

BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm
Meeting conducted virtually

MINUTES

Present: EXECUTIVE: Patricia Wallace, Alan Lambert, Geoff Dawe.

DIRECTORS: Ronen Grunberg, Jeff Thom, Jan Stainer-White, Michelle Primeau, Dan McGeown, Martin Paivio.

COMMITTEE

REPRESENTATIVES: John Bare, John Green, Bob McRoberts

STAFF: Kathleen Vahey, Curator

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

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

2. DECLARATION OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION: 2021-AHS-020

Moved by Geoff, second by Jan: THAT the agenda be approved as presented. **CARRIED.**

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: March 8, 2021:

MOTION: 2021-AHS-021

Moved by Al, second by Martin: THAT the March 8, 2021 Minutes be approved. **CARRIED.**

5. AURORA FACTOID: Jan

- While reflecting on Aurora, Jan realized she had many connections to the town. She grew up in Etobicoke, where she figure skated and competed. Later, she taught figure skating and worked alongside Sheldon Galbraith (an Auran) at Silver Blades. He was inducted into the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and passed in 2015. Jan's niece and nephew teach at St. Andrews. Jan and her husband use to go there to watch the Argos practice. Moved to Aurora 13 years ago.
- Michelle volunteered for the Aurora Factoid for next meeting.

6. AURORA SPORTS HALL OF FAME – Bob McRoberts

- The AHS was involved in the creation of the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame (ASHOF) in 2012 as the AHS was the owner of the Aurora Collection. When the Aurora Collection was sold to the Town of Aurora, Curator Shawna White took over the management of the collection and assists the ASHOF with exhibitions. The ASHOF would like to keep a heritage representative from the AHS on their Board and Bob recounts that when this arrangement was made, the AHS Board noted it was acceptable that the AHS representative on the

ASHOF Board did not have to be an elected Director of the AHS, but a member in good standing. The ASHOF wants to keep AHS representative on their Board because it helps with grant applications. Bob McRoberts will continue to serve as the AHS representative on the ASHOF's Board – to be confirmed at ASHOF's AGM on April 21, 2021.

- A terms of reference for this position will be finalized between the ASHOF and AHS. The AHS would like to extend our willingness to partner on upcoming initiatives.

Action Items:

- Executive Committee to work on terms of reference for AHS representative on ASHOF Board.
- Kathleen to send Bob the 2021 Speaker Series information to pass on to SHOF at AGM April 21, 2021.

7. HERITAGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE – John Green

- John summarized the presentation Len Bulmer and Kathy Kantel made to the HAC on April 4, 2021, re. reconsideration of the Heritage Designation of 50-100 Bloomington Rd. W
 - Len and Kathy requested to have an acknowledgement statement on the heritage register and a plaque or statue on the property recognizing the history of Pine Ridge, including the mistreatment of residents.
 - Kathy and Len's request to the AHS in February was to support revoking the heritage designation of 50-100 Bloomington Rd. W. The AHS discussed this at the March Board meeting and replied to Len and Kathy with a statement that the AHS supports the current heritage designation made by Town Council in 2019.
 - A small AHS committee formed to draft a general statement about the Board's response/stance on this and similar situations that the AHS could share if necessary.

Action Items:

- Committee: Ronen, Dan, and Martin to draft a statement regarding AHS response/stance on heritage designations in Aurora.
- Kathleen to send link to recording of April 4th HAC meeting to Board.

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- No report.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Geoff noted that, as in previous years, not much has happened in first quarter of the year. New Quickbooks software has been installed but since it is new, the financial reports will not include 2020 comparative information.
- Received a special provincial grant - \$3717 for digital equipment and energy rebate.
- Information has been submitted to Auditor for preparation of our 2020 report – hope to receive that back in May. Patricia thanked Geoff, Agnes and Julie for their work to get the documents to the auditor.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-022

Moved by Geoff, second by Jeff: THAT the report under #9 be approved.

10. CURATOR'S REPORT

- Revenue from donations and memberships is steady. Kathleen noted the approximate membership is 150 members, 140 memberships.
- Kathleen reminded the Board to keep track of their volunteer hours – all time dedicated to the AHS and report when requested in June.
- Receipt of several grants including: another installment of the Energy Rebate Grant, Digital Initiatives top-up through CMOG, and the Resilient Communities Fund Grant.
- Kathleen working with Aurora Museum and Archives on the 100th Anniversary of the Aurora Horse Show - June 2022.

Action Items:

- AI to chair a small committee to create a job description and deliverables for 'Events Coordinator' position as part of the Resilient Communities Fund.

11. LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT – John Bare

- Verbal report – Landscaping Committee is preparing for another season. Noted that the proposed construction on the verandah may include transplanting plants from the surrounding gardens and replacing them upon completion of the project.
- A small group will gather at Hillary House on April 21st to clean and prepare the grounds for the summer – requesting a bin from the Town for landscaping debris. Tennis court will be slit-seeded by Nutrilawn at a discount.

12. RESTORATION WORKING GROUP – Al Lambert

- ERA will be sending out the tender for the verandah project tomorrow, April 13th to five heritage firms/ contractors. A site meeting will take place on April 27th for interested contractors. Tender will close on May 11th. Concerns about the cost of materials, may make the prices higher than we anticipated. Aiming to have work start late May.

13. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- Carpets through Hillary House were cleaned on April 9th.
- Painting of Ballroom (walls and floor) awarded to Paper Street Painters – aim to be completed week of May 10th – Michelle volunteered to help with taking down chairs, tables, curtains to prepare the room.
- Contractor John Gervan hired to complete small jobs such as sealing the gaps in the door in the east basement, improve heat loss on door from office to shed – close holes in shed, and fix hatch door.

14. FUNDRAISING

A. MOTHER'S DAY TEA

- Postponed due to the Stay-at-Home order. Planning a Strawberry Tea in June.

B. GOLF TOURNAMENT

- Geoff – working with Westview Golf Club - tentative date of June 18th. Tickets could be sold through Eventbrite or AHS office. Raise more funds through raffle and other similar means.

- Concerns that COVID restrictions may have a negative effect on hosting the golf tournament in June. Explore possibility of hosting in September instead? Jan and Michelle interested in assisting.

C. ART & JEWELRY SHOW AND SALE

D. SCOTCH TASTING

- Geoff – working with Keith Scott – tentative date September - host virtually

E. VIRTUAL HILLARY HOUSE BALL

MOTION: 2021-AHS-023

Moved by Michelle, second by Al: THAT the reports under #10, #11, #12, #13, #14 be received for information.

CARRIED.

15. NEW BUSINESS

- A. High School Awards – AHS awards \$50 and a student membership to 1 student at each of the 5 high schools in Aurora.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-024

Moved by Patricia, second by Geoff: THAT the AHS offer of a \$50 plus a student membership award to all five Aurora high schools be approved.

CARRIED.

16. ADJOURNMENT – 9:25 p.m.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-025

Moved by Al, THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:25pm p.m.

CARRIED.

17. NEXT MEETINGS:

Mon., May 10, 2021 (virtual)