

Creston & District Historical & Museum Society
Meeting Minutes
May 9, 2023

Taking place on the unceded traditional territory of the Yaqaan Nukiy within the Ktunaxa Nations

In attendance: Luke, Paul, Tammy, Doug, Anne, Alyson, Brenda

Regrets: Duncan, Todd

Call to Order: 9:30 with Luke in the chair

Routine Business:

- **Approval and adoption of Agenda:** Paul moved to accept the agenda, Anne seconded. Carried Unanimous

Board in Camera Discussion: Luke asked that only Board members be in attendance so Alyson and Tammy left the room.

Continuation of Meeting and Routine Business: Tammy and Alyson returned to the meeting.

Approval and Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from April: Paul motioned to accept the minutes, Doug seconded. Carried Unanimous.

Financial Report: Since Todd is absent Tammy was willing to take questions but that there appeared to be no issues with the report at this time. Doug motioned to accept the financial report, Paul seconded. Carried Unanimous.

New and Ongoing Business:

Appreciation for Lou Knafla and David Butt: Luke opened this to discussion. Paul said from the previous meeting that placing Lou's name on a bench or something simplistic as opposed to an object or a gift would be the best idea. We could have an event if food was involved and a recognition for him. The Advance News should be invited and it could be a common event if at the same time we present David with a gift. Brenda moved that Lou be given a commemorative gift to recognize his service of which the same object is to be located on the museum premises and that David be given a significant gift as a memento of his years of service in addition that both David and Lou be honored at a common event to be held before the end of June. Paul seconded the motion. Carried Unanimous.

Tammy suggested the date for this celebration should be Saturday June 3. Following a discussion all agreed and that a BBQ event on site with spouses and special guests would be invited. Regarding the the budget and gift expenditure Luke suggested purchasing a concrete enduring bench for Lou. Paul added that a rose bush would be a nice touch as he and his wife love roses. Tammy indicated that there are already two benches on the property and that each costs around \$500 for an enduring bench and they could be found locally. Tammy will investigate possible bench options.

Paul motioned that the Board expend no more than \$1,500 for gifts for Lou and David which includes a celebration event. Anne seconded the motion. Carried Unanimously.

Strategic Plans:

- **Murphy Objects:** Since there are some outstanding issues at the moment Luke said we will be tabling the matter to a subsequent date when all members are present.
- **Renovation plan for repair of the roof of the steam locomotive:** Tammy thinks we need to hire someone as several people have volunteered and then backed out. General carpentry is required. BF for review next meeting. Anne said she knew a couple of people (Terje Munkrud) that might look at the roof.
- **Museum Community Profile:** People don't know we have a museum. Maybe our 40 voices might help get the message out. It's a big issue and one that needs a lot of thought possibly an open event brainstorm - how do we engage the community? Tammy already engages the groups in our community. The low membership is a reflection of how relevant we are. Alyson said that annual events that are intriguing are good for a different audience. It was suggested that there be a separate meeting dedicated to brainstorming for future ideas to profile the museum.
- Membership: tabled to June.

Other Reports:

Hepher Firearms: Luke reported that Kevin MacLean, Galt Museum conservationist & firearms curation employee, is on holidays and he is hoping to have answers by the end of May for the June meeting about the de-comission of the firearms.

Manager's Report: The work needed on the the steam locomotive has been discussed. On Friday May 19 at 3:30 there will be a grand opening for recognition of the contributors to the 40 Voices Project. So far there are 34 or so different stories that are amazing! Also we continue to receive more donations like the harnesses that were left outside the front door recently. Regarding the summer students there have been three hires. Young Canada Works wants a priority on first hires as opposed to rehires so Tammy is awaiting an OK on one of the students.

BCMA Haida Gwai Conference: Tammy indicated she is not able to attend this conference but that it is recommended that Alyson go in her place. There has been no assessment of cost but there is a small bursary for Alyson and she will be eligible around \$250 to \$500. The travel budget is basically all that the museum will cover -The Board agreed that to have a conference at this remote destination is going to be likely very expensive. The date of the conference is the end of September 25-28. BCMA and the BC Museum group are working on making this reasonable for all attending as there will be about 300 people expected from all over the province. All agreed this item will be tabled for a final decision in June when the exact cost is known.

Meeting adjourned 10:46. Anne seconded Doug Carried Unanimous.