

**Creston and District Historical and Museum Society**

**Meeting Minutes**

***Tuesday March 11, 2025 Carr Building***

*We acknowledge that we meet on the unceded traditional territory of the Yaqan Nukiy within the Ktunaxa Nation*

**Present:** Jason (Pres), Todd, (Treas), Jim (VP), Vicky, Brenda (Rec Sec), Len, Tammy

**Regrets:** Ron

**Chair Jason called the meeting to order at 8:59**

**Review and Acceptance of the Agenda:** Todd motioned to accept the agenda, Vicky seconded, Carried Unanimous

**Review and Acceptance of the Minutes from February 11:** Len motioned to accept the minutes, Todd seconded, Carried Unanimous

**Old Business:**

- **Financial Report:** Todd said quite a bit more revenue came in this past month and there was \$750 in donations as well as the BC Arts Council grant \$20,000. However our expenses are up due to the high cost of the insurance. Otherwise nothing more to comment on as everything else looks in order. The gaming grant is closed and we will not be making another grant application due to the multiple complexities this grant involves.
- **Cyber Insurance:** Following a discussion the Board decided that we don't have sensitive information if we were hacked so that the additional cost is not something that we need at this time given the overall high cost of insurance. But we can change our minds and add this on at any time.

**Manager's Report:** Tammy said she passed the Financial records to Lenka for the compilation and it was quite a bit less paperwork than last year when it went to Rita Patstone. There was \$265 in donations from the Kokanee Inn presentation and it was a full house and a great presentation by Tammy! The Ice Sports Display grand opening is confirmed for March 29 at 5PM at the Rec. Centre. The Grants are going well and an application will be made to the BC Arts Council Grant for washroom renovations. This will be available to apply for in the fall so we can start working on a plan for that now. The Grain Elevator is an ongoing issue - Vicky and Tammy were present for the report by the CBT reps and they say that CBT is intent on selling the building and that there is a potential buyer. However we could still be the curatorial providers. The Grant for our strategic planning session was completed and CBT would like comments from the group as feedback.

**NEW:** Jason suggests given the support by Jack Schwartz of the Kokanee Inn, that a lifetime membership to the Museum should be in order. All Agreed. We will make a recommendation at the AGM.

### **New Business:**

- **Compilation of Bylaw changes for AGM:** For changes to the Bylaws we need 30 days to send out to the Membership in advance of the AGM. The potential changes will be identified in red. Tammy will make the suggested changes and send them to the Board for review and feedback by the 21st when we will schedule a meeting with the membership to discuss the proposed changes. The AGM is set for the 29th of April at 7PM. It is also the anniversary of the High School fire and Tammy will follow up with Ron about whether we go ahead and do this at the Emergency Building or not.
- **Nominating Committee:** We all need to think of people in our community that we can approach that would be willing to put their names forward - we would like to speak with some members of the Ktunaxa Band directly as that is the best approach. We also might consider asking that a Town Council Rep join us, not as a Board Member, but rather as a member of a group who funds us and who would be most interested in our activities.

Just having that direct connection with the Town would be helpful. Vicky, Len and Jason are willing to be on the nominating committee.

- **AGM Planning:** The AGM and presentation of the high school fire footage at the Emergency Services Building - as per Ron's suggestion, must be confirmed. Tammy feels that if it's linked to the high school fire that there would be a great number of people that would like to attend. It would make sense to do the meeting in two parts if we need to accommodate a large crowd. Members signing in would get a colored card for the first half of the meeting, and we could have the film following the AGM. We also need to do a Town Hall with the entire Board and membership to discuss the changes to the Bylaws revision. The Carr building is available on Tuesday the 22nd of April and the meeting will be set for 7PM.
- **Indigenous involvement in the Museum:** Todd said he is aware of an individual in the community who wants to make a monetary donation to fund some kind of project. Could we create a short term position that is indigenous at the Museum? We could talk to Chad Luke about this idea. Someone who could tell the aboriginal stories at the Museum would be a unique and welcome addition.

### **\*ROUND THE ROOM\***

**Len:** freshening up the Museum, paint wise, the grounds etc. is in order. Can we have a work "bee" set up. Also the wooden steps are in need of repair as they are a health and safety concern. Also the smoke detectors should all be checked. Suggestion is to reach out to the membership for help for a Spring Cleaning.

**Luanne Armstrong Symposium:** Tammy said she wants to do a Kootenay History Symposium and run it through the Museum at a cost of \$9,600. We would have to apply for the grant. Luanne would do the content. We can ask her to come and do a presentation to the Board before we make any firm decision on this.

There will be a West Creston History Evening Friday at 7 at the West Creston Hall.

Jason feels we should think a little more about how we can better or more utilize the Carr building.

**Meeting Adjournment:** Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:22.

**Next Meeting April 8, 2025**