

PRHS Minutes of AGM & Election

14 July 2016 * Portland Community Hall

Call to Order by Chair - Doug Good

Everyone was asked to sign in including their contact information. Attendees were informed that voting would be conducted by current members and application forms were available for new members to sign up.

The Chair explained the aims and purpose of the Society, past activities and planned future activities that we want to take on with the help of new members and the community at large. The Chair explained that we are rejuvenating efforts for PRHS and that the last AGM and Election was held in 2012.

The Chair turned the meeting over to Doug Bond to conduct the election of officers. In addition to Nominees the Electioneer called for nominations from the floor for each position and the results of voting by show of hands were as follows:

		<u>Moved</u>	<u>Seconded</u>	<u>Results</u>
Chair:	Doug Good	Larry Cochran	Brian Preston	Carried
Vice Chair:	Tom Sled	Doug Good	Larry Cochran	Carried
Treasurer:	Larry Cochran	Doug Good	Bill Belanger	Carried
Secretary:	Brian Preston	Larry Cochran	Bill Belanger	Carried
Director:	Doug Bond	Tom Sled	Margaret Bradford	Carried
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Director:	Judy Rogers*	Tom Sled	Margaret Bradford	Carried

* During Nominations from the floor, Tom Sled read an email from Judy Rogers expressing her regret at not being able to attend but by proxy through Tom letting her name stand for nomination and election to a Director position with PRHS.

It should also be noted that terms of office are for 3 years in accordance with the PRHS Constitution (2009).

Following the election, Doug Good resumed Chair, congratulated the slate of officers and proceeded to AGM Reports.

Chair Report (Doug Good)

Doug stated that we are looking into Incorporation status as we are a not-for-profit organization and we are not covered for insurance purposes under Rideau Lakes Township (RLT).

Our RLT application as part of the Canada 150 grant applications was turned down so PRHS will have to look at funding some of our planned activities through Ontario grant programs. New activities will need the assistance and participation of those here tonight as well as others in the community to be successful and showcase our history and links to the present.

Report moved by Doug Good, seconded by Doug Bond, Carried

Treasurer's Report (Larry Cochran)

Bank balance is \$716.21 and Larry explained the financial balance sheet on the overhead to everyone present stating that we will work on a budget preparation for next year and the Canada 150 planned events. We will need to increase our membership to deliver on some of the activities and this will be a subject of future PRHS meetings.

Sylvia Ogradzinski stated that she has a legal background and is willing to assist in the Incorporation process. Her offer was graciously accepted by the Chair, Doug Good.

Report moved by Larry Cochran, seconded by Brian Preston, Carried

Secretary's Report (Brian Preston)

A short summary of the Society from its inception in 2008 as a Steering Committee of like-minded citizens, through 2009 when the Society was founded with a Constitution and fee structure, to 2012 when the last AGM was held and how we have been renewing efforts since then with regular meetings of the Executive Committee where Minutes including Financial Statements have been recorded and are available to the Membership. The 'books' were put in order and files created for all major operational aspects of the Society. Brian reported that there were no bills/invoices in the PRHS Secretary documents that have not been paid.

The new Application Form includes a new fee structure:

1 year - \$15; 2 years - \$25; 10 years - \$100

Brian further explained that we respond to correspondence providing genealogical and historical research from the public and used the example of a family from the USA wanting information on their family that came from this area. We were successfully able to source several documents and refer the family to them.

Report moved by Brian Preston, seconded by Larry Cochran, Carried

General and New Business

Doug Good introduced Ross Lambert to everyone and mentioned that he is involved with PRHS as part of the 100 year celebration next year of Simpson Masonic Lodge.

Next General Meeting: Tuesday 13 September 2016. Location to be announced.

Adjournment: Moved by Bill Belanger, meeting closed by Chair, Doug Good

Following the AGM, a presentation by guest speaker Doug Bond using overhead projected pictures entitled, 'Perspectives of a Wedge of Cheddar: A History of Cheddar Cheese Making in North Leeds', was given accompanied by a selection of cheddar cheeses including a nice Edam too! The presentation covering the initial making of cheddar as we know it in England was well received by everyone and several pictures showed the grandfather and great grandfather of one of the attendees! When asked by Ross Lambert why Eastern Ontario had so much cheese production in comparison to other parts of the continent, Doug Bond responded by surmising that it had a lot to do with the founding citizens of this area coming from Britain and bringing their cheese making processes with them.