

Fredericton North Heritage Association

Minutes of the 12 May 2009 Meeting

Held at St. Mary's Parish Hall

McEvoy Street, Fredericton

Present were: Jill Hargrove, Chair; Carol Randall, Mary Murch, Eleanor Stillwell, George Wood, Ian Robertson, Ernie MacFadzen, Ann Corbett, George Crawford, Marjorie Hughes, Jean Mabie, Bob Mabie, Koral LaVorgna, and Walter Long,

Meeting commenced at 3pm with Jill Hargrove, FNHA President in the Chair.

Carol Randall moved for approval of the meeting Agenda, Jean Mabie seconded.

Minutes of the last meeting, which had been posted earlier on the FNHA website, were circulated and everyone present read their own copy of the minutes. It was noted that the Finance balance was incorrect in the Minutes. The amount will be amended to read \$2026.40. Moved by Ernie MacFadzen, seconded by George Wood, that the Minutes be approved. Carried.

Finance Chair Shirley Hovey was absent, but sent a written report that the current bank balance is \$2266.37.

Committee Reports

Identification & Preservation Ian Robertson reported on the feasibility of a museum for the collection of artifacts. He is developing a questionnaire pursuant to the completion of the report.

Membership Bob and Jean Mabie reported that Memberships, which are now due, are coming in. There are 28 members in good standing, with 4 "Friends" of the FNHA. New membership cards, made by Carol Randall, were circulated to paid members. Discussion followed about the need for a membership drive, the possibility of a public event to attract new members, and whether changing the time of the meetings might generate greater attendance of current members or attract new members. Carol Randall moved, seconded by Eleanor Stillwell, that the Membership Committee make recommendations about how to increase Membership at the next meeting. Carried.

Other Committees: Fundraising Dance Ian Robertson asked to shift the order of the Agenda to discuss the dance. Ian reported that the dance will be an indoor event, held at the Kinsmen, and they can provide barbeque and liquor licence. The corn boil would be 6-8pm, the dance 8-11pm. September 12th had been tentatively booked, but August 29th was available. George Crawford moved, and Carol Randall seconded, to change the date of the dance to August 29th. Carried.

Telephone Eleanor Stillwell noted that she did not that there was a meeting to be held today until she had talked to Bob Mabie.

Website Carol Randall reported that the website had been updated to include new contact information and a new membership form. The homepage has had 782 hits, with a 30% increase in visitor traffic since February. Carol invited members to explore the website and to make suggestions for additions and improvements, and she noted that Business Fredericton North, from today's presentation, will be added as a link.

Public Relations & Programming Ernie MacFadzen asked if there were satisfaction with the speakers and asked for suggestions for future speakers. Carol Randall noted that Ernie MacFadzen has done a good job in getting speakers. Discussion followed about the acoustics of the St. Mary's Hall, with some members noting the difficulty in hearing speakers and discussion at meetings. George Crawford and George Wood will look into alternate locations before the next meeting.

New Business Carol Randall asked to introduce New Business as some members had to leave. Carol suggested that a Joy and Sorrow Committee be formed. Eleanor Stillwell could be the contact person for this. No Motion was made.

Executive Committee Report Ernie MacFadzen reviewed the Minutes from the Executive Meeting.

Ernie MacFadzen noted that because the Frex was under new management, this heritage event was not "a done deal." Ernie suggested that the Fall Heritage Day might be cancelled or go to alternating years. Jill Hargrove noted that the Library Collection discussion had been omitted from the Executive Minutes. Carol Randall has already begun a list for the website.

George Wood made an "order of business" suggestion, noting that Regular and Executive Minutes should be reviewed on the Agenda together, not under Committee Reports. To save time, both sets of Minutes could be reviewed under "Minutes of Previous Meetings."

New Business could not be conducted without a quorum, but Carol Randall showed items which could be given to speakers. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

George Crawford moved for adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, 9 June 2009, at 2:00pm, St. Mary's Hall, McEvoy Street.

Submitted by Koral LaVorgna