

**Brant Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
Myrtleville House Museum
March 28, 2023**

Minutes

Establishment of a Quorum:

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Tim Philp, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors. He declared quorum based on the number of registered members present.

1. Approval of Agenda:

Motion: Moved by Keith Gloster, seconded by Lorraine Sherred, that the agenda for the meeting be approved.

Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Moved by Denise Methot, seconded by Michael-Allan Marion, that the Minutes of the June 1, 2022 Annual General Meeting be approved.

Carried.

- 3. President's Report:** T. Philp reported on progress of the Crystal Cottage project to move the heritage building intact to a vacant lot beside the Brant Museum and Archives on Charlotte Street. He said the main part of the project was completed two days earlier and that day the contractor was building a retaining wall and grading the property. A furnace will be installed two days after that job is complete.

T. Philp said the task of achieving the transfer of ownership of the Myrtleville House Museum property from the National Trust to the Brant Historical Society is "in the short stretch." In a few months "we will effectively own the property."

T. Philp lauded the staff's holding of the Chinese Exhibition, just completed in association with Laurier Brantford and the Brant Theatre Workshop.-Brant MP Larry Brock paid a visit. The event was well received by the Chinese community. The next event is a Ukrainian Exhibit. A kick-off evening attracted 150 people.

T. Philp said the Society, the two museums, the board of directors and the staff are getting back to normal now that the COVID pandemic has receded. The BHS was affected for nearly three years as society was in general. He said the Society's financial statements show that its financial position has also greatly improved.

Motion to Approve the President's Report: Moved by Doug Summerhayes, seconded by Leisah Marie Jansen, that the president's report be approved.

Carried.

4. **Treasurer's Reports:**

Treasurer Willy Hilgendag took the members through the financial statements for the previous year ended December 31, 2022. "We are asset-rich but still have cash flow problems," he said. He noted that due to a change in accounting rules for the Brant Museum and the Crystal Cottage the two have book value which they did not have before. The Crystal Cottage has a value of \$466,000 and the museum has a higher one. The book value is important, he said, because it has taken a lot of money to finish off the Crystal Cottage move and settle the building's final costs.

Motion: Moved by Doug Summerhayes, seconded by Andy Woodburn, that the Treasurer's Report be approved.

Carried.

5. **Endowment Committee Report:**

Chairman Michael St. Amant reported on the details of the Endowment Committee Fund report circulated at the meeting, and fielded questions.

Motion: Moved by D. Summerhayes, seconded by D. Methot, that the Endowment Committee Report be approved.

Carried.

6. **Adoption of Audited Statements:**

Michael St. Amant took issue with a presentation by T. Philp and W. Hilgendag of audited financial statements that included the book value of such assets as the Brant Museum and Archives and the Crystal Cottage in the manner they were reported. T. Philp suggested a compromise that approval of the Audited Financial Statements could be deferred to a future general meeting, while the board and the auditor took another look at the reporting method.

Motion: Moved by Michael St. Amant, seconded by Brian Moore, that approval of the audited statements be held while the board engages with the auditor to answer concerns raised by a member.

Carried.

7. **Appointment of Auditors for 2023:**

Motion: Moved by Keith Gloster, seconded by Brian Moore, that the firm Millard be appointed the auditor for the Brant Historical Society for the 2023 year.

Carried.

8. **Events Committee Report:**

Committee Chair Brian Moore presented a report detailing past events and upcoming ones during the next year using a handout.

Motion: Moved by Brian Moore, seconded by Bruce Hill, that the Events Committee Report be approved.

Carried.

9. **Ratification of Board Actions**

Motion: Moved by Michael St. Amant, seconded by D. Methot, that the actions by the Board of Directors in 2022 be ratified.

Carried.

10. Election of Directors:

The Chair was relinquished by T. Philp to Nathan Etherington to run the election.

Motion: Moved by Keith Gloster, seconded by Brian Moore, that the following be elected to the Brant Historical Society Board of Directors for 2023.

Tim Philp

Denise Methot

Willy Hilgendag

Michael-Allan Marion

Leisah Marie Jansen

Murray Angus

Doug Summerhayes

Carried.

11. Adjournment: The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.