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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Watt Farmhouse, Burk's Falls
Thursday, July 14, 2016

Members Present: Linda Maurer – President
Betty Caldwell – Vice President
Rakel Gray – Treasurer
Charlene Watt – Secretary
Diane Brandt
Bruce Campbell
Dona Crawford
Nieves Guijarro
David Gray
Maureen Lanois
Lorne Main
Jarv Osborne
Judy Ransome
Mike Quinton
Catherine Webb - Guest

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:57 p.m.

Linda Maurer in the Chair.

Welcome:

Linda welcomed Members & Guests. Mike Quinton was introduced to the new Members and welcomed back for the summer.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the June 9, 2016 Meeting Minutes: **Moved by Diane Brandt, Seconded by Betty Caldwell. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Raket Gray. Revenue received in the month of June included a \$500 donation from Ryerson Township, \$1,000 from the Strong Agricultural Society for calendars, \$100 donation from the fire fighters association and \$100 from the Burk's Falls Agricultural Society. Expenses include two invoices from the Township of Armour: \$84.00 for 2015 history book sales, \$614.44 for Metroland advertising, Baypress invoice for \$828.29 plus \$116.39 for signs and calendars. The bank balance on May 31, 2016 was \$11,396.29. **Motion to accept the treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Jarv Osborne, Seconded by Lorne Maine. Carried**

Committee Reports:

2017 Calendars: Betty Caldwell informed Members that the 2017 Historical Society Calendars which celebrates Canada's 150th Anniversary and a war hero theme are available for sale and have been dropped off at local locations. Copies are to be sold at a cost of \$10 each. We still have 58 of the 2016 calendars to sell and they may be purchased at the cost of \$5 each.

General Business:

1. *Heritage Day:* Volunteers for the day were allocated their task(s) for the event.

Algonquin Regiment: Linda advised that Captain Honey from the Algonquin Regiment attended the Watt Farmhouse today and spoke to Trina Chatelain, Heritage Co-ordinator. He would like a power cord ran outside to a tent to set up a slide show. Members discussed the request, a power outlet outside the front of the farmhouse will be used.

Members agreed to purchase the Algonquin Regiment lunch on the day of the event.

Donation jars will be set up in each room with a Historical Society Member and are to be available for questions.

Tents and chairs will be set up for the event on Friday.

Burk's Falls Legion, Bringing in the Colours will be completed first before the Callander Pipe Band begins. Colours will start at 11:20 a.m. Callander Pipe Band service was paid for by the Strong Agricultural Society as a donation to the



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historical society. The pipe band will start at 11:30 a.m. on the corner of Leggett's Road and run about 20 minutes up to the Watt Farmhouse. Traffic will need to be held back for the band's entrance. Linda Maurer will contact the OPP regarding this. Traffic flagger volunteers will be required.

Cake samples were provided to Members from Amber's Creative Cookies. A cake for the Heritage Day celebration is being provided at cost, which is \$30. The 162nd Battalion emblem will be on the cake. It was decided to have ½ chocolate and ½ vanilla cake, with raspberry filling and raspberry icing.

Community Link Bus: Jarv will be driving seniors from Burk's Falls to the Farmhouse on Heritage Day. Diane Brandt will create an advertisement of the free transportation. Charlene will post the notice on the website and Facebook page.

Itinerary: Members decided on the list, order and times of events for the day; 249 itineraries will be printed. Contributor recognition names will be listed on the back of the programme.

Sound System: Catherine Webb will speak to the Sunflower Festival and Nieves will contact the Katrine Community Centre to see if a microphone and speaker could be loaned to us for Heritage Day.

Wagon Rides: Hammond's horse drawn wagon rides will occur from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and set up in the Watt field.

BBQ: Almaguin Trefoil Guild will have the BBQ set up by 11:00 a.m.

Piano: Esther will play the piano in the Watt Farmhouse on Heritage Day. Members agreed to present Esther with a \$50 gift card to Michael's on Main in appreciation of her services.

Newspapers: The printed Historical Society newspaper are available for sale at a cost of \$2.00.

2. Charity Registration Number: Linda advised that there has been several requests for tax receipts, she is in the process of obtaining a charity registration for the historical society from the Canada Revenue Agency. Forms are being filled out at this time. Linda presented to Members a 19th century piece of pottery with "James Sharpe General Merchant" printed on the side of the jar.



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The historical piece of pottery has been donated to the Historical Society in return of a tax receipt. An appraisal is required in order to issue a tax receipt.

3. Linda Maurer is to apply for a HST registration number for the Historical Society.
4. *Summer Students:* Students, Lesley and Victoria, have been hired for the summer season.
5. *Membership Forms:* Charlene will print off Membership Forms to make them available at the heritage centres for visitors.
6. *T. Boyd Higginson Notes:* Mike Quinton presented to Members a box of notes and records by Higginson that was purchased from auction. Higginson was the Principal of the Burk's Falls High School and wrote several historical books. Mike indicated that there is about 200 pages of documents in the box. Mike is hoping to create a pamphlet to summarize the Higginson data. Ideally, it's an archive purchase but is important that we document the historical records.
7. *Next Meeting:* It was decided to meet on Thursday, August 11, 2016 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, **Jarv Osborne moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:56 p.m., Seconded by Lorne Main.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Linda Maurer, President