

BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 13th, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Meeting held at Hillary House

MINUTES

Present:

EXECUTIVE: Patricia Wallace, Alan Lambert, Geoffrey Dawe

DIRECTORS: Dan McGeown, Michelle Primeau, Ronen Grunberg,

REGRETS: Sandra Humfries

STAFF: Kathleen Vahey – Curator/Manager, Renay Partridge – Recording Secretary

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:38 p.m.

President, Patricia Wallace welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and called it to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Amendment to Agenda by Patricia Wallace – Approval of BRC Special Meeting minutes.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-038

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended. Moved by: Michelle Primeau. Seconded by: Alan Lambert. **CARRIED.**

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES OF MAY 9TH 2022 BOARD MEETING

MOTION: 2022-AHS-039

THAT the May 9, 2022 Minutes be approved as circulated. Moved by: Michelle Primeau. Seconded by: Dan McGeown. **CARRIED.**

5. APPROVAL OF SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: 2022-AHS-040

THAT the Special Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2022 be approved as circulated. Moved by: Dan McGeown. Seconded by: Alan Lambert. **CARRIED.**

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Patricia Wallace

a. Correspondence re Readman Project

- The project will go before TOA General Committee on June 21st. Patricia will forward notification correspondence to Board.
- Martin Paivio tendered his resignation today, effective immediately, for personal reasons.
- Our Board membership is dwindling. We need to make ourselves more known. Patricia encouraged Board members to use their personal networks and ask if they might know anyone who has the knowledge and skills we need for our Board. They will not be guaranteed a spot, they will still have to go through the interview process.

b. Mask mandate

- In March, the vaccine requirement for Hillary House guests/staff was ceased. The Province has now lifted mask mandates also. Staff is looking for direction in this matter.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-041

THAT AHS mask mandate be discontinued and that masks, while inside Hillary House are optional for both staff and guests.

Moved by: Patricia Wallace. Seconded by: Dan McGeown

CARRIED.

c. Thefts

- Patricia reported thefts from the Hillary House property. June 22nd, the green metal lawn furniture was stolen from beside the barn. June 23rd, the historic black bench and wheelbarrow were stolen from the side porch.
- Police reports were filed for both incidents. Neighbours were canvassed for video surveillance by Kathleen and Patricia. Negative results.
- Geoff looked into our insurance, there is a \$1000 deductible. Items were appraised for \$3000. Discussion re pros and cons of submitting a claim. Decided no claim will be submitted due to risk of increased insurance costs or cancellation.
- Discussion re installing cameras. All Board members are in favour of installation of cameras, if practical. We will look into the logistics moving forward.
- Our motion light is not working. The electrician has been contacted.
- The incidents were covered in an article by The Auroran, as well as our own social media, which is garnering some attention and public sympathy.

d. Award nomination – Aurora Chamber of Commerce

- AHS has been nominated for Aurora Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Award in the non-profit category. Award is presented in September. We will not know if we have won until the award is presented.

7. TREASURERS REPORT– SEE ATTACHED REPORT

MOTION: 2022-AHS-042

THAT the April 2022 Statements, (P&L and Balance Sheet), be received for information.

Moved by: Geoffrey Dawe. Seconded by: Michelle Primeau.

CARRIED.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-043

THAT the 2021 Audited Financials (Draft) of the Aurora Historical Society be approved by the Board of Directors, and the Treasurer be authorized to communicate this to the Auditors for the purpose of filing our 2021 Corporate Tax Return.

Moved by: Geoffrey Dawe. Seconded by: Michelle Primeau.

CARRIED.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-044

THAT the treasurers report be received as circulated. Moved by: Patricia Wallace. Seconded by: Ronen Grunberg.

CARRIED.

8. CURATOR'S REPORT – SEE ATTACHED REPORT

- We need to budget for some tech replacement.
- We may need to update NAS (file storage) within 1 year.
- Kathleen further clarified with the Salvation Army that the intention of their proposed exhibit is community awareness. They would use the exhibit to launch their kettle campaign. Kathleen would have complete control of what is displayed at Hillary House. Kathleen inquired if we should charge Salvation Army a fee. Board agreed to no charge due to reciprocal benefit.
- Kathleen announced that she will be moving the Speaker Series to a hybrid model, both virtual and in-person. This will also allow us to have speakers from any location.
- Patricia suggested that Kathleen write a small blurb online, announcing her presentation for Ontario Genealogy Society as we may be asked to participate in other events as a result.

9. FUNDING STRATEGIES/CAMPAIGN –

- a. Launch Pad Sessions have commenced. To be four sessions in total. Recorded for those who could not attend. Report at end.
- b. Capital Campaign Launch
 - When should we do the press release for campaign?
 - We need to get thermometer ready.
 - We are getting close to the place where we want to go public.
 - We have gone through our quiet phase. We are on the right path.
 - Simple things we can do now. We can soften how we “ask” for donations.

10. GOLF TOURNAMENT –

- Have ball sponsor (Allegra to print)
- Tickets for Blue Jays donated.
- 41 registered.
- Do not have enough hole sponsors. it's not too late to get sponsors.

11. RESTORATION UPDATE –

- a. BRC Restoration Inc. Verandah
 - Please see May 17th 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes for details.
 - This issue has been brought to a conclusion, except for final payments.
 - Nikki Crone has finished the painting of the flooring.

12. GROUNDS MAINTENANCE REPORT – SEE ATTACHED REPORT

- a. Correspondence from neighbours
 - Discussion re: June 1st received an email from a resident of Devonshire Place stating that the grounds is not looking good at all. Neighbour went on to complain about the upkeep of the Hillary House grounds. A response was provided from Patricia Wallace.
- b. Parks Canada
 - We were contacted by Parks Canada regarding coming to Hillary House on June 14th to take measurements of the Yonge Street fence.

13. MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS - 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

MOTION: 2022-AHS-045

THAT Reports from items 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 be received. Moved by: Michelle Primeau. Seconded by: Dan McGeown.

CARRIED.

14. NEW BUSINESS – None

15. CLOSED SESSION – Human resources matters were discussed.

16. ADJOURNMENT – 9:53 p.m.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-046

THAT the meeting be adjourned. Moved by: Patricia Wallace. Seconded by: Alan Lambert.

CARRIED.

Next Meeting: Monday, July 4th, 2022 7:00pm at Hillary House.