

# THE MABEL HART BROOK & MARION HILL MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

Sept 17, 2020

1. **Call to Order:** Pres. Glen Warnica called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
  - There was a quorum for both director's and members. (at least 15)
  - Recognized members that had passed Carol Warnica, Doug Tideman, Ross McArthur, Alice Ellis, and Marcello Bernardo
  
2. **Minutes of 2019 Meeting;** Moved by Dick Merritt, seconded by Dennis Shettler, that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting, June 29, 2019, be accepted as issued. Carried.
  
3. **Financial Report;** presented by Rita Bloem;
  - 2020 financial shows receipts of \$1681, disbursements of \$1,970, for receipts over disbursements of (\$289).
  - There is currently \$38,637.00 cash on hand.
  - It was suggested that audits be held every 5 years instead of every year.
  - Moved by P. Dowsett, that the Financial Report for the year ending March 31, 2020 be accepted as presented by the Treasurer. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Greven. Carried
  
4. **Membership Report;** presented by Dick Merritt;
  - For 2019 (July to Dec.) there were 0 new members and 3 shares from donations.
  - For 2020, so far, there were 2 new shares transferred and 1 share relinquished.
  - The target is to complete the by-law changes before the time set out by the government.
  - Rita is looking at e transfers to pay membership dues etc. and we have issued instructions on how to use them.
  - John Tideman will assist with mail merge trials before next year's mailing goes out
  
5. **Acts/ contracts/bylaws:** presented by Heather Dyer
  - Heather read the motion and moved to accept it,
  - Carried
  
6. **Conservation Committee Report:** Presented by Carolyn Paterson
  - The signs were installed along the path to the beach and suffered some damage (from animals chewing them), however, Andrew Ellis fixed and re-installed them. He also removed the birch tree – thank you
  - The mushroom foray was planned for Sept 14/15 last year. Unfortunately had to be cancelled this year due to COVID19.
  - MHBMH Foundation brochures are available and uploaded to website
  - French-Severn Crown Forest MNR logging schedule will be released in March 2021
  - Carolyn and Roger will keep in touch with the Ministry re the forest management plan and the buffers along the boundary of the Foundation property (no cutting this year)

**7. Maintenance committee:** Presented by Glen Warnica

- Asked if anyone wanted to sign up for a specific weekend. The list is available for sign up after the meeting.
- The picnic tables are both in good shape, (One had some work replacing the top.

**Ad Hoc committee:**

- An ad Hoc committee has been set up to review the “Not for Profit Act” and to recommend adjustments to our by-laws to meet the new Ontario government Charity regulations.
- If we do nothing, then we will be subject to the government regulations
- Activity with the new act is stalled because of Covid19
- No transfers
- 1 vote, 1 person
- have 3 years to issue new by-laws
- ratify new by-laws at AGM.

**8. Nominating Committee Report; Presented** by Gerry Atkin

- The proposed slate of directors for 2020/2021 is set at 20 with the proposed slate as follows: Gerry Atkin, Nick Baker, Roger Beaman, Rita Bloem, Bob Brooks, Paule Clifford, Peter Dowsett, Heather Dyer, John Ellis, Andrew Ellis, Rob Fraser, Jamie Gerson, Catherine Greven, John Housser, Dick Merritt Carolyn Paterson, Daphne Perry, Dennis Schettler, John Tideman, and Glen Warnica.
- The members were asked if there were any further nominations, and there being none the nominations were closed and everyone voted on the members proposed for the following year, motion by Gerry, seconded by J.Ellis, the directors for the following year was passed.
- The slate of Officers is set as; President – Glen Warnica, Vice presidents – Carolyn Paterson and Catherine Greven, Secretary – Jamie Gerson, Treasurer – Rita Bloem, and Gerry Atkin - past president, maintenance committee
- The advisory council consists of Larry Greenwood, Linda Housser, and Bob Hutchinson, and Christine Jany.

**9. Other business**

- Heck Lake is getting some campers so we will put in some large stones to try to indicate that there is no camping at this location.
- Cathy Greven shared info on the Safety Committee:
  - Trail to beach is safe for ATV/Toboggan traffic for an emergency
  - Cell phone use (911) at beach is OK – tell EMS in case of emergency
  - Better signage for what to do in an emergency at beach is needed
  - Getting patient to Billie Bear boat launch would be better
  - Key is to tell EMS what location you are at
  - GPS on phone is good, but best to stay on line with 911
- with no other business the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:45 pm.

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Glen Warnica, President

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Jamie Gerson, Secretary