

## **Merrickville and District Historical Society**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

7:00 pm – **Zoom Meeting**

Due to Covid 19 pandemic and current health restrictions, a live meeting was not possible. Quorum is 15, after attendance was taken on screen and it was confirmed that 20 people ( 21 before Mayor left) eligible to vote were in attendance. NOTE: all documentation, Presidents report, Financials etc were made available over a week in advance on MDHS Website. Shown during Zoom meeting.

1. Call to Order at 7:08 pm by President Ann Martin, acting as chair for the AGM  
Jane Graham Secretary took attendance and took minutes.
2. Agenda for the meeting was adopted on a motion by Doug Struthers, second By Elizabeth Robinson. Carried
3. Mayor Doug Struthers was in attendance (as a member) and as he had to leave the meeting at 7:30 the President asked him if he wanted to say a few words. He gave a lot of praise to MDHS for all that has been accomplished these last two years in spite of the pandemic. He was hopeful that the Blockhouse Museum would open this summer and pledged ongoing support from the Village of Merrickville-Wolford.
4. The minutes of the previous AGM held Tuesday, February 16, 2021 were approved on a motion by Donna Ross, second by Chris Eaton. Carried.
5. Presidents Report – made by Ann Martin. See website for copy. Questions – from Peter S – asked about membership numbers and what was the trend. President observed that basically numbers seem to remain the same. Donna Ross had a question on the cataloging of artifacts. Yves Grandmaitre asked about the Bell Canada fiber infrastructure and if we would be able to have contactless donation capability this summer. It was hoped yes. MDHS arranged for Wifi to be installed at Blockhouse – but

not being used at this time. Presidents report accepted on a motion by Donna Ross – second by Ann Martin. Carried.

6. Archives report – made by Ann Martin and Nancy Warr. Nancy spoke – Past perfect project and migration has been both tedious and interesting and exciting! It will still take 5-6 months to complete. Separate collection of Harry Macleans artifacts is progressing. John Cowan had a question on when this is available to the public. Answer is now. Motion to approve Archives report – Yves Grandmaitre second by Angela Beking, carried.
  
7. Web update and On-Line Collections project Update – This was handled by YCW intern Lauren Ulbricht. On screen she showed how to access information and view artifacts on new updated Website. Fast, clean and easy to use. Of the collections approx 20% is now online. Will take 5-6 months to complete. It is hoped that we will get a grant extension to complete more of this project.
  
8. Treasurer's Report – Given by Rod Fournier ( shown on screen)
  - a) Financial Statement 2021 shown on screen. Peter S asked if the funds in Ottawa Community Foundation (\$26,670. To date) can be accessed. Ann M reported that only 10% annually can be cashed out. Plus we get annual profits should we wish to accept, but we have not accepted this past 2 years as funds were not needed. Balance in RBC bank account \$19,826, and \$3000 is being held in a GIC in our name as security against MDHS Visa. Visa to be used to pay annual fees, dues, expenses for website, Past Perfect etc. Motion to accept Financial report 2022 as presented – moved by Nancy Warr, second by Chris Eyton. Carried.
  
  - b) Budget 2022 – presented on screen. Ann Martin explained sustainability and increased expenses. Discussed the need for a \$10,000 grant to aid in creating a new Business/Strategic Plan. A few questions/clarification from Peter S – why such a high balance in bank? Answer – a lot of unknowns due to Covid – and GICS paying minimal anyway. Gyn Wylie asked for clarification re Insurance coverage ie: students. Confirmed that Students are covered as well as Directors for E and O, liability. Motion to accept Budget 2022 , moved by Jane Graham, second by – Jeff Murray. Carried.

9. Election of Directors and Officers – Angela Beking read the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee. Nominations from the floor were requested. No nominations from the floor. It should be noted that there is no one willing to stand in the position of President. Ann Martin is acting as Past President. Motion to accept by Ann Martin , second by Johanna Jansen. Carried. Moved by Chris Eyton and second by Elizabeth Robinson that Ann Martin stands as Past President. Carried. Officers and Directors accepted as presented. Moved by Gail Beking, second by Donna Ross. Carried.

10. New Business – none

11. Adjourn - Moved by Elizabeth Robinson 8:20 pm