

Lost Villages Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
November 15, 2021

The Lost Villages Historical Society held their Annual General Meeting on Monday, November 15, 2021 at the South Stormont Township Hall in Long Sault. President Jim Brownell called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

All members of the board were in attendance as well as Andrew Guindon, Joan McEwan, and Paul Gunther. Susan Whaley and David Hill sent their regrets.

The minutes of the Annual General Meeting of September 21, 2020 were read by recording secretary, Cindy Bickerstaffe, adopted and signed.

Business Arising: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report:

Gloria Waldroff stated that the 2020 Canada Revenue Agency report done, and the books have been reviewed.

She advised that Lost Villages Historical Society showed a profit of \$10,385. Her report is on file.

Social Media Coordinator/Email Secretary:

Ginette Guy reported that our Facebook site has 3800 followers. As of January, 2021, our posts reached 89,723 hits.

Jim commented on all the work done by Ginette. Well done, Ginette.

Events Coordinator:

Tim Gault advised that there were seven weddings in 2021 at the Lost Villages Museum.

There are six weddings paid for in the 2022 season.

He noted that Debbie Burns, coordinator of the "Artisans in the Park" event will work around our wedding dates. She asked about that the possibility of having this event monthly next year.

President's Report:

Jim read his report to the members. The report is on file.

Moved by: Gardner Sage Seconded by: Rick Waldroff

That LVHS will accept all the reports. CARRIED

New Business:

Rick Waldroff reported on the “**Light Up the Lost Villages**” event stating that the trees and railings are wrapped with lights. Jim has installed Santa Claus and his reindeer decorations at the back of the schoolhouse. He advised that the next step is to set up flood lights and extension cords within the next seven days.

Both Jim and Rick agreed that the LV Museum is going to look very good.

Rick asked if there will be a choir at the event. Ginette replied that none was available. She will ask Marie Cameron and Ed O’Brien to provide music and carolling at the event.

Jim reminded members that the **Christmas Luncheon** will be held at O’Neill’s Pub in Long Sault on December 13, 2021 at 11:30. Reservations are required by contacting Vale Brownell at 613-537-2531.

Jim advised that the Blacksmith Shop has been moved to a new base. It still needs to be sealed inside and new wood installed around the bottom of the building. John Gordon, contractor of this project has donated \$1000.00 to the LVHS.

Thank you very much John for your donation.

Jim commented that he is very happy with the relationship established between Lost Villages Historical Society and South Stormont Township. He asked Andrew Guindon to please share these comments with the Township of South Stormont.

Thank you, Township of South Stormont.

Jim advised that the **Pavilion and Memorial Windows Restoration** project we be proceeding in 2022. Both the LVHS and the Township of South Stormont are working jointly on it.

Tim Gault provided the sketches of the proposed pavilion. Jim stated that two windows originally in the North Lunenburg United Church will be incorporated into the new pavilion design. This church was to become the home of the Lost Villages Historical Society, but restoration costs and the state of repairs prohibited this from happening in the late 1970’s.

Moved by Tim Gault Seconded by Rick Waldroff

That LVHS accept the quotation from Northern Art Glass, Ottawa for the restoration of two stained glass windows to be done at a cost of \$3000.00 including pick up and delivery. CARRIED

It is important to have windows ready on time for installation on new pavilion, therefore, it was decided to get windows restoration started now.

Andrew suggested that the revised sketches of the pavilion be forwarded to Kevin of Township of South Stormont.

Additions:

Jim and Tim mentioned that Debbie Burns of W3G & Co. asked about the possibility of having the Artisans in the Park event monthly next year. It will be discussed in more detail in future meetings.

Jim proposed that Lost Villages purchase one gift certificate each for Connie Charlebois and Mark McDonald in appreciation for their volunteer work: bookkeeping by Connie and Canada Revenue Agency Return by Mark annually for the LVHS.

After short discussion, it was agreed by the executive to proceed with certificates. Gloria will purchase them.

Ginette spoke about the events held at the Lost Villages Museum and the need for summer interpreters to have First Aid training. Andrew will discuss this with Kevin for next season.

Gloria asked if the historical information historical displayed outside each building at Lost Villages Museum could be updated. Jim spoke about possibility of having plaques made. He will contact the City of Cornwall and get prices, as the Heart of the City program has a manufacturer for plaques.

Rick Waldroff spoke about the entrance signs at both LV Museum east and west entrances. This is ongoing and will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

Nominations Report:

Past president, Gardner Sage presented his nominations report. Three positions on the board including President, Vice President and Email Secretary were all open for nominations for upcoming 2021-2022. He advised that he did not receive any nominations, but present office holders were willing to continue serving in their respective positions. Therefore, all standing members will stay in the present board positions. Gardner asked three times if there were any further nominations for each position. No nominations were brought forward.

Gardner presented a slate of names to serve as LVHS officers for the year 2021 – 2022.

They are:

Past President:	Gardner Sage
President:	Jim Brownell
Vice-President:	Rick Waldroff
Treasurer:	Gloria Waldroff
Recording Secretary:	Cindy Bickerstaffe

Events Coordinator:

Tim Gault

Social Media Coordinator/ Email Secretary:

Ginette Guy

Moved by Gardner Sage Seconded by Tim Gault

That the motion be accepted for the LVHS Executive positions for the year 2021-2022. CARRIED

Jim advised the members that a film crew from Montreal were at the Forbes Reading Room and the Lake St. Lawrence waterfront working on a documentary. It features underwater dives at the waterfront near the village of Moulinette. Lost Villages members Jim Brownell, David Hill and Alan Daye were asked if they could see, or touch something from the underwater village of Moulinette, what would it be? Jim stated “that he would like to touch a brick from the St. Andrew’s United Church at Moulinette.” The divers found two bricks from the United Church. There was “SHXX” marking on one of the bricks.

David Hill stated “that he would like to see evidence of his grandfather’s home and barber shop at Moulinette.” A video produced a shot of the weeping willow tree stump behind the Zina Hill Barbershop.

Alan Daye will share his request tomorrow. The crew will return to finish the final dive and complete the filming. The documentary will be in French.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:40 by Gloria Waldroff.

Secretary

President

