

**Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Virtual Meeting
On Zoom
March 29, 2022
Meeting Minutes**

Present on Zoom: Tim Philp (President), Denise Methot (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Leisah Marie Jansen, Doug Summerhayes, Murray Angus.

Staff: None present

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6 pm

2. Approval of Agenda: There were no changes.

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that the agenda be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M-A Marion, that the minutes of the March 1, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director's Report:

T. Philp reported that he was very pleased about receiving a letter from Brant County notifying the society that it had received a grant of \$20,035. It is the most the Society has received at one time for a year's operations from the county.

He also gave a brief report on progress concerning the relocation and refurbishment of Crystal Cottage.

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by M. Angus, that the Executive Director's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The financials for the previous month were circulated before the meeting. The society's books are still in the black. W. Hilgendag said he was very glad to see the county grant because it demonstrates the county's willingness to invest in the society and the properties it owns.

T. Philp said "We have not solved our structural problem" of not having a reliable funding base that can carry all of the society's operations. He said the society profited partly from generous funding programs by the federal and provincial governments and the city and county during the past two COVID-19 pandemic years. But he added "We still need to be careful with what we are doing. We still have financial challenges down the road."

Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by M. Angus, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. Annual General Meeting Planning Committee Report:

Chair M-A Marion delivered a report on the first meeting of the AGM Planning Committee. The AGM is scheduled to take place on the evening of June 1, 2022. The venue will be confirmed shortly. (See written report in agenda package). It was noted that candidate nomination forms for the board must be mailed out by May 1, 2022.

T. Philp remarked that a bylaw change must be voted on at the AGM that allows the board to extend the rules beyond the normal specified limit to hold an AGM as set out in the bylaw, to take into account declared emergencies such as the COVID-19 pandemic. A draft resolution will be presented at the April board meeting.

Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by D. Methot that the report of the AGM Planning Committee be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:28 pm.

The next meeting will be held on April 26 at 6 pm.