BMHS AGM Meeting Minutes June 26, 2024

Blue Mountains Historical Society PO Box 722, Thornbury ON N0H 2P0

Present: Paul John Reale, Blair Almond, Alex Maxwell, Audrey Deyman, Robert Johnston, Angela Marritt, Kate Russell, Debbie Crosskill, Dr John MacDermid, Michael Osmann, Keith Young

Guests:

Regrets: Shawn MacKinlay

Agenda	Highlights	Action Items
1. Open AGM		
Call to order	Robert Johnston took the chair and called meeting to order at 5:09 pm. Chair noted that Quorum was met at the start of the meeting	
Attendance	Regrets. Shawn MacKinlay	
 Approval of Agenda 	Motion: Be it resolved that the Agenda for the AGM be approved. Moved: Robert Johnston Second: Audrey Deyman Carried	
Approval of June 7 th AGM 2023 Minutes	Motion: Be it resolved that the AGM 2023 minutes be approved as presented. Moved: Robert Johnston Second: Alex Maxwell Carried	
3. Financial Review		
Annual finances	Treasurer review of BMHS finances for 2023 Bank Statement at December 31, 2023 Motion: Be it resolved that the 2023 end of year Financial Bank Statement be approved as presented. Moved: Alex Maxwell Second: Angie Marritt Carried	
3. Officer Position		
Officer positions for 2024	Candidates list reviewed by attendees. Call for candidates from the floor; no nominations from the floor. Audrey Deyman, Robert Johnston, Angela Marritt, Alex Maxwell, Paul John Reale, Blair Almond elected to the Board of Directors Motion: Be it resolved that the candidates listed in the Notice of AGM be elected to serve term ending at next AGM. Moved: Robert Johnston Second: Angie Marritt Carried	

4. Director Insurance	Motion: Be it resolved that the Corporation indemnify its directors and officers against all claims to the fullest extent permitted by law and in accordance with the Corporation's bylaws, and continue to maintain insurance for every director or officer of the Corporation against any liability incurred by the director or officer, except where the liability relates to the person's failure to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation. Moved: Robert Johnston Second: Paul Reale Carried	
Adjournment	Motion: Be it resolved that the meeting be adjourned at 5:41 pm Moved: Audrey Deyman Seconded: Robert Johnston Carried	
6. Open Discussion	Members and directors participated in an open discussion about how to move the Blue Mountains Historical Society forward. The group discussed their interest in ensuring that the wealth of the history throughout Blue Mountains is recorded and shared with everyone who currently lives here as well as for future residents and visitors Also stressed the importance of reaching out to the settlers who have roots in the area to gather any information and knowledge that they have to share The following suggestions were made on potential areas to focus on:	
	 Leverage expertise and experience in the members to apply for Grants Choose 2 – 3 key action items for 2024 and demonstrate the value that they bring to attract membership Host an Information Sharing Meeting and focus on building relationships with attendees to generate interest in the Historical Society BMHS has been looking into how fundraise for a scanner for the Craigleith Depot; Kate Russell suggested contacting Markdale Library to see if they might loan their scanner Coordinate historical walks e.g. Indigenous hikes Inquire / suggest about Plaques for locations that will change e.g. the Clarksburg Inn, Orange Hall 	

Secretary of the Meeting –

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Chair of the Meeting -