**Call to Order:**

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

Diane Brandt in the Chair.

**Welcome:**

Diane welcomed Members. Regrets from Nieves Guijarro and Lisa Morrison.

**Delegation:**

None

**Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

Acceptance and adoption of the May 20, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Delynne Patterson, Seconded by Jarv Osborne. Carried**



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

Treasurer's / Financial Report was presented by Jarv Osborne. Account balance effective May 31, 2019 was \$11,812.65. Expenses this month are \$56.44 for NetSpectrum, \$79.99 for office supplies, \$1,796.70 for the display cabinet, and \$655.50 for the mugs from Noveltymann. Revenue received includes \$500 from Ryerson Township and \$5,000 from the Village of Burk's Falls for annual contributions. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the monthly invoices was moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

### **Committee Reports:**

*Membership Committee:* Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society has 17 paid Memberships for 2019 and one honorary membership to date. Linda Leggett renewed her membership.

### **General Business:**

1. *Correspondence:*

Theo Luykenaar approached Members offering to make a presentation on WWII. Members are interested but require clarification on the requirement for "in-kind considerations with respect to cruises." Diane Brandt will contact Mr. Luykenaar regarding the compensation request.

2. *Heritage Day:*

Charlene Watt provided a verbal report updating Members on the status of Heritage Day. Flyers will be circulated by Canada Post next week, Louise Maki, OPP has been emailed information on the event, and bag signs have been put in place in Armour Township and will be posted in the Village this week. Charlene will reach out to Brian Darnborough and ask if he would volunteer at the event for traffic control and to oversee road crossing for children. Archives of Ontario exhibit to be received at the beginning of July. Diane Brandt circulated a draft Heritage Day Program. A copy will be placed in the time capsule.

3. *25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Display:*

Diane Brandt informed Members that photograph displays will be exhibited to visitors to the Watt Farm House and the Schoolhouse and recognize the 25<sup>th</sup> year of the Burk's Falls & District Historical Society. The anniversary celebration will be held at the Heritage Day event. An extra cake has been ordered. Betty and Lorne will speak at Heritage Day to acknowledge the anniversary.



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4. *Time Capsule:*  
Diane Brandt will look at an engraved plate sample next week for the stainless steel time capsule. The capsule will be opened in 2044.
5. *Mugs:*  
Members reviewed the mugs that were purchased. The mugs will be sold for \$5.00 and will be taken to Saturday's Yard Sale at the Ryerson Township Office to promote and sell. A design flaw will be addressed by Jarv Osborne with Noveltymann.
6. *Staffing:*  
Delynne Patterson reported that two summer students were hired but one had to decline the position. Members discussed the possibility of hiring a retired/mature person for the summer. Diane Brandt will speak to John Theriault, Clerk of Armour Township regarding the idea. We did not receive any funding for summer staffing from the provincial or federal government.
7. *Schoolhouse:*  
The schoolhouse has been cleaned and is ready for the season. Hours of summer operation will be Fridays and Saturdays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.
8. *Farm House:*  
Diane Brandt advised that the display case has been delivered. The wheelchair ramp and door have been installed. A new furnace has been put into the basement at the farm house. Hours of summer operation with the student will be Wednesday thru to Sunday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Concerns were expressed over the condition of the lawn after the furnace gas line was installed, the lawn is uneven and requires landscaping before Heritage Day. Charlene Watt will speak to the groundskeeper.

### **New Business:**

1. *Insurance:*  
Jarv Osborne reported that we had a change in the Insurance Broker. Jarv reviewed the history of the insurance coverage with Members. The tenant package does not cover artifacts, only liability. Lorne Main requested that Diane Brandt investigate into the OHS membership as the Historical Society's Officers are supposed to be covered under the membership plan. Clarification is required. **Motion to accept the insurance renewal policy and to pay the**



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**annual fee in the amount of \$672.84 was Moved by Betty Caldwell, Seconded by Lorne Main. Carried**

2. *Ryerson Yard Sale:*

Diane Brandt and Betty Caldwell reported that they will be in attendance at the June 22, 2019 Ryerson Yard Sale from 8:00 am to noon. A table will be set up and promote the Historical Society and its events. Items to purchase will include mugs, history books and post cards.

3. *Vic Fell Grave Markers:*

Lorne Main informed Members that the grave markers have been repaired and properly preserved. Members thanked Jarv Osborne for overseeing the repairs.

**Adjournment:**

It was decided to meet on Monday, July 15, 2019 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. **Delynne Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 p.m.**

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Recorded by  
Charlene Watt, Secretary

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Approved by  
Diane Brandt, President