Brant Historical Society Board of Directors Minutes January 31st, 2023

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

Regrets: Murray Angus.

Staff: None present.

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

2. Approval of Agenda: There were no changes.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot, that the minutes of the November 29, 2022 Board of Directors meeting be approved.

Carried unanimously.

4. Executive Director's Report:

Crystal Cottage - T. Philp says after some minor technical details of the project have cleared the contractor will be finished all work by the end of February. He said the developer that was the instigator of the heritage building's move appears to have "ghosted" the project. He said he has heard no word from the developer in some time.

Scotch Tasting Contest - He said the event at Myrtleville was attended by 31 people and earned about \$600. He complimented Esther Brouwer and Lillia Dockree for organizing the event, which included the Piping in of the Haggis and the tasting of a fine array of scotches. "It was a good time all around," he said.

Myrtleville Update - He said the Society is moving closer to the day when it can take over Myrtleville House Museum from the National Trust. He is pursuing a Letter of Intent and has the support of the Good family for the transfer.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by L. Jansen, that the meeting move in-camera to discuss a property matter.

Carried unanimously

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the meeting return to ex-camera session.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Methot, that the Executive Director's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

The financial documents to were circulated before the meeting.

W. Hilgendag went over the highlights in the documents.

"We are in good shape, except for the Crystal Cottage (project)," T. Philp said.

He lauded Nathan Etherington's success in acquiring grants from various organizations.

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by D. Methot, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

6. Business Arising from the Minutes:

A) AGM Planning Committee Report:

M-A Marion (Chair) presented a report from the committee that the 2023 AGM be held on March 29, 2023 at 7 pm at Myrtleville House Museum and that notice of the meeting be sent out to the membership by the president.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by W. Hilgendag that the recommendations from the AGM Planning Committee Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

7. New Business:

A) Identifiable Individual

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that the meeting move in- camera to discuss an identifiable individual.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that the meeting return to ex-camera session.

B) Reports from Brant Museum and Archives Staff:

D. Summerhayes said it would be valuable for the Board of Directors to have senior staff present periodic short reports on activities at the Brant Museum and Myrtleville for board meetings. Other members agreed.

Motion: Moved by D. Methot, seconded by D. Summerhayes, that Nathan Etherington and Esther Brouwer prepare short reports for Board of Directors meetings.

Carried unanimously.

- 8. Announcements: None.
- **9.** Next Meeting: The next board meeting will be on February 28, 2023, at 6 pm.
- **10.** Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.