



**Zorra Caledonian Society  
Board Meeting  
MINUTES  
February 26, 2018  
8:30pm @ Embro Legion**

“The Zorra Caledonian 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** – Helen Dowd (president), Peter Fleming (treasurer), Laura Green, Jim Grieve, Geoff Innes, Holly MacDonald (coordinator), Steve MacDonald (past president), Gord MacKay, Jack Matheson, Jen Moodie (secretary), Alan Normand, Angus Thomson, Jim Knudsen (guest)

**Regrets** - Kevin Fraser, Ron Marshall

**Welcome** - The president called the meeting to order and welcomed the new members elected to the Board at the 2018 AGM (Geoff Innes, Gord MacKay, Jack Matheson and Angus Thomson) that had just concluded.

**Approval of the Agenda M/S, Carried.**

**Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting M/S, Carried.**

In regards to recruitment, Helen asked for an update on who everyone had contacted and the outcome.

**Nominations & Appointments for 2018-19:**

Jim Knudsen was invited to facilitate the election.

Jim Grieve nominated Gord MacKay as president. He accepted. Carried.

Angus Thomson nominated Kevin Fraser as vice-president. Kevin had declared his intention publically at the last Board meeting. Carried.

Jennifer Moodie be appointed as secretary. She accepted. M/S Carried.

Peter Fleming be appointed as treasurer. He accepted. M/S Carried.

**New President Remarks**

Helen presented the Wally Ross historical gavel to Gord MacKay to signify the changeover of leadership. Gord thanked Helen for all of her work and for leaving the ZCS in such good shape for 2018-19. He highlighted that moving forward he sees good communication as essential and an immediate priority will be working on a site plan the new location at the COP.



## **New Business**

### **March Break Kids Scottish Camp (March 16)**

New for 2018, Zorra TWP is hosting a week long March Break camp and offered the ZCS one day to promote Scottish activities. Jennifer Moodie is the ZCS lead and selected Friday March 16, 2018 as the date. The camp has openings for 20 children, ages 4-10 and the cost is \$35 a day (campers must bring food from home). Jennifer will be organizing Scottish crafts, songs, storytelling, and Scottish dancing. The TWP will need specifics to send home to parents on or before Friday March 3 which Jennifer will submit to recreation coordinator, Stephanie Starchuck. On March 16th, Helen will attend to assist Jennifer along with Helen's nephews (ages 13 and 11) and Jennifer's teenage daughters. The ZCS is getting involved so we can promote July 1<sup>st</sup> to our youth and to educate them on the history of our community. The TWP confirmed that all costs are at the expense of the partner groups and should be seen as community outreach in their budgets.

### **Thistle Theatre Request (March 29)**

A request was made by Thistle Theatre to the ZCS to help at the March 29<sup>th</sup> *Kai the Barbarian* production by acting as ushers and serving refreshments (for donation). Helen suggested that we advertise the funds are going to support **Kai Restoration Projects**. Many of the monuments dedicated Rev. Dr. George Leslie MacKay are in poor repair and this donation ties in well to the play. M/S Carried.

### **National Tartan Night (April 6)**

Helen brought 20 posters and 70 tickets for distribution for the new event to take place at the Embro Legion. Two errors were noted that she will get the designer to correct (Holly's phone number and Gord MacKay has a "big K") before the efile is sent out. It will be like a "pub night" with live Celtic music by "Shepherd's Knot" and entertainment from Sterling Thistles Dancers (Sim School of Highland Dance). Board members are to encourage participation by the community and membership as this is purely a social event. Tickets may be purchased by calling Gord MacKay @ 519-475-4424 or Holly MacDonald @ 289-501-4411. Guests should wear some tartan (to go with the point of the event) but it is not necessary a dressy tartan event!

### **Discussion of Board Meeting Times and Format**

Feedback was given at the AGM and at the Board meeting around two issues – with the pending move, how do we go about working out all the details for July 1 while keeping everyone informed? The president has decided to call the meeting March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm and invite all members. We have three planning months, March, April and May with all the changes it is important to have all involved present.

### **Trophies**

Scot Dance has confirmed that Highland dance competition organizers are no longer required to send home any perpetual dance trophies with the winners. The issue has become winners are not



returning the perpetual trophies to the Games from which they were won. These trophies are expensive and contain a lot of history. Starting in 2018, EHG will just take a picture of the winner with the perpetual trophy and send the winner home with the “keeper trophy. Laura is to check to see if we can store the EHG perpetual trophies in a showcase in the arena lobby. Gord emphasized that the showcases were put in the arena with the community funds. At the last meeting Laura had mentioned that two perpetual trophies have been “lost” and Helen spoke in favour that they should be replaced. Helen is also looking for a decision on the image for the medals so her family and the two “lost” perpetual trophies can be completed. Laura will look into all of the above and write a report for the March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm **M/S Carried.**

**Next ZCS Meeting – March 19 at 7:00 pm @ Embro Legion**