

BOARD MEETING

**Monday, April 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm
Meeting held at Virtually**

MINUTES

Present:

EXECUTIVE: Patricia Wallace, Geoffrey Dawe.

DIRECTORS: Ronen Grunberg, Dan McGeown, Martin Paivio, Alan Lambert, Michelle Primeau,
Sandra Humfries

STAFF: Kathleen Vahey – Curator/Manager, Renay Partridge – Recording Secretary

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 p.m.

President, Patricia Wallace welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and called it to order.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Amendment to Agenda by Patricia Wallace – add Ground Maintenance Report.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-028

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended. Moved by: Geoffrey Dawe. Seconded by Dan McGeown.

CARRIED.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None.

4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES of March 14, 2022

MOTION: 2022-AHS-029

THAT the March 14, 2022 Minutes be approved as circulated. Moved by: Michelle Primeau. Seconded by: Dan McGeown.

CARRIED.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

- Kathleen Vahey’s position has now changed to Curator/Manager.
- Kathleen Vahey and Patricia Wallace are interviewing for AHS new staff position role of Programming and Outreach Coordinator.
- The Aurora Sports Hall of Fame’s Annual General Meeting will be held on April 20th 2022. AHS Board was invited to attend (virtually).
- We have reached out to post-secondary schools in Aurora for Aurora Historical Society’s History Award. Four of the five have responded. Suggested that a Board member attend ceremonies in person where possible to present the award.

6. TREASURER’S REPORT – see attached report

- Ontario Small Business Relief Grant was approved - \$10 000.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-030

THAT the Treasurer’s Report be approved as circulated. Moved by: Geoffrey Dawe. Seconded by: Martin Paivio.

CARRIED.

7. CURATOR'S REPORT – see attached report

- Charging for admissions is going well.
- Proposed Plant fundraiser (Snowdrops) is cancelled due to risk of spreading invasive species.
- Energy Grant is not continuing. Programming ended at the beginning of March 2022.
- We had an Easter Egg Decorating event on April 9th 2022 that went very well. Many people took a tour of the House. We also had some gift shop sales at the event.
- The Mother's Day tea is sold out. Event is now at capacity. 51 tickets sold.
- Town of Aurora's summer campers will visit Hillary House on 4 afternoons this summer. Our fee is \$5 per camper.
- The Aurora Chamber of Commerce Home and Leisure Show – volunteer schedule will be emailed out shortly. Question re main purpose for AHS - Awareness of AHS. Also promoting events, selling memberships, books and possibly some small Gift Shop items. Volunteers will be provided with all information that is needed.

8. Ground Maintenance Report – see attached report

- On Sunday, 7 or 8 students along with some other volunteers came to Hillary House and helped clean up outside.

9. FUNDING STRATEGIES/CAMPAIGN –

- We have not heard anything from National Trust for Canada.
- Aurora Historical Society's Campaign will be called "Restore 2022."

10. FUNDRAISING EVENTS UPDATE –

Golf Tournament update:

- Ticket price is \$99 per golfer.
- Geoff is working on getting gift basket donations for tournament raffle. The Board was asked for help with getting gift basket donations and donations for a Swag Bag.
- We have sent out sponsorship letters, but have not received any agreements yet.
- Looking for hole sponsors.

Hillary House Ball update:

- A theme has been decided. Throwback Thursday – Decades of Fun. We will have old fashioned games, trivia and decoration. People can dress up if they like.
- Royal Venetian Mansion venue agrees to provide the entire hall with a minimum guarantee of 150 tickets sold.

11. RESTORATION UPDATE -

- We have accepted the quote from Nikki Crone to fix the work that has been done. She will start next week (weather permitting).
- On Wednesday morning, Patricia Wallace has meeting with ERA to discuss the BRC contract and the Summer Kitchen study.

12. MOTION TO RECEIVE REPORTS -

MOTION: 2022-AHS-031

THAT Reports from items 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 be received. Moved by: Dan McGeown. Seconded by: Alan Lambert.

CARRIED.

13. ADJOURNMENT – 8:04 p.m.

MOTION: 2022-AHS-032

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 8:04 p.m. Moved by: Alan Lambert. Seconded by: Dan McGeown.

CARRIED.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 9, 2022 7:00pm at Hillary House.