



**Zorra Caledonian Society
General Meeting – September 23, 2019
MINUTES
7:00 pm @ 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”

Welcome - President Gord MacKay called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Confirmation all present are paid members (excluding guests) was completed.

Directors present were: Gord MacKay, Kevin Fraser, Helen Dowd, Geoff Innes, Peter Fleming, Alan Normand, Angus Thomson, Jack Matheson, Keith Matheson, Jennifer Moodie, Laura Green, Paul MacLeod, Ron Marshall, Steve MacDonald

Coordinator: Holly MacDonald

Members present were Diane Normand, Doug Ferguson, Grant Innes, Jim Grieve, Wally Matheson, Jim Walton, Joan Matheson

Membership Roll Call – “Why do you volunteer at ZCS?”

The following replies were given: to be part of community building, heritage, cultural identity, different group of people, accomplishment, friendships, family connections, social for good cause, Scottish background

Approval of the Agenda M/S Carried.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

General Meeting – May 27, 2019 – **M/S Carried**

Correspondence

Thank you card from the Warren McKay family thanking us for our donation to Thistle Theatre.

A reminder to attend the annual Volunteer and Seniors Appreciation Breakfast and Free Skate! Embro-Zorra Community Centre, Friday September 27th. Breakfast 8-10am; free skate 9-11am.

Coordinator’s Report – Holly MacDonald

Holly submitted her report showing 21 hours total for June, July August.

Holly’s hours from July 1st should be documented towards her total time.

M/S Carried.



Treasurer Report – Peter Fleming

Peter gave a synopsis of the finances to date that were presented in the board agenda package. We are on budget for administration costs. We are also close to our budget for Expenses. If you would like a detailed transaction report, ask Peter for a copy.

Please turn in all game's invoices to Peter as soon as possible.

1-year GIC renewed as its matured September 23, 2019.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report - M/S Carried.

1.0 Old Business

1.1 June 1 Caledonian Scottish Open – Jennifer Moodie

See report in the Board agenda package. Highlights- - it was a great time even if the weather was terrible. Lots of awards and decorations. The event broke even. There were 36 golfers and 10 more for the meal.

1.2 EHG Volunteer Training Night – Helen Dowd

Helen reported that the Quality Inn package was returned from the door prizes. 56 people attended. The free membership was not well accepted. The event was a good opportunity to our volunteers to network with their committee chairperson.

1.3 2019 EHG Handbook – Helen Dowd & Gord MacKay

Helen presented the 2019 EHG Handbook. The reports were highlighted. Gord highlighted want the ZCS needs to work/improve on for the 2020 games. The list of what we need to work/improve on will be discussed at another meeting.

The 2019 attendance was 3320. Numbers are important to know as evidence-based decision making.

Location of pipers was well received. There were some tent issues to be resolved for 2020.

Tug- o-War – thank you from Jim Connelly for the medals to the younger participants. The British Columbia team will be back in 2020.

There will no longer be a Run Piker Series for the road race.

Livestock – dance tents were a barrier from seeing the livestock and more signage is needed.

Tea room see report in board package.

Crafts – 2020 will see new crafts

Dashing White Sergeant – this was a fun experience and well received. See full report in board package.

Parking – need own radio channel

Gates – looking at how to streamline gate admissions for 2020

Bar – received very well – 2020 Scottish whiskey (Famous Grouse). Policing of alcohol from outside is still an issue.

Games Feedback – Gord reported that we are proud to be back in Embro. Zorra Township Council enjoyed everything at the games.



1.4 Feedback on the 2019 President's Party

It was a nice afternoon and a good turnout of Caledonians and family members at the President's party.

2.0 New Business

2.1 Annual Education Night – Oct. 21, 2019 with Don Hilborn – Gord MacKay

Watch your October Newsletter for an article on Don Hilborn's trip to Tanzania.

2.2 Flags for Main Street Embro – Gord MacKay & Kevin Fraser

Thank you to Josh Smith at Erie Thames for his help getting the flags on the posts on the main street. Eighteen Canadian flags have all been used and are the possession of the Zorra Caledonian Society. Flags are summer flags, good condition, no Embro BIA, giving back to the community, 14 feet is the correct height on the posts for the flags.

Motion: The Zorra Caledonian Society pay the invoice that is owing back to Kathy McKay. M/S Carried.

Motion: Moved that the Zorra Caledonian Society purchase new nylon Canadian flags (box of 25). M/S Carried.

2.3 Constitution Review/Comments – Peter Fleming & Gord MacKay

Peter Fleming and Jim Walton to review in the fall and steer towards what the ZCS is doing. Also review board decisions and board responsibilities. A discussion will take place at the Annual meeting.

2.4 2020 Township Grant Submission – Gord MacKay

The submission forms are not available yet.

Motion: Moved that the ZCS apply for the same grant amount as last year (2019). M/S Carried.

2.5 Volunteer Service Awards for 2020 – Gord MacKay

We need nominees by the November board meeting (November 18th)

2.6 MacKay Farm Gate Restoration Project – Gord MacKay

There is approximately \$600.00 directed towards the project. 2020 is the 20th anniversary of Oxford County and Taiwan twinning. Keith Matheson was President of the ZCS at this time. Event will be held at the Embro Town Hall on June 30th, 2020. 2022 is the 150th anniversary of Dr. MacKay landing in Taiwan.

2.7 83rd St. Andrew Night's Banquet – Helen Dowd

Tickets and posters are available from Holly. The tables and seats are number on the ticket. Wally Matheson is looking after the AGCO application. Ron – Ingersoll Pipe Band, Holly – Sim Highland Dancers, Kevin – contact Ruth Ross – anthem and Auld Laud Syne, Diane – Coat



Check and table clearers, Rev. Bill White – Grace, Steve – Haggis Bearer, Angus – Haggis address.

Motion: Moved that \$250.00, plus coat receipts be donated to the organization looking after table clearing and the coat check. M/S Carried.

2.8 Vacancies for 2020 EHG – Sponsorship, Media

We are looking for a new Sponsorship and Media chairperson for 2020. These positions can be put together. This will be an Executive decision. Please let the Executive know if you are interested or there if there is a person that could be approached for these positions.

2.9 Plans for 2020 EHG – Highland Dance Committee Meeting – Laura Green

See Laura's report in your board package. Ideas for 2020 – split day for dancers and awards, stage availability and setting of times, no mass fling.

Motion: The Highland Dance section do a split day of dancing and awards in the morning for the morning dancers. M/S Carried.

Other Business

Sign at Corner of Community Centre (35th Line and Road 78)

This sign needs replacing. This will be a 2020 budget item. Doug Ferguson to investigate prices. This sign is shared with the Embro-Zorra Agricultural Society. The Lawn Bowling group would like to be a partner on the sign.

Next Meeting – Monday, November 18, 2019 - 7 pm @ the Embro Legion

Adjournment

Refreshments were provided by Ron Marshall