

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITEWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY HELD ON APRIL 25, 2024 AT THE WHITEWATER MUNICIPAL OFFICE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 13:00 HOURS

Present: Janis Tomkinson President; Daryl McLaughlin, Vice-President; Debbie MacDonald, Treasurer; Sandra Buttle, Recording Secretary; Evelyn St. Amour; Joanne Pratt; Lawrie Barton; Terri Saunders.

1. WELCOME

President, Janis Tomkinson, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting were reviewed.

It was moved by Daryl McLaughlin,
And seconded by Debbie MacDonald,
That the minutes be adopted. – Carried.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Debbie MacDonald presented the Treasurer's report with a bank balance of \$16,524.63 ending March 28, 20224.
- It was noted that monies were received from the Whitewater Region in the amount of \$4,150.00. Monies for the Museum's hydro, taxes, intranet, etc. for 2024 were deducted.

It was moved by Debbie MacDonald,
And seconded by Joanne Pratt,
That the report of the Treasurer be accepted. – Carried.

4. ARTIFACTS

- Lawrie Barton recently viewed a rare early tin doll house online manufactured in Canada and selling for \$40.00 which she would like to purchase. She made contact with the seller who is located in Dunrobin.
- Lawrie also asked for permission to place an ad in the Eganville Leader asking for the donation of children's toys from 1950's and earlier to Ross Museum.

It was moved by Ev St. Amour,
And seconded by Daryl McLaughlin,

That Lawrie Barton be approved to purchase the doll house at a cost of \$40.00 and place a classified ad in the Eganville Leader. – Carried.

It was also noted that should any artifacts need approval for purchase and a decision needs to be made quickly to send an email to the Executive for approval.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- The Whitewater Historical Society sent a card and flower arrangement to Shirley Pilgrim while she was a patient in Hospice. A thank you note was received from Beatty Pilgrim and family.

6. EVENTS FOR 2024

- **Plant Sale** is scheduled for June 15, 2024 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Joanne Pratt is making mosaic flower pots to add a touch of beauty to our plant sale. Anyone selling items on the Museum property will be asked to donate some of the proceeds to the Museum.
- **Marc Audette Music** – Janis is keeping in touch; do we feature him alone; do we do a shanty meal with music following later in the day; indoor/outdoor event? Hoping to set a date in June.
- **Art Show** – would like to do this again. Would like to keep with the Museum hours (closed Monday and Tuesday); limited space so would need to submit their interest early; would like to open art show July 19th and run to July 31st; details will be up to the organizers
- **Pioneer Day** – looking at Saturday, August 3, 2024. Could also do a bake sale in conjunction. Suggested Dave Fleming be a speaker; Once students start will ask for ideas and planning. Janis, Lawrie and Sandy will assist.
- **Tour de Whitewater Cycling Event** is being held on July 13th.
- **Garden Tour** with the Foresters Falls Athletic Association is on July 21st;
- **Writer's Group Readings** – Heather Campbell is planning an event with writers sharing passages out of their books or poems. It was suggested that Lianne Oates be asked to assist. It was also suggested that some of the history of Forester's Falls be shared.
- **Don Kwan Cultural Event** in September – at this event we would showcase the Museum by displaying some of our artifacts.

7. OTHER BUSINESS UPDATES

- **Delta Bingo** – Janis Tomkinson, Debbie MacDonald and Sandy Buttle met with the Managing Director of Delta Bingo to see if we met their requirements to volunteer and earn proceeds for the Museum. After meeting with the Managing Director, Janis and Debbie met with the Township to discuss it further. The Township had concerns as we don't own the WHS buildings and we do not have our own CRA number, so we cannot pursue this avenue of revenue for the Museum.
- **Library Space** – Ivan Burton from the Township thought we could share the space with the Senior's Group to do joint events. Julie Bennett is the Seniors Liaison Coordinator with a background of event planning.
- **Barn Quilts** - we will make arrangements for everyone to drop off their Barn quilts at the Museum and have them hung.
- **Light Fixtures** – Sandy and Janis volunteered to get the outdoor light fixtures for the Log House and the Church. Arrangements will then be made to have the Township staff install the light fixtures.
It was moved by Lawrie Barton,
And seconded by Ev St. Amour,
That \$300.00 be used for the purchase of the outdoor lights. – Carried.
- **Canada Summer Jobs Program** – we received confirmation that we have approval to hire 2 summer students. One student will help the Archivist and one will focus on the museum but their jobs will overlap. Interviews will begin next week. There are new rules for us to follow i.e. students need formal letter of acceptance with start date and end date, rate of pay, etc.
- **Futures Grant for Archival Computer Work** - this maybe another source of grants we can look into.

- **Emergency and Disaster Planning for Ontario Museums** – Ev St. Amour and Janis are working on this.
- **Health and Safety Posters** - Municipality has asked that a bulletin board be placed in the office with all health and safety posters; we would put this in the hallway to work jointly with the Senior's group.
- **Ottawa Valley Tourist Conference** – Janis Tomkinson, Lawrie Barton and Debbie MacDonald attended this conference. Sara Norton was the keynote speaker and owner of REPLY-ALL. She spoke about who your audiences are, succession planning and how to keep going in the future. Lawrie won 2 door prizes and one was a complimentary certificate (\$350.00) to advertise in the 2025 Ottawa Valley road map which we can put towards as partial payment for next year. Thank you Lawrie! This was also a good opportunity for members to network.
- **The Pembroke Community Expo** is being held May 10 and 11 at the Pembroke Memorial Centre. This Expo is to see what our community has to offer. Registration is free for non-profit organizations. This event is hosted by the City of Pembroke.
- **The Upper Ottawa Valley Heritage Centre annual Strawberry Festival** is being held Sunday, June 30 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Champlain Trail Museum.
- **Volunteer Service Award** – Joanne Pratt will be receiving her 35 year pin this year; Evelyn St. Amour will receive a 5 year pin.
- **Signs** – the library sign has been removed and Senior's signage put up. New signage for the museum has not yet been made which we requested 2 years ago. Small signage that hangs at Ross House and St. Aidens also needs to be replaced. Krueger signs made them originally.
- **Wi-Fi**– presume that we will share the Wi-Fi with the Senior's Centre
- **Fire Hydrant** – spoke to Bill Tripp to see if “no parking” signs can be painted on the sidewalk in front of Exhibit Hall.
- **Earth Day** – the Eganville Horticultural Society celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd featuring a Earth Day 90th birthday party for Dr. Jane Goodall, who they made an honorary member, and included seven local guest speakers who spoke about their environment projects. Lawrie has the list of speakers who would be very suitable for the museum.
- **Jamie Bramburger** is a historian of Eastern Ontario and has investigated the historic disaster known as the Almonte Train Wreck of 1942. This tragic event had a profound impact on numerous households throughout the Ottawa Valley. Suggested that we could have a dinner “night at the museum” with guest speaker/music in the fall.
- **Gail Gavin** has been contacted for an event but no response has been received yet.
- **Logging Tools** - Kevin Parcher, who is in the log house building business, has been invited to look at our antique logging tools collection to help identify some of our tools and give some background so we can make better signage.
- Closing Day of Museum August 31st – will we do a special event?

8. NEXT MEETING

- Next Meeting is scheduled for May 30th at 13:00 hours. Do we want to keep afternoon meetings? Do we book our meetings in the Senior's Centre in Foresters Falls or hall in Westmeath? Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was also suggested that we have guest speakers before our meetings but it was felt that our attendance was not enough to support having guest speakers at meetings at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Lawrie Barton,
That the meeting adjourn.

Time of Adjournment: 14:46 hours.