

Creston & District Historical & Museum Society

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Saturday April 13, 2PM Trinity United Church Hall

In Attendance: Forty-seven (47) members and two (2) guests

Call to order: Chair Larry Binks called the meeting to order at 2:01 PM

Approval of minutes from the April 13, 2023 AGM: Any questions arising? None heard. Report accepted as presented.

Larry Binks requested to change the order of the Agenda items, moving item 7 to item 3 to ensure a new Board is in place prior to completing the remaining agenda items.

From the Nominating Committee there are seven (7) names put forward which will include the Executive at four (4), the remaining three (3) as Directors.

First position is for the President: From the floor motions placed to nominate Jason Meidl as President. Hearing no other nominations for this position Jason Meidl is elected as President

Second position is Vice President: From the floor motions to nominate Jim Ryckman as Vice President. Hearing no other nominations Jim Ryckman is elected as Vice President.

Third position is Recording Secretary: From the floor motions to nominate Brenda Draper as Rec. Sec. Hearing no other nominations Brenda Draper is elected as Recording Secretary.

Fourth and final position of the Executive is Treasurer: Motions from the floor to nominate Todd Kelner as Treasurer. Hearing no other nominations Todd Kelner is elected as Treasurer.

Larry Binks: There are three other names allowed to stand as Directors and the Executive can appoint them now or later. The Executive has chosen to appoint them at this time. The three (3) are Ron Toyota, Len Ringstad and Vicky Gall. According to the Bylaws these will be two (2) year terms.

Item four (4) is the President's Report which is attached and read by Jason Meidl. Motion first and second from the floor to accept the President's report as presented. Carried Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Todd Kelner said that 2023 was operationally a challenge as there were two major issues. The first was the purchase of shelving for the archive building. The money was raised in 2022 for this endeavour but the expenses occurred in 2023. Secondly a large amount

of money, approximately \$20,000, was spent either directly or indirectly (legal fees, bookkeeping, computer work) in relation to the dismissal of Tammy Bradford, Museum Manager. On the positive side a number of grants were received that have not yet been spent so there was not a large stress on the finances in total. The shortfall of \$40,000 is only on paper as this was due to the archive shelving. Overall the Museum finances appear to be very strong.

Question from the floor: "How much was spent on legal fees?". The breakdown is as follows, about \$9,000 in legal fees, roughly \$6,000 related to Tammy's dismissal and another few thousand spent questioning the membership's validity by the previous Board.

Of note is that as a result of the Manager's dismissal, the Museum membership increased from about 30 members to around 270 members.

Question from the Floor: "How much money does the RDCK give the Museum and how much was raised in admissions?". The RDCK gives \$125,000 and admissions last year was about \$5000.

Question from the Floor: "Is there a plan for the grants to be spent" The COVID funding was to help with any financial difficulties and there are no restrictions on the grants other than the money must be spend on the Museum.

First and second motion from the floor received to accept the Treasurer's report. None opposed. Carried Unanimous.

Assignment of an Auditor: Todd motioned to hire Lenka Pelikan, who has a great deal of experience working with non profits groups, to do the 2023/4 financials. Second received from the floor. Motion Carried Unanimous

Manager's Report: Tammy said this was a challenging year, but the membership increased exponentially! She acknowledged that Alyson Small did a lot of work planning and working in the midst of a great deal of turmoil. Despite the challenges Creston Museum is still one of the leading Museums in the area. The collections grew by 45 separate donations and programming went ahead for a full summer, the first since COVID. Seasonal events were also done. The Exhibit 40 years 40 Voices was the big event. Tammy thanked Brenda and Alyson for their work. Community engagement continued with the seniors homes and school classes. There was a drop in visits because the Museum was closed for part of the year. In total there were 840 volunteer hours. Thank you everyone! And, the Archive shelving project was completed.

There is a lot on the horizon with Creston's centennial this year. Plans and proposals regarding the Murphy equipment and an open house is planned and will be coming soon. A new

collections software has been purchased, through which the entire collection of the Museum will be available online likely by the fall.

First and second motion received from the floor to accept the Manager's report. Carried Unanimous.

No new business arising.

Larry Binks adjourned the meeting at 14:35.

Mins. prepared by BDH.