



**Zorra Caledonian Society
General Meeting
MINUTES
Jan 30, 2017
7:30 pm at the Legion**

“The Zorra Caledonia Society is a volunteer community organization formed in 1937 to recognize the Scottish heritage of the Village of Embro and the Township of Zorra”

Present: Doug Ferguson, Peter Fleming (Treasurer), Kevin Fraser, Jim Grieve, Gord & Laura Green (Dance Secretaries), Jim Knudsen, Steve MacDonald (President) Ron Marshall, Jennifer Moodie (Recording Secretary), Alan Normand, Ken Ulch, Jim Walton

Guest – Gord Mackay Regrets: Helen Dowd, Grant Innes, Jamie McPherson

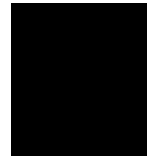
Welcome & Call to Order

President Steve MacDonald called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm and Jennifer Moodie welcomed Gord MacKay as a guest.

Agenda (circulated with meeting notice)

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the November 21, 2016 Meeting (circulated with meeting notice) **Moved by Ron Marshall, Seconded by Jim Walton. Carried**

Treasurer’s Report: Peter Fleming gave the financial statement from 2016 and noted it is on a cash basis. In 2016 we had \$880 of expenses come in from 2015 and we will likely have another \$500 come in 2017 that was from the 2016 year. We have \$2,000 worth of medals for bands, dancing and road race that were prepaid in 2016 but will do for subsequent years. The insurance premium went up \$ 2,500 in 2016 as we increased our coverage from \$ 5 million from \$ 2 million. The donation to Highland Park school was \$2,500 which was for the new library. The net loss on the fireworks was \$ 1,977 which also lead to an increase in donations to the Fire Department as they were involved in the project. The \$2,500 cheque for port-a-potties has not yet been cashed. The 2016 gate admission was \$30,030. As we sit now the loss is estimated at \$ 7,900 for the year. A comparison, over the past five years, shows a gate average of \$33,000 so we were down just slightly but acknowledgement was made to guests coming in at no charge through the arena. The 2015 statements have been re-stated to match how 2016 was itemized, simply for ease of comparison and as a result of changing treasurers. Total equity is at \$55,000 with \$45,000 in GIC’s. The St. Andrew’s Night banquet will likely show a small loss but the goal is to break even each year. Income from that was \$ 7,110 and expenses were \$ 7,345. Past treasurer, Jim Knudsen researched the gates back 12 years and read off the numbers. The high has been \$ 40,000 which was 2013 when the gate prices were increased to current rates. **Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report moved by Peter Fleming, Seconded by Kevin Fraser, Carried**



Auditors: At the 2016 AGM the ZCS a motion was made and carried to have Rick Innes and Warren McKay audit the financial records. However, Peter has been unsuccessful at having Warren return his emails, so Rick Innes and Ron Marshall will audit the 2016 financial statements before the Feb 27 AGM. Going forward Peter mentioned it should be someone who does NOT have signing authority.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the Incorporation Process:

Peter Fleming presented that the letters patent are complete, we don't need to put a stamp for our documents. The name is Zorra Caledonian Society (no Inc or Limited). We can just sign documents with ZCS spelt out in full and no personal names are required. We have annual reporting due each year that must be submitted right after the AGM. Peter will complete it for 2017. You can write "seal" as well on documents. Bylaws have been changed to reflect that no officer or director can receive financial compensation. We are not a registered charity which is important to note.

NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation of the Draft Constitution: (circulated Monday Jan 23)

Jim Walton presented the Draft Constitution to the membership and much discussion resulted. He pointed out that we had 49 members in 2016 and right now paid membership sits at 21 for 2017. We need 10-14 Board members elected at the Feb AGM. The constitution states there should be a minimum of two general meetings and a minimum of four directors meeting a year. **Moved by Gord Green and seconded by Ron Marshall that the constitution be sent to the AGM as amended. Carried.**

Coordinating Committee Update:

Jennifer Moodie presented an update on the 2017 EHG Coordinating Committee so the ZCS membership would be aware of their work since October when the committee was first created. To streamline and organize the 2017 EHG, pitch pages have been created and it is asked that every chair complete theirs and provide Jennifer an electronic or hard copy. Pitch pages were presented by Jennifer (forifb05.15007(h)0.590253(f)T5.74033(c)-er es.74033(O)7(r)-4.60236(ir)-4.60236(e).590251(i)4.19



Call for Directors for the 2017 ZCS Board:

The list of names of people interested in serving on the newly incorporated Board was read out. Anyone with questions regarding their roles and responsibilities please check in with a member of CC over the coming month. We will need to start with one, two and three year terms as we are starting with the incorporated board “from scratch”.

Memberships & AGM tickets:

Members can get their 2017 membership cards for \$ 5 as well tickets to the AGM for \$ 20 from Jim Walton. The AGM is Monday Feb 27th @ the Legion \$20.

Announcements:

May 13th the Fairboard is having an antique fashion show and requested to borrow the ZCS stage in exchange for advertising in their program. The show will be on the arena floor and shows will be at 1:30 and 7:30 pm.

Raised Soccer Field:

Jim Walton mentioned that the soccer field is planning to be up 6 feet above ground in some areas – this caused much concern and so it was decided a delegation should go forward to Zorra Council about the issue. Jim Walton will mobilize the Fairboard and the Soccer association to join in.

2017 Embro Highland Games:

Helen via phone, asked when the new Board should approve the 2017 EHG budget and schedule of events and it was agreed that this would happen at the March meeting as the AGM will be busy enough.

The meeting **adjourned** at 11 pm