



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE OJIBWAY HISTORICAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY

*HELD ON JULY 15, 2017
AT 9:30 AM IN POINTE AU BARIL, ONTARIO*

Members and Directors present:

Doug Bryce, Helen Bryce, Terry Clark, Sean Clarke, Martha Hall Findlay, Leslie Taylor, Bill Watts.

Members and Directors absent: Sted Garber, Nancy Lang.

Terry Clark, President, called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and Helen Bryce recorded the Minutes. A quorum of Directors was present, and the meeting, having been duly convened, was ready to proceed with business.

1 WELCOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

Terry introduced each director: Leslie Prior Taylor (Donor Recognition), Doug Bryce, (Finance) Martha Hall Findlay (Legal and Governance), Helen Bryce (Secretary), Sean Clarke (Special Projects, Nominating Committee Chair), Bill Watts (Building, Grounds & Facilities, Liaison to Ojibway), Sted Garber (Fundraising), Nancy Lang (Archivist, Website development).

2 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on July 16, 2016 were moved for approval by Don Wright and seconded by Bob Kilgour. **CARRIED.***

3 TREASURER'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATUS. (Doug Bryce)

Sue Sheardown is our accountant. The Auditor statements are qualified, which is customary for us and common for our kind of charity. This is based on the fact that the auditors have to take our word for any donations received.

Copies of the Auditor's Report for the period ending December 2016 were provided through the Constant Contact notice. The highlights of the year included the following:

Cash balance	90K
Donations	30.6K
Overhead costs:	
Operating expenses	10.8K (versus 11.3K for 2015)
• bookkeeping	2.6K
• the audit	5.7K
• director insurance	1.8K

Fundraising costs	5.5K (versus 10.7K for 2015**)
Main items were:	
• bank charges	2K
• office expenses of	1.8K

**This reduction was due to OHPS switching to electronic communication.

Investments:

Completion of Basswood, Swim Pavilion and Trails	140K
Accounts receivable	13K (HST rebate)
(OHPS receives about 70% of the HST it pays as a rebate.)	
The auditor had no concerns or issues with the OHPS books.	

Doug moved the approval of the Financial Statements and the Auditors Report of the Ojibway Historical Preservation Society for the year ended December 31, 2016. Seconded by Lloyd Posno. **CARRIED.***

4 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

Doug Bryce further moved the appointment of Akler, Browning, Frimet & Landsberg LLP as auditors of the Ojibway Historical Preservation Society for the year ending December 31, 2017. Seconded by Lloyd Posno. **CARRIED.***

5 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

New OHPS Video

A new video of drone footage by John Pepper Jr. and archival photos was shown. Nancy Lang, who is active in White Pine Pictures, worked with us on editorial stuff to produce this which captures the essence of who we are and what the public can expect in the future. You can see this also on the home page of OHPS website.

Our audit with CRA suggested that we need to reach out to the broader community more and this video qualifies as another way to do that. We will continue with this type of outreach as new projects arise.

We have gone digital

We have gone digital (Constant Contact) which has helped in reducing operating costs.

The Hughes painting

Many things happen serendipitously (Basswood). Another example of this concerns a painting that was contributed and I'll ask Jane Rowan to explain. Don and Debbie Catto, had been in Basswood and were very appreciative of the experience. They donated a painting by Warren Hughes, painted from Charles Isles. It has returned to PaB and we are thrilled to have it. We welcome any donations to our cottages.

Fundraising can come in many ways so please consider checking with us to see how it will fit.

6 STATUS OF CURRENT & PLANNED HISTORICAL PROJECTS.

Bill Watts is involved in our restoration work and has taken a good look at the restoration opportunities. There are half a dozen things that we are focused on now which will be prioritized with the Ojibway board. The major donor for Basswood made it easy for us to restore it and we hope that other major donors will step up.

Under consideration in the next 5-10 years:

- The main fixed dock (as we did under the Grocery store),
- Gift shop, including the docks under the gift shop,
- Trail lengths, last length over to the swim pavilion,
- Southern trail loop has been proposed and mapped out with Tom Todd (North Shore Barge), but is not on the Trail map. Southern property owners (Claire Kilgour) have some concerns and we will work closely with them if and when we decide to move in that direction. The trails are wonderful and fully enjoyed for a huge variety of purposes enhancing the Ojibway experience.
- Infrastructure concerns : sprinklers under the hotel - need expert input on this issue.

We toured Oakwood and the gift shop and our mandate is to save structures when the need arises. We will proceed with these projects in an incremental fashion so that it is manageable both from a fundraising perspective and from a logistic perspective. We will look at all the projects and roll them into a 5-year plan, communicated those decisions to the community on a priority basis, possibly hoping to raise around 100K a year - well within the typical result for a fund-raising campaign.

Question from the floor from Nancy Rogers regarding the different types of docks and which ones fall under the purview of OHPS? Terry answered that the fixed docks are historical. Finger and floating docks are the responsibility of the club.

Donor recognition (Leslie):

We are here for a short time and are asked by many organizations for money. How we make the decisions to donate and to whom is hard. I will be a good steward in looking out for you, our donors, thanking you and keeping you informed. I will devise a communication plan that is meaningful and hopefully all of you who donate will receive a handwritten thank you note from OHPS.

7 NOMINATION & SELECTION OF DIRECTORS

We have a succession plan for president and officers and directors term limits. Every board needs this process to ensure the 3-year rotation of directors on and off the board. Our annual meeting is in October where we will elect new directors.

Our Nominating Committee contains other members of this board, and we have a good list of candidates. We aim to contact everyone to gauge interest this summer and replace Nancy and Sted by October.

With our 3-year, staggered terms, a director can serve no more than two 3-year terms in succession. There is also a provision that an officer can continue until their successor is found. Governance is in good shape.

Charitable status (Martha)

The CRA dictates the terms of our charitable status. OHPS raises money on a tax-receipt basis. You can only be a charitable foundation if you are respectful of the Canadian taxpayer. We are here specifically for historical and restoration purposes only. We cannot forget that distinction and we have to remember that OHPS must remain separate from the maintenance projects that the Ojibway Club is responsible for.

Thanks to our retiring Directors

Sted Garber has chaired our fundraising and has brought his great business experience to the role asking penetrating questions. We want to thank Sted for his years of service on the OHPS Board. He will be missed.

Nancy Lang was our Director of Archives and Website and is a great individual with a tremendous sense of the creative and historical aspects. She dug into tons of archival materials to prepare the video we showed today and is gifted in those aspects. We thank Nancy for her years of service to the OHPS Board. She will also be missed.

8 **CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTORS' PAST ACTIONS**

Nancy Rogers moved that it be resolved that all acts and proceedings done by the Directors and Officers of the Ojibway Historical Preservation Society since the last Annual General Meeting be and same are hereby ratified, confirmed and adopted. Seconded by Rich Cavers. **CARRIED***.

9 **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS & QUESTIONS FROM COMMUNITY**

10 **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Helen Bryce moved the adjournment of the meeting. Seconded by Sean Clarke. The Chairman then declared the motion **CARRIED*** and the meeting was terminated.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Bryce, Secretary

*All Motions designated as "CARRIED" were approved unanimously by those present, including Adjournment.