## Fredericton North Heritage Association Ltd. 2014 Annual General Meeting Minutes, Held March 11, 2014 At St. Mary's Church Hall McEvoy Street, Fredericton, NB

Present Were: Florence Gilby, Ann Corbett, Judy Bird, Helen Gilmore, Peter Malmberg, Ernest MacFadzen, Peter Pacey, Sharon Hallett, George A. Crawford, Darlene Ebbett, Connie Ebbett, Jean Mabie, Bob Mabie, Bob McNeil Diana Moore, Dow Johnston, Elizabeth Earl, Fred White, Eric Megarity, Marjorie Hughes, Jim McElman, Ann Cameron (part) and Russell ?.

Eric Megarity, President, called the meeting to order and noted the Agenda is part of the By-Laws and noted the details of the last Executive Board Meeting.

**Minutes of the Last AGM** were circulated, with Peter Pacey and Ernest MacFadzen moving and seconding their approval as presented. Carried. There was no Business arising from the minutes.

Committee Reports were read and some oral presentations were made:

Finance: Treasurer, Marjorie Hughes oral reported was a bank balance of \$2,751.85.

ID & Preservation Committee: Chair, Sharon Hallett, provided a handout and summarized orally that projects included subjects of Street Names and Farms with other projects in process.

Membership: Chair, Bob Mabie, reported that we have 42 Active Members, 1 Honorary Member and 6 Friends.

Website: Manager/Editor, Peter Malmberg reported on his monthly posting of news, photos, monthly events, news reports, minutes, and outside events.

FHHA Journal: Editor, Bob McNeil, outlined what is tasks are required to finish a magazine and what items are to be included in the 2014 issue.

Heritage Fair: Ernest MacFadzen, Chair of the Fair, noted the details for the April 5th Fair. Moved and seconded by Peter Pacey that all Reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

## **By Law Changes:**

Bob McNeil prepared and submitted the following report on proposed By-Law Changes: Amendments to the By-Laws of the Fredericton North Heritage Association

## For the March 11, 2014 Annual General Meeting

Page 2 Item 5 – Membership Classification

(a) "Supporting Members" who pay the annual membership fee *are entitled to vote at all meetings.* Presen tly there does not seem to be a clear statement saying only paid members are allowed to vote in the By-Laws now.

Page 2 Item 10 - Special Meeting

There is a typing error on the second to last line. The request must be signed by give *five* members and the meeting will be held within 20 days of the request.

Page 4 Item 13 - Reports to Members and Item 15 Persons Entitled to be Present

Replace the word accountant's and accountant with treasurer's and treasurer.

Page 5 Item 15 - Quorum, Item 16 Representatives and Item 17 Proxies

Add the word *supporting* before the word members in all three sections. As these three sections deal with voting on issues, it should be clear that only the supporting members have this right. Page 6 Item - 20 Show of Hands

We have been using voice voting in the past, while our By-Laws says it should be a show of hands. Page 8 Item - 28 Vacancies

The word increased and increase should be replaced with *decreased* and *decrease*. The sentence does not make sense if the words increased and increase are used.

Page 9 Items 36 - Interest of Directors in Contracts and Page 10 Item 37 Declaration of Interest At the A.G.M. on March 13, 2012, it was passed that members are volunteers and will not receive reimbursement for their services except for reasonable expenses incurred for doing business for the Association, therefore these two sections should be deleted or crossed out.

Page 11 Item 41 - Elected Officer

This item should reflect our current practice. Replace the first sentence with- The Chair and the Directors are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the supporting members or may take office through acclamation. Page 12 Item - 43 Terms of Office and Remuneration

The word remuneration should be omitted from the title and the last sentence in Item 43 should be omitted due to the March 13, 2012 amendment.

Page 15 Item - 55 Standing Committees

As our practice is to have two separate people looking after membership and website, these should be two separate committees.

The Heritage Fair takes a great deal of organization and should therefore be added as a separate committee. This gives 7 committees in all.

Page 15 Item - 57 Eligibility

As it is sometime difficult to get 3 members for a committee, this item should read- All Board members and paid up members shall be eligible to serve on the Standing Committees, **and the Standing Committees shall** 

## have as many members as the Board deems necessary.

Page 18 Item 68 - An auditor may be appointed ....

Remove the word audit on the second line and replace with *review* as a full audit will not be done. -If the By-Laws are rewritten, perhaps the Objects (Objectives) on page 18 and the interpretations on page 18 should be placed at the front of the document as an introduction to the By-Laws.

It was Moved by Bob McNeil and Seconded by Dow Johnston that the changes as submitted be accepted and Bob McNeil will do a new document incorporating the changes into a new set of by-laws. Carried.

**New Business:** It was requested that we mail out the minutes of the regular meeting to three members, if they requested us to do so, and there was agreement to do so.

Motion for Adjournment by Ann Cameron.

Fred White, Secretary