

BRUCE MINES & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Monday June 15, 2009 7:00 p.m.
2 Taylor St., Bruce Mines, Ontario

Present: Ron Smith Jean Kettles
 Larry Peterson Connie Bennett

Regrets; Bill Gunn

Chairman: Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes Adopted

Motion: Larry Peterson + Jean Kettles that the minutes of Tues. Dec. 16, 2008 be adopted as presented – carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Jean Kettles reported that \$113.00 from the Craft Sale in December 2008. On Sat. June 13th at the Cruisin Car Show \$199.00 was raised from donations. In January 2009, the Royal Bank gave a donation of \$5,000.00 to commemorate the bank's 100th anniversary in this Town. In May 2009 Ted Brooks and Bernard Skusky gave substantial donations which were appreciated.

Motion: Jean Kettles + Connie Bennett that the Treasurer's Report be adopted as presented - carried

Banner

Jean Kettles reported that she has ordered a Banner for the Historical Society to be used at public functions including the Canada Day festivities. This banner will be useful to keep the profile of the Historical Society in the public view. The Banner is being donated by Jeff Watson from Tennessee and Jean Kettles.

Application for Charitable Status with Revenue Canada

Larry Peterson reported that the application for charitable status has now been completed with the receipt of a pro forma budget for 2009. Letter of Support from the Town was received on June 09, 2009 and the application is being signed and sent off for processing later this week.

Membership 2009

(1) Ron Smith drafted up some samples of membership cards to be approved by the Board.

Motion; Connie Bennett + Jean Kettles that sample #2 containing a sketch of the museum with the number and date of the membership which will fit the Avery labels on the computer – carried

(2) Ron Smith reported that at the present time since the Historical Society does not have any buildings or facilities....then the membership fee should be

\$ 5.00 per person which carries with it no special rights or privileges other than to attend and vote at membership meetings and to be kept informed about the Society's activities.

- (3) In the event title is obtained to the land buildings and contents of the Museum then the membership fees could be increased and with the increased fees would come additional privileges involving attendance at the museum, guest passes and other privileges.

Motion: Ron Smith + Connie Bennett that the current membership fee for 2009 be \$5.00 per person – carried.

Fund Raising:

Ron Smith reported that a letter was delivered to the local LCBO requesting use of the coin box for the Historical Society. Paul Eckman, Manager of the LCBO, has set aside the month of July for the Historical Society. Ron drafted up a draft label to be inserted into the coin boxes.

The local Lions Club had a very successful Mother's Day Chinese Dinner to raise funds for the museum roof. The final report is being worked on by the Lions Club and is expected shortly.

The local Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 211, has advised Ron Smith that the pancake breakfast being held on Canada Day is being designated as a fund raiser for the museum.

Memoriams:

Ron Smith reported that he has drafted a Note of Appreciation to be used for donations made in memoriams. The Note of Appreciation is to have a historical picture of sites within the Town.

Title to the Museum.

Ron Smith reported that he received a letter from the Town Clerk for the Town of Bruce Mines stating the following:

1. Council is in favour of transferring the title to the lands and buildings of the museum and that the Town's Solicitor be contacted to act on behalf of the Town.
2. Council will turn over the contents of the building subject to any rights reserved by various donors.
3. Council acknowledges that water and sewer costs, property taxes and frontage fees at 2008 rates at a cost of \$5,542.36 – Council is prepared to provide a donation to the Society for the payment of these costs.
4. Council passed a resolution approving a one time donation of \$10,000.00 and a yearly donation to pay for taxes, water/sewer and water filtration capital costs.

Motion: Ron Smith + Larry Peterson that we accept the proposal as set out in the Town's letter dated June 10, 2009 as summarized above. – carried.

Museum Roof Repairs

Ron Smith reported that he had discussions with certain people at the Classic Car Show that there are people with Bruce Mines connections who have experience in commercial roof construction and repairs. Once title is registered in the name of the Historical Society, steps will be taken to use commercial and volunteer people and equipment to re-roof the museum.

Museum Open to Visitors

Ron Smith reported that once title has been obtained it is important for local residents and visitors be able to visit portions of the museum. It would also give visitors an idea of what has to be done to bring it up to a presentable level.

Jean Kettles will put together a volunteer list of people who would be willing to act as host or hostess to visitors of the museum. Senior citizens who have knowledge of the area and the artifacts would be treasured. Anyone interested in being a volunteer to contact Jean Kettles at 782-6691

Fire & Liability Insurance;

Ron Smith reported that the Ontario Historical Society has group fire and liability insurance coverage for museum building, contents and historical society functions. Inquiries should also be looked into Director's Liability Insurance coverage as well.

Trillium Grants:

Once title has been obtained for the museum, Jean Kettles will look into obtaining information, forms and procedures for Trillium Grants and hopefully try to get funding approval in 2010

Ontario Historical Society

Ron Smith reported that he had met with Rob Leverty, Executive Directory on The Ontario Historical Society in January 2009 and obtained numerous reference materials and information which will be very useful to the Society once the Society gets itself organized..

Friends of the Historical Society:

Fund raising will be one of the most important undertakings by the Historical Society. Every thing costs money and more money and there will be unexpected expenses which will arise which will have to be met.

Someone with the energy and enthusiasm to take on this project is needed.

Canada Day Float:

Jean Kettles reported that she has the tractor, the driver, the trailer and the banner for the Historical Society float. Volunteers who are interested in creative design for the Historical Society float to contact Connie Bennett at 785-3508

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.