

Creston and District Historical and Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 13, 2025 Carr Building

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

Present: Vicky, Len, Tammy, Todd, Brenda

Regrets: Jim, Ron, Gillian

Brenda called the meeting to order at 9:03.

Election of Executive: Following a brief discussion, Vicky motioned to elect Ron Toyota as President, Len Ringstad as Vice President, Todd Kelner as Treasurer and Brenda Draper as Recording Secretary. Len seconded the motion. Carried Unanimous. Congratulations to the new Executive!

Signing Authority: Currently we have three members with signing authority, Tammy, Todd and Brenda. Len has agreed to replace Jason as a signatory and Tammy will make arrangements to meet at the Credit Union to complete this action.

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

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2025: Len motioned to accept the meeting minutes, Todd seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report:** Tammy indicated that there was nothing unusual to report and payroll is all in order. Todd asked about the \$5,000 under Admissions as it seemed high for this time of year. Tammy indicated that amount should have been identified as the BC Arts Council Grant. This will be adjusted to the correct line item.
- **Review of AGM/Feedback:** In a word it was "fantastic". If you tag something interesting onto the AGM they will come! The comments and feedback from everyone who attended were great and for many it brought back memories. When can we show the film again? It's too late for Blossom Festival but Tammy suggested August when we have the Columbia Kootenay Cultural Tour. The AGM collected \$65 in donations and a couple of new memberships \$150 in total. Most of the folks there were already members.

- **Saturday Clean Up/Review:** Tammy said there were 11 volunteers, 3 were from the high School doing work for credits. With the Fire Smart about 50 people came down. They had time though to actually talk to people about their own personal properties which was great. During the clean up we got a lot done and made good progress.

Manager's Report: Tammy said she has been extremely busy in the last two weeks. On Wednesday she had 7 volunteers working and visitors waiting to tour when she arrived to work. We are entered into the Blossom Festival parade and are borrowing a flat deck trailer. The theme is *Love of Farming* so Tammy will be using larger more visual items on the back of the trailer. Hopefully they can get the little tractor to start so it can go behind the flatbed. Summer students started work yesterday, Rico Van Gruenen and Leanna Maclsaac. Ashley is taking them through the entire museum today. One more student is coming on later and will fill the job as host. Tammy had applied for funds from the BC Tourism Climate Resiliency Initiative and they turned us down but just last Friday they emailed saying they had come into some more funds so we have been given \$ 7,445 to do landscaping upgrades which includes the salary. Ann Day is searching out the appropriate person to tackle this job. The School programs are doing well so far and the Polo shirts available again this year this time from Legend logos. Tammy has had some odd reactions from a couple of members of the public trying to give the museum items that we don't want or need and their reaction to being told "no" has been quite disturbing - one item was a Dodd's kidney pills. The suggestion was to post a list of what kinds of things the Museum will accept and what we are unable to accept. The new staff are being trained on how to sort through and determine what items we can take and what we cannot.

New Business:

- **Contracting out of Snow Removal and Lawn Mowing:** Tammy said we already have a contractor to remove snow by the name of Linden Wanek. He apparently comes three times a week in the winter and if on one of those days there is snow the snow gets removed? Tammy would like to deal with a more formal contractor but they are very expensive. Vicky says now when snow is removed by these businesses they will take pictures for insurance and liability reasons. Currently Jarrett mows the lawn but told Tammy the other day that the mower has broken down. Len suggests that each Board member take on a responsibility to lead or oversee part of the Museum upkeep that is needed as right now there is no oversight or direction. The Board asked Tammy to get Jarrett to give us a list of what jobs he does and what his exact schedule is. Len is going to look into oversight with the grounds keeping situation. Vicky added that painting is desperately needed inside the buildings and she is willing to oversee this area. Brenda has a list of duties that Jarrett submitted to Tammy that Len can review and add or change as no one is exactly sure of Jarrett's schedule or what his duties are.

- **Moving Forward with our Strategic Plan/Next Steps:** Todd said that we should be formally approving the vision statement and plan and then begin to work on the longer term components of it. Right now it seems more like a work plan than a strategic plan. We want a view of where we want to be five years out and how do we get there. Suggestion was made to form a sub-committee to work on this. Todd is willing to lead this initiative and he will connect with Ron for support around it. The issue will be added to the next agenda to formalize a plan.

ROUND THE ROOM

- Todd said he felt the idea to get a group of volunteers to work around the Museum on the yard etc. was a good idea and we should follow it up. Tabled to next meeting.

Len motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 am.

Next Meeting June 10, 2025