

Creston & District Historical & Museum Society

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday July 8, 2025 Carr Building

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

Present: Ron(Chair), Todd(Treas), Gillian, Vicky, Len(VP), Tammy, Brenda(Rec Sec)

Ron called the meeting to order at 8:59

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Agenda: Brenda added to *Old Business* Vicky's display at the Museum and moved to accept the amended agenda, Gillian seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Review and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from June 10: Len motioned to accept the meeting minutes, Todd seconded, Carried Unanimous.

Old Business:

- **Financial Report: Todd/Tammy:** Todd said it was another month where there was nothing to note out of the ordinary. He added it might appear like we have a negative income currently but it's not of concern as we will be receiving our yearly funds from the RDCK in August. The Building Fund is showing as zero which can't be correct as money has been deposited here every month. Tammy said it should be \$6,424. The Board agreed to receive the Financial report as presented.
- **Lifetime Memberships:** Tammy found the plaque of lifetime members. It was agreed that the Board needs to establish the criteria for this membership. There are four outstanding names that need to be added to the plaque and Jim is willing to add these as well as the dates that the others were involved with the Museum. Chad Luke has been given a lifetime family membership which is different from a life time member. Following discussion it was agreed there will be two streams of recognition.

The first is a *Lifetime Membership* where the name will be placed on the plaque and the guidelines for selection of the name will be length of service, exceptional service and/or significant contribution to the organization or the community as it is related to the Museum/Historical society. The second group of people recognized will be on a *Complimentary List* for people who have made a contribution in a direct or indirect way and they do not have to be a member of the Museum. In addition, someone who is placed on the Complimentary List may be added to the Lifetime Membership plaque at a later date. The plaque should be placed at the entrance to the Museum and the Complimentary list could be posted on the website. The Board will digest this idea and review and vote on additional members for either list, and confirm the concepts and criteria in the August meeting.

- **Membership Renewals:** Tammy said the membership total now sits at 102. A few of the renewals were as a result of Ron's website message. It was suggested that at the door of the Museum entrance we should have some kind of signage to indicate what the benefits are of becoming a card carrying member.
- **Golf course display:** Everyone agreed Vicky did a great job! She said she has also received positive feedback from the golf course.
- **Note:** The Board suggested that the staff have name tags. The staff this year are Rico, Leanna, Brenda, Ashley and Taylor. Jim will make the tags.

Manager's Report: Things have been picking up but not at the numbers of last year. At the Kids Day they had about 55 people despite the rain. The kids all enjoyed it and there were lots of positive comments. The Museum also supported the National Indigenous People's Day scavenger hunt at the Library. There also were about 100 participants in the kids day at Canyon Park. Tammy mentioned that Rae Masse's daughter visited the Museum recently and that we could consider him as a lifetime member posthumously. Tammy will research a bit more

about him from back in the 80's for the next meeting. History about Town week is next week.

New Business:

- **Strategic Report:** Previously this was more of a task list and the team put together the report re-designed with 4 different strategies. Some of the points might be overlapping between the strategies but they have captured everything that was discussed in the seminar. Todd says we need to look at what must be done by the end of this year and are there additional tasks that should be done? The Board agreed the upgrade to the washroom and stairs needs doing, even though they are longer term objectives, we can plan them this calendar year. Painting also could be done but by professionals as opposed to the volunteers and we can set aside the funds to do this. The Schoolhouse needs repainting outside and inside. Todd added that this paper should be considered a living document. Todd motioned to accept the document, Gillian seconded. Carried Unanimous.
- **North Shore Culture Quest:** Todd says he has been in touch with this group that create apps and one of them is called "On the Spot". They are pushing this idea amongst Museums and Tourism organizations and associations. You download the app and go to different spots where it will show the before and after of the spot, sort of a self tour. We could apply for a grant to create a scavenger hunt using key words and when you locate the site then at that spot other questions will be asked until you finally get the answer to the hunt. Prizes could be awarded as incentive. Since this will mean time and effort the Board agreed at this time to take the concept under advisement. Thank you Todd for investigating this.
- **CBT/Grain Elevator - update:** No update as of today. This item will be tabled to next month.

ROUND THE ROOM

Len: He is investigating with the company that does snow removal for the mall and the brewery and will let the Board know when he has some information. He added it was an honor to help out in the last couple of weeks and do a tour. He feels the Museum is looking very good at this time.

Tammy: Said she has received an email from the Kootenay Rockies Tourism Spinal Cord Project which is connecting with people with disabilities. They are offering to do a free disability check of the Museum. The Board agreed to sign up for this.

Jim: Reconfirmed he will update the plaque and make name tags for the students. Thank you Jim!

Vicky: Vicky says we keep talking about painting but never do it:) Jim said he will help Vicky and paint the front door and varnish it. Vicky to pick the color.

Gillian: Said she has been outside quite a bit around the Museum and volunteered on Saturday. She and Leanna brainstormed about the gift shop and this resulted in a list of opportunities. She also reviewed the budget with Todd and Tammy and is concerned about where we are going int he next two years financially. The budget as presented does not include cash carried forward from the previous year, which will reduce the projected deficit. She said we need to find ways to create revenue. Ron suggested we hire a consultant to review our organization and give us some ideas. We could hire the group that the Sparwood and Fernie museums hired as that resulted in a significant revenue increase for them as they added a new display. Tammy and Gillian are going to put their heads together on this issue.

Brenda motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:45

Next Meeting August 12, 2025