**Annapolis Heritage Society AGM**

**June 26, 2019 7:00 P.M.**

**North Hills Museum**

Meeting called to order by President Barry Moody at 7:01 P.M. with 19 AHS members present and 5 staff members.

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Sandy Connell read the minutes from the last general meeting, as prepared by Paul Wear. Two name changes were made and the Sinclair Inn Report was changed to read, “…record attendance in 2017, rather than 2018.” **It was moved by Anne Crossman and seconded by Ian Lawrence, that the minutes be approved as amended. Motion carried.**

Adoption of Strategic Plan for 2019-2020:

The following AHS strategic plan was proposed for adoption by the membership:

1. -have new / expanded storage facilities for our collection by 2022

2. -digitize our collection

3. –expand the Acadian resources within our Genealogy and Research Centre

**It was moved by Anne Crossman, seconded by Cheryl Anderson that the strategic plan be adopted as presented. Motion carried.**

Reports: Written reports were distributed to members. Highlights of these reports were provided by those who wrote them.

1. President’s Report: Barry reported that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the O’Dell House as a museum. Work has begun on the Shafner’s Point Lighthouse. More funding will be needed for this project as extensive rot was found on the inside. There will be more of a focus on fund-raising in the coming months. He concluded by thanking all those who volunteered for AHS over the past year, with special mention of Philip Hyam who worked so hard preparing for pending CMAP evaluation as well as committee work.

2. Executive Director’s Report: Wayne reported that CMAP funding is late. In 2018, AHS partnered with a number of groups in Annapolis Royal. A grant of $1000 has been received from the County of Annapolis Royal to put toward work being done on Shafner’s Point Light-house. Heritage Day talk by Barry Moody was very successful. Cronin exhibit will open this summer. Sinclair Inn’s Painted Room will receive an award from Heritage Trust of NS in July.

3. O’Dell House Museum Report: Wayne reported the Society raised $1100 on Facebook this Spring, to be used for building materials. Herb Anderson and Tilly Boudreau volunteered labour to effect a number of repairs on O’Dell House. Visitor stats for 2018 for O’Dell – 2,907 visitors.

4. Sinclair Inn Museum: Site Manager Ken Maher reported that 8,020 people visited Sinclair Inn Museum in 2018. More than 45 youth tried out the Heritage Treasure Hunt in 2018. This activity was developed in partnership with the Annapolis Valley Regional Library. A display of tools on loan from Bruce Keevil, was set up, in complement to the Joey Orde tool display.

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North Hills Museum: Site Manager Dawn Bourke reported that the museum hosted a successful *Jazz Café* in July but the next 2 were cancelled due to poor ticket sales. *Salt Box Talks Revisited* was very well attended. The annual *Tea and Garden Party* was very successful and there were 795 visitors for the *Vintage Automobile Show*. Attendance numbers for 2018 were 2878.

Facilities Management Committee: Paul Wear reported the committee received a conservation work grant from Nova Scotia Government’s Heritage Development Fund. This allowed the Society to paint the front of the O’Dell House Museum. The committee is investigating potential storage solutions for the Society’s collections and has developed a check-list to be used during semi-annual inspections of facilities owned by the Society.

Communications Committee: Lois reported that the AHS website receives frequent requests for information on local history. The AHS Facebook page has seen an increase in traffic over the past year as Lois has tried to post frequently by highlighting exhibits, events and activities taking place at the museums. Lois’ posts of photos from our archival collection are very well-received.

Research & Genealogy Committee: Lois reported that Acadian research continues to be the dominant area of interest for the Centre. Additional Acadian resources were added over the winter and more are being sought. Also, over the winter months, research was carried out in response to e-mail requests. In June, Ruth Ritchie’s book on Parker family history, was launched.

Collections Committee: Lynn Kerr reported that over the past year, a significant number of archival materials and artifacts have been accessioned by the Summer Staff and volunteers. Lynn extended her thanks to Herb Anderson and Tilly Boudreau for building new shelves and adapting existing spaces to make them more usable for collections.

Human Resources Committee: A new Human Resources Policy has been developed for AHS. The committee took part in student interviews and 4 former student employees were hired.

Membership and Volunteers Committee: Cheryl and Lynn reported the term of AHS memberships will now run from June 1st to May 31st. Many thanks to all volunteers who gave of their time over the past year. Special thanks to Herb Anderson and Tilly Boudreau for extensive repairs carried out. Volunteer numbers are dwindling and new volunteers are always needed.

Retail Report: Ian Lawrence reported that printed materials are selling well, as are knitted items such as “mug mittens.” Committee is working on adding tinware and printed tea towels to sell.

**It was moved by Lois Jenkins, seconded by Giselle Beauchamp that the reports be accepted as presented. Motion carried.**

Financial Report: AHS Treasurer, Paul Wear, went over Society revenues and expenditures and explained that the Society had a deficit of $33,372 for this past fiscal year ending in March, 2019. (The deficit for the fiscal year ending in 2018 was $19 695) Paul explained some of the figures in the report and answered questions put forth by those present.

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**It was moved by Paul Wear, seconded by David Irvine, that the Financial Report be accepted as presented. Motion carried.**

Appointment of Reviewer : As the Society needs a financial reviewer for the current fiscal year,

**Paul Wear moved, Ian Lawrence seconded the appointment of Sanford & Associates as AHS reviewer for the 2019 – 2020 Fiscal Year. Motion carried.**

Tribute to the late Peggy Armstrong, Given by Barry Moody:

In a touching tribute to the late Peggy Armstrong, Barry Moody reminded us of her good humour, quick wit and continued dedication to many community causes. Peggy joined Historic Restoration Enterprises in about 1970 and served as Board member many times. Her intellect, commitment and energy brought much to the organization. Peggy co-wrote the *Age of Sail in Annapolis County* and was recently nominated for the Order of Nova Scotia. He concluded by saying we will truly miss Peggy’s interest in, and support of, all things “community.”

Moment of Silence:

Barry asked for a moment of silence in recognition of AHS members who passed away over the year. Those remembered were:

Peggy Armstrong Nancy Dick Joan Harrison

Lloyd Robinson Bob Emin Anne Esslinger

Book of Service and Remembrance:

Sandy Connell talked about an AHS fund-raiser, centred on the putting together of a Book of Service and Remembrance for Annapolis County, to include any who served in an armed conflict over the years, in the defence of Canada. The Book will be on display at the O’Dell House.

Nominating Committee:

Nomination chair, Ian Lawrence put forward the following names of potential candidates to serve on the Board of Directors for the upcoming year: Ellen Littlewood

Cheryl Anderson Lynn Kerr Lois Jenkins

Ian Lawrence Herb Anderson Paul Wear

David Irvine Sandy Connell Barry Moody

Ian called for further nominations three times and receiving none, he then declared the above people duly accepted as AHS Board members for the 2019 – 2020 year.

Presentation by Lois Jenkins – A Peek into the AHS Vault: Lois treated us to a look at a few items taken from the AHS Vault and provided a bit of background on each. These included a letter written by the 17 year old daughter of Jacob Bailey, which mirrored issues, concerns and ideas shared by teens of any era. Lois shared maps, photos and documents that gave us a unique opportunity to look at the daily lives of folks from the past.

Adjournment: Anne Crossman moved the meeting adjourn at 8:35. Refreshments followed.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Sandy Connell, Secretary Annapolis Heritage Society AGM – June 26, 2019