

**Brant Historical Society
Board of Directors Meeting
February 6, 2024
Brant Museum and Archives
57 Charlotte St.,
Brantford, ON**

MINUTES

Present: Tim Philp (President), Leisah Marie Jansen (Vice-President), Michael-Allan Marion (Secretary), Willy Hilgendag (Treasurer), Murray Angus.

Regrets:

Doug Summerhayes.

Staff: Marion McGeein (Executive Director Pro-Temp)

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

2. **Approval of Agenda:**

Motion: Moved by M. Angus, seconded by M-A Marion, that the agenda of the February 6, 2024 meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Carried unanimously.

3. **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by M. Angus, that the Minutes of the November 14, 2023 Meeting of the Board of Directors and the Minutes of the December 19 Special Meeting of the Board of Directors be approved.

Carried unanimously.

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

M. McGeein reported on the holding of a successful Scotch Tasting Event in January 2024. A total 35 attendee sipped and compared a selection of fine scotches
A total \$2,200 was raised. Costs were \$1,100, leaving net proceeds of \$1,100.

M. McGeein said all work has been completed in collecting financial statements and supporting documents for the Society's auditor, Millards, for the 2023 annual audit. She also reported on progress concerning the Speaker's Series. A speaker is being lined up for an event at the Canadian Military Heritage Museum.

Another Courthouse Tour is being planned for the Superior Court House.

M. McGeein gave an update on coming activities at the Myrtleville House Museum.

Motion: Moved by M-A. Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that the meeting move in-camera to discuss a matter concerning an identifiable individual.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M-A Marion, that the meeting return ex-camera to continue discussion.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by M-A. Marion, seconded by L. Jansen, that the report of the Executive Director be approved.

Carried unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's Report:**

The latest financial documents were circulated before the meeting. W. Hilgendag briefly discussed their highlights.

There was a discussion about talks with city councillor about the Society achieving annual stable funding from the city.

The Crystal Cottage – board members discussed options and prospective offers to sell the heritage building.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M-A. Marion, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried unanimously.

6. **Business Arising from the Minutes: NONE**

7. **New Business:**

A) Resignation of Willy Hilgendag:

The Board's attention was drawn to a letter of resignation from Willy Hilgendag from the BHS Board of Directors effective the next Annual General Meeting, after several years of service to the Society. He plans to serve out the remainder of his term as Board member and Treasurer until the 2024 AGM in the spring.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M-A Marion that the Board accepts the resignation of Willy Hilgendag with great regret, and thanks him for his many years of service to the Brant Historical Society.

Carried unanimously.

B) Recruiting New Board Members:

The Board resolved to appoint five new members to its ranks pursuant to a call for nominations issued at the November 2023 Board meeting.

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that Pat Duern be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M-A Marion, that John Utley be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by W. Hilgendag, seconded by M-A Marion, that Bill Hyde be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by M. Angus, that Sarah Clarke be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that Gladys Woodburn be appointed to the BHS Board of Directors until the next Annual General Meeting.

Carried unanimously.

8. Annual General Meeting:

Motion: Moved by M-A Marion, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that the 2024 Annual General Meeting be held on April 29, 2024.

Carried unanimously.

9. Heritage Committee Membership:

Motion: Moved by L. Jansen, seconded by W. Hilgendag, that Pat Duern be nominated the Brant Historical Society's representative on the City of Brantford's Heritage Advisory Committee.

Carried unanimously.

10. **Next Meeting:** The next Board of Directors meeting is on February 27, 2024 at 6 pm.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.