

# Brant Historical Society

## Board of Directors

### Minutes

### November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6 pm.

2. **Approval of Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda.

**Motion:** Moved by D. Methot, seconded by L. Jansen, that the agenda of the November 29, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion:** Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by D. Methot, that the minutes of the October 25, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

4. **Executive Director's Report:**

Crystal Cottage — T. Philp reported another mishap concerning a missed permit for work on the refurbishment of the Crystal Cottage, which has been moved to a vacant lot beside the Brant Museum and Archives. The problem has delayed progress on work once again.A”

M-A Marion said he had significant concerns with the lack of progress and recurring technical problems on the project, and wanted a more in-depth discussion.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M-A Marion, that a full review of the status of the Crystal Cottage project be deferred to the January 31, 2023 Board of Directors meeting.

**Carried unanimously.**

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

The financial documents were circulated to all members before the meeting.

W. Hilgendag reported that the bank balance in the general account stood at \$93,219.45 as of Oct. 31, and that the society can carry on through the end of the calendar year.

**Motion:** Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by M-A Marion, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **6. Business Arising from the Minutes:**

A) AGM Committee Report - M-A Marion (Chair) said he is organizing a meeting of the AGM Planning Committee for January 6, 2023. Details will be announced. The committee's composition will be the same as the committee that planned the 2022 AGM.

B) Expositor Archives Working Group Report - M-A Marion (Chair) said he is organizing a meeting of the Expositor Archives Working Group for January 13, 2023. Details will be announced.

## **7. New Business:**

A) Membership Fees: T. Philp said the Society must increase its membership fees after holding them in place for several years. He noted any fee increases would require the ratification of the General membership at the next AGM before they can take effect. He suggested the fees should be increased from \$25 to \$30 for an individual membership, and from \$40 to \$50 for a family membership.

**Motion:** Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by M-A Marion, that the Board of Directors supports an increase in membership fees for the Brant Historical Society, from \$25 to \$30 for an individual membership, and from \$40 to \$50 for a family membership;  
And further that the proposed fee increases be put to the members for ratification at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **B) Copyright Claim:**

T. Philp told the board he received a complaint from Cindy MacDonald and Stacey Turvey, authors of the book *A Passage Through Time*, that they have a copyright claim that could be affected. The BHS is contemplating another printing of the book.

The board authorized T. Philp to work with the complainants to reach a suitable resolution of their concerns.

C) Mask Wearing at BHS Events — L. Jansen bought up a concern about whether masks should be worn at events put on by the BHS. The policy was put in place during the COVID-19 pandemic, pursuant to provincial regulations that made mask wearing mandatory. The general mandate has been changed from a requirement to a recommendation.

**Motion:** Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that participants in BHS-sponsored events be informed that the wearing of masks is recommended.

**Carried unanimously.**

**D) Brant Memorial Concerns:**

D. Methot said she was concerned about the appearance of an “ugly structure” behind the Brant Memorial. She will take up the matter with relevant authorities.

**E) Luncheon:**

It was suggested that the board have a luncheon either during the festive season or early in the new year. D. Methot will organize the event.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be January 31, 2023 at 6 pm.

9) **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.