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MINUTES
Burk's Falls & District Historical Society
Fell Homes, Burk's Falls
Monday, August 19, 2019

Members Present: Nieves Guijarro – Vice President
Jarv Osborne – Treasurer
Charlene Watt - Secretary
Betty Caldwell
Bruce Campbell
Linda Leggett
Lorne Main
Lisa Morrison
Mike Quinton
Penny Brandt

The Members present constituted a quorum.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Nieves Guijarro in the Chair.

Welcome:

Nieves welcomed Members. Regrets from Delynne Patterson, Township of Ryerson's Municipal Representative. Township of Ryerson's Councillor Penny Brandt attended to represent the Municipality. Diane Brandt, President on vacation.

Delegation:

None

Approval & Amendments of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:

Acceptance and adoption of the July 15, 2019 Meeting Minutes as circulated: **Moved by Lorne Main, Seconded by Mike Quinton. Carried**



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Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's / Financial Report presented by Jarv Osborne. Main bank account balance was \$8,192.03 on July 31, 2019. There is currently \$45.00 in the Lottery Account. Dalene MacDonald currently has all our financial records as she is working on the Registered Charity Tax Return. **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the monthly invoices: Moved by Linda Leggett, Seconded by Lisa Morrison. Carried**

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: Lorne Main advised that the Historical Society is maintaining 19 paid Memberships for 2019.

Heritage Centres:

Betty Caldwell and Mike Quinton reported. The staffing this year is working well. The summer student, Riley is working on a Newsletter.

General Business:

1. *Correspondence:* Mike Quinton reported. Angie Littlefield has submitted an inquiry about the "Prior" family, specifically researching Ester Ann Prior. Jarv will inquire with the Village of Burk's Falls and their Roll Book from the early 1900s. Mike also indicated that a person has reached out to the Historical Society about a subdivision map for the Armstrong Sawmill. It was found in an old atlas and the 1886 plan has been offered to the Historical Society. Members graciously accepted. On a side note, it was mentioned that email inquiry responses by the Historical Society should include a blurb encouraging people to become a Member.
2. *Fall Fair:* The fall fair is September 2nd, 2019. Display items for the table at the fair will include the mystery box game of artifacts, newsletters, membership forms, mugs and history books for sale. The donation jar and large banner poster will be picked up from the farm house before the event. Volunteers for the day: 9 am – 3 pm: Betty & Lorne; Nieves will come around 9 am; Lisa will come around noon; and Mike will volunteer from 1 pm - 4 pm.
3. *Psychic Days Update:*
Betty Caldwell reported that the event was well received. There was a \$775 deposit made from Psychic Days. Members thanked Penny Brandt for her time and psychic readings.



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4. *Newspaper Archiving:*

Mike Quinton reported on the inventory of the Burk's Falls Arrow, Beacon and Almaguin News. There are other papers to be addressed later, including the new Great North Arrow.

- 1885-1939 individual issues of the BF Arrow in original paper only. About 20 issues.
- 1940-1946 individual issues of the BF Arrow in original paper only. About 75 issues.
- 1947-1959 complete issue of BF Arrow from Metroland, bundled by year. Also on microfiche at BF Library.
- 1960-1966 complete issue of BF Arrow from Metroland, bundled by year. Not on microfiche.
- 1899-1900 two issues of the Burk's Falls Beacon. Poor condition.
- 1967-1984 complete issue of Almaguin News from Metroland, bundled by year. Not on microfiche.
- 1985-2003 complete issue of Almaguin News from Metroland, bundled by year. Also on microfiche at BF library.
- 2004-2005 complete issue of Almaguin News from Metroland, bundled by year. Not on microfiche.
- 2006-2017 presumed complete issue of Almaguin News from BF Library. Being bundled by year to create a complete set if possible. Work in progress.
- Jan 7, 2004 - Sept 13, 2006 issues of Almaguin News held on CD in .pdf format at BF Library.
- Sept 5, 2007 - Jan 14, 2010 issues of Almaguin News available on-line in .pdf format via link at BF Library. [owner unknown].

Once we have the inventory finished, we will begin to get estimates for digitising the papers and getting them posted on-line.

Penny Brandt indicated that she would reach out to the owner of the New Great North Arrow to obtain copies of the recent publications.

New Business:

Betty Caldwell indicated that we are in possession of a Cadet picture from the 1940s. We need to research the photograph to obtain information on the Brass Band details. Penny Brandt will reach out to Simon, who is involved in the local Air Cadets.



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Other Business:

Jarv Osborne informed Members that December 15, 2019 would be our date for the Cookies with Mrs. Claus Event at the Karl Krozier Community Centre. A rental agreement needs to be obtained from the Arena Manager and a resolution from the Village of Burk's Falls declaring the event as a community event.

Adjournment:

The next meeting will be Monday, September 16, 2019 at the Fell Homes at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, **Linda Leggett moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m.**

Recorded by
Charlene Watt, Secretary

Approved by
Nieves Guijarro – Vice President