

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Meeting held at Hillary House

MINUTES

Present: EXECUTIVE: Patricia Wallace, Alan Lambert, Geoff Dawe.

DIRECTORS: Ronen Grunberg, Jan Stainer-White, Michelle Primeau, Dan McGeown, Martin Paivio.

STAFF: Kathleen Vahey, Curator

1. **CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.**

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

2. **DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Amendment to Agenda to remove the Landscape Report and replace with the ASHOF Report**

MOTION: 2021-AHS-056

Moved by Geoff Dawe. Seconded by Dan McGeown: THAT the agenda be approved as amended.
CARRIED.

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: August 9, 2021:**

MOTION: 2021-AHS-057

Moved by Dan McGeown. Seconded by Jan Stainer-White: THAT the August 9, 2021 Minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

5. **AURORA FACTOID:**

- Ronan Grunberg presented a video Factoid
- Next up – Patricia Wallace

6. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT- Patricia Wallace:**

- Reminder to think of candidates you might know who would be interested in applying to become potential AHS board members. The nomination process will begin in November.
- Incident: A sink hole occurred at the edge of the driveway near the path. A contractor's vehicle's front tire was deeply involved. Required a tow to free the vehicle. No damage to the vehicle. The hole was filled in by John Bare. This will require further investigation as to extent of the ground instability. An incident report was created and photos were taken.
- Looking for a volunteer for the gift shop for approx. 2 hours per week for pricing/ receiving/ organizing/ sales (preferred day is Friday)
- Significant concern re animal presence within and under the "Summer Kitchen" (aka shed). Several attempts at remediation have failed. More investigation for possible solutions required. Issue was noted as far back as the Critters are back in the shed and have caused condition assessment report.
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- Geoff, Patricia and Kathleen met with Robin McDougall, Director of Community Services, TOA regarding the upcoming Budget Reaffirmation process. Meeting was requested by AHS to ensure we present all the requisite material during the presentation. To take place November 15th, 7:00pm. Board members were asked to be present.
- Discussion re the need for 5-year Restoration plan in order to identify amount of funding required. Discussion re the need for an updated Condition Assessment. Pat has reached out to the ERA requesting a cost estimate to have another assessment done
- Discussion regarding benefits of adding a town council member to AHS Board – discussion deferred to next meeting.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT- Geoff Dawe

- Town of Aurora funding - We are in year 3 of a 3-year agreement. Correspondence received requesting confirmation of the funding amount in the agreement.
- The amount to continue to store the Godfrey collection until the Cultural Centre is ready is noted as an add-on amount.
- We are going to be asked by the Town to prepare a new 3-year budget request in the spring.
- Dates for Town Budget Committee Meeting – Nov 15th – board members need to attend – Kathleen to confirm date and send an email to us
- AHS no longer eligible to receive the CEWS (Canadian Wage Subsidy)

MOTION: 2021-AHS-058

Moved by Dan McGeown. Seconded by Martin Paivio: That the July Statements, P&L and Balance Sheet, be received for information. **CARRIED.**

8. CURATOR'S REPORT- Kathleen Vahey

- See written Report
- Our Summer Students have finished their season with AHS. Thank you to Grace Armstrong and Simone Bevilaqua for a doing a wonderful job!
- Annual Fall Clean Up scheduled for October 30th. Already almost full with student volunteers. Board members welcome to drop by to observe/lend a hand.
- Discussion re. Art of The Manor, possibility of coinciding with Christmas

9. ASHOF REPORT- BOB MCROBERTS

- See written report.
- Aurora Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner being attended by Dan, representing AHS.

10. RESTORATION WORKING GROUP- ALAN LAMBERT

- See written Report
- There are some concerns around whether planned completion date will be met, and on quality of work, Al planning to call a site meeting and to reach out to the ERA to review a few items

11. COACH HOUSE

- Priestly offer received and signed back for \$12,000 to purchase the wood and remove from the site. To be completed after Front Porch is completed and before snow starts.

12. FUNDRAISING

SCOTH TASTING

- Huge Success!!
- 47 attendees, approx. \$10-12K profit
- Official thank you to be sent to the Aurora Whisky Society

HILLARY HOUSE BALL

- \$16,500 in sponsorship - due in part to an anonymous title sponsorship of \$10,000
- Social media videos being produced weekly to advertise the ball.
- Currently have about 35 Silent Auction items. This needs to at least double
- Ticket sales needed. Please use your circles of influence.
- All 8 board members are available from 12-4pm to deliver meals on day of the Ball.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-059

Moved by Dan McGeown. Second by Geoff Dawe. That Curator's Report, ASHOF Report, Restoration Working Group Report, Coach House Report, Fundraising Report be received. **CARRIED**

13. NEW BUSINESS

- Jan Stainer-White has advised of plans to move outside of Aurora, wants to stay involved with AHS but will re-evaluate before the AGM.
- Frankie Flowers (Ferragine) coming to visit AHS
- Vaccine Mandate for AHS – all board agreed that all entering HH should provide proof of vaccination

14. MOTION: 2021-AHS-060

Moved by Martin Paivio. Seconded by Jan Stainer-White. That All staff, volunteers and visitors entering Hillary House must show proof of identity and vaccination. **CARRIED**

15. ADJOURNMENT – 9:21 p.m.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-061

Moved by Michelle Primeau. Seconded by Al Lambert. THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:21pm **CARRIED.**

16. NEXT MEETINGS:

Tues., October 12, 2021 (in person)