

MINUTES

Present: EXECUTIVE: Patricia Wallace, Alan Lambert, Geoff Dawe.
DIRECTORS: Ronen Grunberg, Jeff Thom, Jan Stainer-White, Michelle Primeau, Dan McGeown,
Martin Paivio.
STAFF: Kathleen Vahey, Curator

1. CALLED TO ORDER: 7:04 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-034

Moved by Geoff Dawe. Seconded by Al Lambert: THAT the agenda be approved as presented.
CARRIED.

4. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: May 10, 2021:

MOTION: 2021-AHS-035

Moved by Jeff Thom. Seconded by Dan McGeown: THAT the May 10, 2021 Minutes be approved as circulated. **CARRIED**

5. AURORA FACTOID: Martin Paivio

- Martin gave an overview of his time living in Aurora and his community participation.
- Dan volunteered to present for June meeting.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- See written report
- Michelle has volunteered to take on meeting minutes responsibility
- New key volunteer: Jennifer Bulmer, Graphic Designer. Current volunteer, Brenda Snape will still produce The Attic newsletter but is retiring from other projects, with thanks from AHS.
- Email communication received from Bruce Hall, The Planning Partnership of the Readman-Knowles condo project. On track to submit plans to the Town shortly. Draft legal agreement between AHS & proponent is under review.
- The advertised position of Fundraising Coordinator/Event Planner is still unfilled however Patricia has had a conversation with a contract event planner who comes highly recommended. Awaiting further information on fees before moving forward.
- Back shed (aka Summer Kitchen) – rodent (raccoon, groundhog, squirrels) issue continues despite efforts to close access. Martin offered to assess.
- The Ontario Museum Association (OMA) Call to Action: Asking for support in calling on the provincial government to increase the CMOG Grant funding by \$10 million for community museums operating costs.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-037

Moved by Patricia. Seconded by Geoff Dawe.: THAT AHS support the OMA in their call for an increase to the CMOG Grant. **CARRIED**

MOTION: 2021-AHS-036

Moved by Patricia Wallace. Seconded by Martin: THAT the annual High School History Award be increased to \$75.00 per student. **CARRIED**

Action Items:

1. Patricia to send out email from Bruce Hall as well as the drawings re. Readman project
2. New date to be set for meeting re Readman project
3. Martin to arrange a time to look at Shed animal issues
4. Patricia to request that the contractor have a look at shed animal issues if possible

7. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- See written report.
- Geoff reports AHS is in a small positive position, and that the balance sheet is in good shape.
- Draft 2020 Financial Statements provided
- Compliments to new bookkeeper Agnes.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-038

Moved by Geoff Dawe. Seconded by Jeff Thom: That the May Statements, P&L and Balance Sheet, be received for information. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: 2021-AHS-039

Moved by Geoff Dawe. Seconded by Dan McGeown: That the 2020 Audited financials of the Aurora Historical Society be approved by the Board of Directors, and the Treasurer be authorized to communicate this to the Auditors for the purpose of filing our Corporate Tax Return. **CARRIED.**

8. CURATOR'S REPORT

- See written report.
- Tennis courts discussion, some inquiry on rentals, need to review netting – is it worth the expense
- June speaker series – Jan will introduce the speaker

Exhibition Proposals:

- "A Look Outside Hillary House"
 - Patricia and Jan to assist Kathleen with editing content.
 - Consider approaching sponsors for this project. Town of Aurora and TD Bank are possibilities.
 - Request to incorporate digital element to panels.
 - Timeline is flexible – target August/ September
 - Potentially add a panel for the 150 year old Sugar Maple

Action Items:

1. Volunteers hours for January to June 2021 due to Julie by EOM
2. Michelle to talk to Trevor Redvers re Tennis court
3. Kathleen to come back in July with recommendation for panel vendor, pricing and detailed proposal.

9. RESTORATION WORKING GROUP

- See written report.
- Verandah restoration. Recommendation to accept the amended bid of BRC Restoration.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-040

Moved by Al Lambert. Seconded by Geoff Dawe: THAT we proceed to contract award and contracting with BRC Restoration Inc. of Uxbridge ON, to complete the tendered Scope of Work (less the replacement of the north stairs) to restore the Hillary House Verandah, with work to commence as soon as July, 2021, and a project cost not to exceed \$80,000. The project will be funded in part by the Reallocated Trillium Grant (\$36,000) and in part by funds available in the AHS Restricted Building and Grounds Fund. **CARRIED.**

10. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

- See written report.

11. OUTSIDE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

MOTION: 2021-AHS-041

Moved by Patricia. Seconded by Jan: THAT we adopt the Terms of Reference for the Aurora Sports Hall of Fame and the Aurora Heritage Advisory Committee as presented by Jeff Thom. **CARRIED.**

12. COACH HOUSE

- Martin and Jeff Thom got together with Patricia to assess the coach house boards.
- Currently have a list of salvage companies to reach out to.

13. FUNDRAISING

- See written Report
- A. Strawberry Tea – June 26th**
- B. Golf Tournament - cancelled**
- C. Scotch Tasting – Sept. 9th**
- Looking for at least, 5 sponsors of \$1000 each.
 - Pairing scotches with rooms in HH to provide curatorial/education content as part of event.
- D. Harvest Tea – Sept. 18th**
- E. Virtual Hillary House Ball – Oct. 23rd**
- Theme chosen “House Party Edition”
 - Ball committee will be formed. Jan and a few former volunteers have expressed interest
 - Using Givergy for silent auction.

Action Items:

1. Board member to prepare list of potential sponsors you will approach as well as businesses for donations for silent auction items. Forward to Patricia.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Berczy Street - Sisman Shoes Buildings

- Discussed meeting that was shared from the Heritage advisory committee
- AHS holds to the same statement that there really is no role in this right now for the AHS
- Importance of finishing the AHS strategic plan discussed

13. ADJOURNMENT – 9:23 p.m.

MOTION: 2021-AHS-033

Moved by Jeff Thom. Seconded by Jan.: THAT the meeting be adjourned at 9:23pm **CARRIED.**

NEXT MEETINGS:

Mon., June 14, 2021 (virtual)