

PRHS MINUTES - 29 FEBRUARY 2016

Attending: Doug Good, Doug Bond, Buzz Boles, Tom Sled, Brian Preston, Larry Cochran

The Secretary (Brian Preston) passed out a Meeting Framework to be sent out prior to meetings so that agenda items can be listed and returned to the Secretary prior to the next meeting for consolidation and distribution to all. These Minutes follow that framework/template.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting & Business Arising from the Minutes (Secretary)

- Minutes of 18 January 2016 meeting were read: motion to accept (Tom) seconded (Doug) - Carried

President's Report (Doug Good)

- MOU with Rideau Lakes Township (RLT) regarding stone and flagpole in Hanna Park was discussed
- Settlers Trek update was provided
- suggested Austen Brisee as guest speaker on his project at next month's Portland Pot Luck Supper - PRHS to arrange with Austen and timing suggested was date tba (18-22 April suggested) when the hall upstairs is not in use - presentation of his project followed perhaps by specific homes and buildings in Portland area

Treasurer's Report (Larry Cochran)

- no report tendered as the bank signing authority switchover from Buzz is to take place and new signing authorities established

Secretary's Report (Brian Preston)

- sent copy of RLT website text describing PRHS to all as it needed updating on their website
- two letters to Hanson in the USA were replied to and copies were read into the record and placed on PRHS file

General and New Business

- Doug G. asked Secretary to look up and respond to RLT questions posed earlier to PRHS in the process to approve stone/flagpole/plaque commemorating Admiral Sir Charles Kingsmill in Hanna Park
- Doug G. thinks the stone with RLT plaque at the town dock is too small for our purposes to add a Kingsmill plaque and be relocated to the park - discussion followed - agreed, so we will look to alternate stone, eg., Leeds Transit one suggested by Doug B. - Doug G. agreed to approach them through Kelly Backhome
- Doug G. updated on Settlers Trek commending the work on the website done by Larry Cochran; Buzz reports that the idea of having alive bee hive in the park is not workable because of

insurance issues; Larry to give Doug G. the trekkers kit list (which is on the website under 'Historical Perspectives') with the intention that we will put one together for display in the park on 18 May when the Trekkers are in Portland; Doug G. to talk to Danielle Ouillette, Principal at Rideau Centennial School

- Tom mentioned that Smiths Falls Museum is presenting 'Last of the Czars' by Paul Byington suggesting that we might have him out to speak at a PRHS event, and he mentioned that Judy Rogers asked about possible PRHS interest in relation to any of her Dad's pictures and documents - Doug G. to see her in this regard (they now reside in Houghton Bay) - Judy expressed interest in becoming a member of PRHS and even serving on the Executive - Larry reminded us that we have the capacity to scan pics/docs and post to our website
- Larry paid \$50 to extend and thus protect our domain name 'portlandontario.com' - Larry to submit bill to PRHS - motion to reimburse Larry \$50 by Doug B., seconded by Tom - Carried
- Doug B. in reference to MHAC suggested that we prepare a Plan B in the event that we do not receive 100% Canada 150 funding from our omnibus RLT grant application - he suggested prioritizing our list by funding requests to match any partial funding we receive
- Doug G. to follow up on the possibility of registering PRHS as a not-for-profit organization
- Larry asked about Settlers Trek insurance coverage and whether the Lions Club might cover it - Doug G. mentioned that there was another Settlers Trek meeting tomorrow and we may have an answer soon - Larry handed out a copy of the latest Settlers Trek poster he has prepared

Motion to Adjourn by Tom -Carried

Next meeting scheduled for 29 March 2016 at 7 pm in Portland Library

Postscript: Meeting of 29 March 2016 not held - Chair hereby requested to set April date and advise members of the Executive.

Members requested to add items to following agenda for next meeting in April 2016 and forward to Secretary for final agenda consolidation and distribution prior to the meeting:

Agenda - PRHS Meeting (date)(location)(time)

- 1) Opening by the Chair - listing of members present
- 2) Reading and Approval of Previous Minutes of Meeting
- 3) Business arising from the Minutes
- 3) Chairman's Report
- 4) Treasurer's Report
- 5) Secretary's Report

- to tender proposed text for newspaper ads regarding 9 June AGM for PRHS; discuss content and membership rates, election nominations of officers, etc.
- report reply to questions posed by RLT regarding Kingsmill stone/plaque/flagpole

6) General and New Business

7) Next Meeting and Adjournment