



**Zorra Caledonian Society
Annual General Meeting
MINUTES
Feb 27, 2017
7 pm at the Embro 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”

Members and Guests in Attendance - Helen Dowd, Doug Ferguson, Bill Fleming, Janet Fleming, Peter Fleming, Kevin Fraser, Kathy Fraser, Doug Fyfe, Laura Green, Gord Green, Jim Grieve, Graham Hart, Grant Innes, Anne Innes, Jim Knudsen, Steve MacDonald, Gord Mackay, Ron Marshall, Wendy Marshall, Keith Matheson (Guest Joan), Jack Matheson, Bob Matheson (Guest Helen), Brian McMaster, Jamie McPherson, Jennifer Moodie, Wayne Moodie, Alan Norman (guest Diane), Dale Ross (Guest Ruth), Angus Thomson, Jim Walton, Paul Weber (guest Henny), Dennis and Carol Turvey (both guests)

Welcome & Call to Order

Call to order – President Steve MacDonald called the AGM to order at 7:10 pm. There were 30 voting members in attendance and so it was announced that quorum was met.

Agenda (circulated with meeting notice)

Doug Fyfe motioned to approve agenda, Seconded by Jim Walton. Carried.

2016 AGM Minutes:

Minutes were read by Jennifer Moodie, M/S by Angus Thompson/Carried

Motion made by Helen to nominate Jen Moodie as the Secretary for the Annual General Meeting. Seconded by Kevin Fraser, Carried.

2016 Financial Report:

Treasurer Peter Fleming presented the F/S. There is \$880.00 related to 2015 bills in the 2016 statements and \$740.00 will show in 2017 related to a 2016 expense. This is because our books are done on the “cash basis”. Higher than normal cost from medallions in 2016 but now they are still in inventory for next year (road race/ bands. etc). The 2016 Board was solicited for ZHPPS for renovations for the school library. We donated \$2,500.00 to that cause. Increase was significant under the insurance. Due to an increase in Liability to \$ 5 million therefore the cost of the insurance premium increased to \$5,000. We are shopping around for quotes for 2017. Honorariums were paid last year for incidentals. This year we will no longer have honorariums and people will just be requested to submit receipts.

New activity:

Fireworks were a new expense. Net cost was \$1,977.00. A big change to the revenue was under the EHG admission. The gate was \$30,030.00 which was about \$8,000 less than the previous year. Some factors were the rain and the day of the week. There is a natural fluctuation year to year. Since Peter Fleming took over the treasurer duties from Jim and Lydia Knudsen, he restated the 2015 financial



statements so they would be in a similar format to 2016 which would allow members to compare the two years.

Peter motioned to approve the financial report. Kevin Fraser seconded. Carried.

Update - since our last meeting, we have found that 5 million is the required amount of coverage for rentals of our nature at the EZCC.

Examiners' Report:

Ron Marshall gave the Examiners' Report and moved that the financial be accepted. Jim Grieve seconded it. Carried.

Nominations for the 2017 Examiners:

Kevin Fraser nominated Ron Marshall and Rick Innes to remain as Examiners for the 2017 year. Seconded by Angus. They accepted the Nomination. Carried.

Presentation of Medals to Past Presidents:

Ron Marshall and Jamie McPherson presented medals to Graham Hart (1993) and Mel Matheson (1985). Graham reminded us that during his year, the Games moved from Matheson Park to the Embro Zorra Community Centre and women were allowed to be voting members of the Society. Ron also awarded Past President medal to last year's President Steve MacDonald.

Constitution: (Circulated with meeting notice)

Jim Walton presented the revised version of the newly Drafted Constitution. He added that the last revision was made in 2012. Copies of the constitution have been well circulated prior to the meeting for everyone's perusal. A full explanation of the changes was also circulated. We are going with a minimum of 10 directors and a maximum of 14. We have set minimums for number of meetings – both Board and General – but not maximums. We are required to strengthen our governance model now that we are incorporated. As well, we will now be eligible to apply for Government funding. Final versions of the constitution will be circulated when finalized in PDF form.

Jim motioned the draft constitution to be accepted as read: Doug Ferguson seconded it. Carried.

President's Remarks:

Steve MacDonald gave his remarks. He encouraged us to continue to culture our young people's interest and sent us forth with a challenge to spread the pride of celebrating Scottish heritage. He hopes that we can make it a lively and vibrant society for the future.

Nomination of the Board of Directors:

Gord Mackay was introduced by Peter Fleming and ran the election process for the Society. He asked for the nominating report and Helen Dowd presented it as put forth by the coordinating committee. Members of the coordinating committee have solicited nominees for the Board of Directors. We are pleased to announce that we have 10 nominations for the Board for 2017.

Ron Marshall, Jim Knudson, Jim Grieve, Laura Green, Jim Walton, Kevin Fraser, Brian McMaster Alan Norman, Helen Dowd, Steve MacDonald.

After asking three times for any further nominations, Gord Mackay announced that the above 10 people were the new Board of Directors.



New Business:

At the January 2017 ZCS meeting it was decided that tonight we will not plan for 2017 but instead look back at 2016. Last year we had a loss of \$8K which was a swing of \$ 17,000 since the year before we had a profit of \$ 9K. For 2017 we have a lot to overcome - the biggest item being the construction project that the TWP is undertaking at the Grounds which will reduce our outdoor space anywhere from 25-40%. We also have weather as an unknown which affects the gate, increasing age of volunteers (and new younger ones few and far between), increased insurance premiums, and a decline in teams for Tug of War. Instead of hiring a General Manager for 2017, we assembled the CC to get everything in order. In total the CC has met and collaborated for over 80 hours. We were able to put together the St. Andrew's Night Banquet, the AGM, incorporate our society, revised the constitution and nominated four long-time serving volunteers for the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards. We have also taken a long look at the EGH as a whole and in its many parts. To boot, we realize that we could have a great deal of competition from other 150 year celebrations going on the same day. At the Jan meeting, it was decided to plan and make decisions for the 2017 EHG at the March meeting. We hope that all members will be in attendance to add to the discussion and help the ZCS move forward. This will be the first official duty of the newly elected Board. After March 20th, committees will need to work together to make their "Pitch Pages" a reality and keep within their approved budgets in order to make the 80th EHG sensational!

ZCS Membership Sales:

Jim Walton reported that he sold another 20 memberships at the AGM Dinner.

Next Meeting:

Monday, March 20, 2017 @ Embro Legion, 7:30 pm

Adjournment Motioned to adjourn was made by Bob Matheson. Carried.