

Annual General Meeting Minutes Thursday, February 13th, 2020

IN ATTENDANCE

The General Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m by President Malcolm Byard at the Streetsville United Church, in the Heritage Room. There were 32 people in attendance. Malcolm welcomed all members and guests. If you are a guest, please be sure to sign the guest book on the lectern.

Next scheduled Executive meeting date is **Wednesday, March 18th, 2020 at 1:00 pm** at the Leslie Log House and our next General Meeting will be **Thursday, April 9th, 2020** at the Streetsville United Church, in the Heritage Room.

Our guest speaker is Anne Byard, Collections Manager of SHS

BUSINESS:

Motion to approve the minutes of the November 21st, 2019 meeting: Marlene

Seconded by: Veronica. All in favour.

Carried unanimously

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Malcolm

It is very rewarding to work with a dedicated and enthusiastic group of volunteers and that is what we have in the Streetsville Historical Society. We have our 50th year of service to the community and when I look back over the executive lists from the previous years, we are carrying on with the work of prominent and loyal members of the community. In May of this year, we will have been in our new home for nine years, and the City is very happy with our efforts and accomplishments.

We are continuing with two major projects. First, the digitization of our collection. It is going to take some time, but we are moving along with it and the City has been supportive so far. We have been approved for a four thousand dollar grant, which will be coming to us next month, and that is a great help in the digitization project. Our second major project is to acquire an enclosure for the Couse family carriage. That is going nicely and I will let others explain the details.

We have had some setbacks. Our Home for the Holidays special Christmas event ran into competition with Black Friday and people chose to shop rather than to visit us. We did survive that disappointment and we look forward to this year's celebration with the thought that we will not have to buy gifts for Santa to hand out because we have many left over.

This last part is difficult for me, since I am stepping aside as President and a very qualified newcomer is willing to take over. I think of Bill Tolton, a former Mayor of the Town of Streetsville, who was the first President of the Society and who served on the Executive in various capacities every year until he passed away in December 2002. What I am trying to say is, I won't be President, but I am not going anywhere. I am looking forward to the opportunity to do more in-depth research and writing for the newsletter and also being the go-to person when we need a 'pack-animal'. To begin with, I will be serving on the executive as Past President and I don't have to stand for election, since I am the only person qualified for the position. The person who has stood for President, is a professional with experience in administration and has already become known in Streetsville. I found out through our incoming President, that the present Librarian in the Streetsville Library is one of my former students, so I have a call to make there. I have been President since June 13th, 2008, when Norm Potts, our previous President, passed away – close

to 12 years. It has not been a difficult assignment because we have had hard working volunteers. I am not stepping down, nor am I resigning, rather I am stepping aside. *Thank you.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. TREASURERS REPORT – Margaret Chapman

Our Bank Balance as of today is: \$1,543.36

Our Fundraising for the Couse Carriage, as of today is: \$6,247.75

2. MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Margaret Chapman

I wish to ‘thank’ all of you that have renewed your membership. It is greatly appreciated.

As you know, we need to increase our membership and need your help in doing so. If you know anyone, family or friends that would be interested in becoming a member please have them contact me.

If you wish to renew your membership tonight, please see me during our break. Thank you again for all your help in supporting us.

I have placed our Financial Report for 2019 on the front desk for those of you that wish to take one. Thank you.

3. ARCHIVES – Anne Byard

- We have 21 active volunteers working on the Archives
- In 2019, we have accessioned 561 objects
- We are working on revamping our storage system
- Enhancing by cross-referencing all our document files
- Entering our collection on Past Perfect
- We registered 4,438 of volunteer hours – an increase of 766 hours
- We registered 1,299 visitors – an increase of 251 visitors

Displays

We had two displays –

- On the 1800 settlement of the Ballinger Homestead, compared to the intersection of the 401 and Mississauga Road today
- Christmas fun with toys and games

Tours

We toured the Canadian War Plan Museum in Hamilton with 27 attending.

City Connection

- The Parks Department of the City of Mississauga, has given us permission to build a structure to contain our Wm. Couse Carriage. We have raised \$7,000 and we have hopes that the City, with the help of George Carlson, will contribute to complete our project.
- We have been working with the Museums of Mississauga to help our growth in the future. They have given us more storage room in the basement. Suggested we start a succession committee to ensure we have knowledgeable trained volunteers to continue. We are an aging society and this will guarantee our continued success.
- We are reviewing all volunteers for their knowledge and work experiences we hope to have continued success with this procedure. I want to thank Deb Horrell and Elizabeth Churchill for their experience to help with this process.

- The City has plans to put in a community garden on the Pinchin property and it should start in the spring of 2020, all being cleared.

4. Heritage Gardens

I want to thank the Streetsville Horticultural Society for all the work they have done on the gardens. With the new driveway and sidewalks put in, they will have some challenges in the spring, but it is going to look great.

**** Does anyone have a name of a General Contractor that would give us a quote on the construction of our structure for the Wm. Couse Carriage. We have two and are having trouble find a third quote ****

5. SPECIAL EVENTS_– Bernice Cunningham

We started the new year with a euchre game on January 29th, 2020. Our February game is on February 26th. If you would like to join us or a fun evening, please come and talk to me during our coffee break. The money raised from the games go towards our insurance, archival, etc.

6. GIFT SHOP – Bernice Cunningham

The gift shop has been dusted and new items have been added. As with euchre, the money goes towards archival supplies, etc. Drop into the Log House and take a look sometime. We have our break between 2 and 3 at which time tea and coffee is served and you are always welcome.

There is a program change for the April meeting. We had arranged for George Carlson to speak, however, * **Ted Barris will be speaking** *

Program: April 9th : **Ted Barris**, Canadians to the Dambusters Raid, May 16, 17, 1943

September 10th : **Mathew Wilkinson**, Giants Among Us, Part I

November 12th : **Benjamin Pierce** who is the Secretary of Streetsville Overseas Veterans Club, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 139

Two reminders: Fish & chips at the legion tomorrow night from 5 – 7 pm and tomorrow 4 pm – 7 pm at the Vic Johnston Community Centre – Hazel McCallion will be present celebrating her 99th birthday.

Our nominees for the Board of Directors will be presented by Anne Byard.

President Malcolm Byard to introduce the speaker.

Bernice Cunningham to thank the speaker.

Motion to adjourn: Jean Watt Seconded: Anne Byard All in favour. *Carried unanimously.*

President – Malcolm Byard

Secretary - Marlene MacDonald

BEFORE WE START OUR ANNUAL ELECTION PROCESS

We will now have a Past President since Malcolm Byard, after 12 years of serving as President is stepping down as the President.

I am making a motion that a Past President's position is added to the Board of Directors job description.

2nd by: Jean Watt.

Against: O

Approved: All, *Carried unanimously*

Moved: February 13th, 2020

The Succession Committee has read all the Bi-Laws and Job Description and we will try to abide by all these laws and descriptions. The Nominees are as follows:

The Board of Directors, which has 5 positions, will be voted on today ...

PRESIDENT:	<i>Elizabeth Churchill</i> has been nominated (any more nominations from the floor?)
VICE-PRESIDENT:	<i>Bernice Cunningham</i> ditto
TREASURER:	<i>Margaret Chapman</i> ditto
SECRETARY:	<i>Marlene MacDonald</i> ditto
MEMBERSHIP:	<i>Veronica Wuschenny</i> ditto
Non elective positions:	<i>Anne Byard</i> is the Collections Manager <i>Malcolm Byard</i> is the Past-President