

## **Fredericton North Heritage Association**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

8 September 2009

Held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, McEvoy Street, Fredericton

Present were: Jill Hargrove, Chair; George Crawford, Fred White (for presentation), Bob Mabie, Jean Mabie, Shirley Hovey, Ernie MacFadzen, George Wood, Florence Gilby, Marjorie Hughes, Pauline Mountain, Eleanor Stillwell, Bob Corbett, Walter Long (for presentation), Koral LaVorgna, and Jim McElman.

Presentation by T.W. Acheson, "Mr. Gibson and Me." Jill Hargrove requested the Speaker's notes, which he provided.

Meeting called to order at 3pm with Jill Hargrove, FNHA President in the Chair.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

George Wood reviewed the Minutes of the last meeting.

i. Errors and Omissions: It was noted that the Minutes should be corrected to read "Rowena Peters MacFarlane."

ii. The Dance and Corn Boil figure of \$830 should be corrected to \$850.

George Wood moved that the summarized Minutes be accepted. Shirley Hovey seconded. Carried.

### **Business Arising from the Minutes**

Jim McElman noted that the acoustics of the Hall would soon improve, with the installation of panels.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Chair, Shirley Hovey, presented a report that the current bank balance, \$1980.16, should be corrected to \$1822.60. Reporting on the Corn Boil/Dance/ BBQ fundraising event, Shirley tallied the loss at \$539.36.

An extended discussion about the lessons learned from the fundraising event followed.

George Wood noted that Ernie MacFadzen advertised the event, having posters made and distributed. George Crawford sent posters to satellite communities, including Stanley and Boiestown, and suggested that the Dance section of the newspaper should have been utilized in order to attract the "dance community." The dance demographic was discussed – this event did not attract young people. Many suggestions about why the dance did not draw a crowd followed. George Wood speculated, and it was generally agreed, that the stormy weather prevented people from attending. Shirley thought the money should have been tracked better by organizers, and Ernie suggested that photographs should have been taken at the event. Jill Hargrove congratulated the committee and organizers for a job well done.

Bob Mabie made a Motion that a \$100 donation should be made to the Kinsmen. George A Crawford seconded. Carried.

George Wood further ventured that the corn boil was low risk, whereas the dance was high risk. In excess of 100 tickets had to be sold in order to break even. He asked the question: Should there be another dance?

Bob Mabie made a Motion that the dance should be brought to the Committee to make recommendations, to be presented at least two months in advance of the event. Eleanor Stillwell seconded. Carried.

### **Membership**

Bob and Jean Mabie reported that there are 27 paid Members, 6 unpaid, and 6 Friends of the Association. The Survey undertaken to increase, attract, and keep membership had received six responses. This report had been delivered in June. George Wood suggested that committee reports should generate action. Bob Mabie will make recommendations based upon the Survey responses at the next meeting.

### **Executive Committee**

Bob, Jean, and Marjorie had not attended the Executive Meeting because they were not informed of it.

Jill Hargrove read the Minutes from the Executive Meeting.

School Fairs – Ernie MacFadzen had looked into it but as yet had no report.

Ernie made a Motion to investigate the Heritage Fair and report on it at the next Meeting. Shirley Hovey seconded. Carried.

### **Business Arising from Executive Committee**

Advertising guest speaker for the community.

George Wood recommended that the public be invited via PSA to come to our meetings. Jean Mabie seconded.

Eleanor Stillwell asked about changing the meeting day, possibly to Thursday?

Though not entirely sure of the sponsoring organization, Jim McElman had read in the paper that a “Canadian Heritage Conference (?)” was being held in Fredericton, 23 and 24 October. (Note: Probably AMNB Conference)

Shirley Hovey asked whether a cheque was issued to the Hall at every meeting, and about the cheque for the Kinsmen. The President is to deliver the cheque to the Kinsmen.

George Wood praised the Speaker, who delivered an excellent presentation on history and heritage, common interests to the Association.

Jill Hargrove thanked Marjorie Hughes for providing coffee for the meeting. Jean Mabie thanked Jill’s family for helping set up on Saturday.

George Crawford moved for adjournment of meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:10pm.

**Next Meeting** will be Tuesday, 13 October 2009, at 2:00pm, St. Mary’s Hall, McEvoy Street.