



Zorra Caledonian Society
Annual General Meeting – Feb 25, 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”

In Attendance: Gord MacKay (President), Jo MacKay, Kevin Fraser (1st Vice President), Kathy Fraser, Doug Ferguson, Janice Ferguson, Peter Fleming (Treasurer), Jim Grieve, Geoff Innes, Margaret Innes, Grant Innes, Anne Innes, Jim Knudsen, Lydia Knudsen, Ron Marshall, Wendy Marshall, Steve MacDonald (past president), Holly MacDonald (coordinator), Paul MacLeod, Ellen MacLeod, Keith Matheson, Joan Matheson, Jack Matheson, Sherry Matheson, Wally Matheson, Jen Moodie (Secretary), Wayne Moodie, Alan Normand, Diane Normand, Dale Ross, Ruth Ross, Angus Thomson, Tom Thomson, Margaret Thomson.

Directors absent Helen Dowd, Laura Green

Invited Guests: Marcus Ryan – Mayor of Zorra

Welcome – President Gord MacKay welcomed everyone and called the AGM to order. Gord called upon Ruth Ross to lead us in O’ Canada. Alan Normand said grace. He introduced our invited guests. Gord declared quorum as 32 members were present. Gord called upon Mayor Marcus Ryan to bring greetings from Zorra Township. Mayor Ryan thanked the Zorra Caledonian Society for making Zorra a better place. The mayor welcomed us back and is happy to have the Embro Highland Games back in Zorra Township. Mayor Ryan invited us to the Service/User Groups meeting in October. He also stated that the Embro Highland Games is a strong part of Zorra Township. The new council, Recreation Director and township staff want to work with the Zorra Caledonian Society.

Roll Call – Everyone announced what tartan they were wearing and what significance it has for them.

Approval of the 2019 AGM Agenda – M/S Carried.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2018 AGM (February 26, 2018) – M/S Carried.

Treasurer’s Report – Peter Fleming presented the 2018 financial report (attached). Peter highlighted the Embro Highland Gates Admission Revenue for the last 5 years which is the largest source of revenue each year. Peter also noted the new heading of Special Events which will include the golf tournament and any other fundraising events. Peter said the fundraising proceeds from Thistle Theatre (“Kai” production) intermission were directed to the “Kai Farm Gate Restoration Project”. New for 2018 was the Co-ordinator expenses as we have a fee for the contract with Holly MacDonald. Also, noted was the \$1000.00 donation to the Woodstock Collegiate Institute students who will be



travelling to Taiwan in 2019. They will make a presentation at our Educational Night in the fall of 2019.

Approval of the Treasurer's Report – M/S Carried.

Examiners Report – Ron Marshall spoke on behalf of Rick Innes and himself and said the financial statements were in good order for 2018.

Appointment of the Examiners For 2019 – Ron Marshall and Rick Innes will continue as our examiners M/S Carried.

Appointment of the ZCS Co-Ordinator from AGM 2019 -AGM 2020 – Gord stated Holly, Helen Dowd and himself reviewed the Co-ordinator's year and contract. Holly MacDonald was appointed as the ZCS for 2019-2020. M/S Carried.

ZCS Constitution – No changes for the year 2019. President Gord, Peter Fleming and Jim Walton had reviewed the constitution.

Remarks from 2018 President – Gord MacKay

Rather than read his 2018 remarks Gord highlighted them (attached), Gord stated that 2018 will be remembered as a year of change in the Caledonian Society.

A unanimous decision in December 2017 to move the Embro Highland Games to Canada's Outdoor Park for a one-year trial saw for the first time in our history the Games moved out of Embro. A change of location, the extreme heat (the hottest July 1st on record) and the fact that for only the second time in our 81st year history the Games were held on a Sunday.

National Tartan Day was celebrated on April 6th at the Embro Legion with live Celtic music, Sterling Thistle Dancers, a skit and delicious Scottish treats.

The inaugural Caledonian Scottish Open at the Stonehaven Golf Course was an afternoon golf tournament followed by a dinner which 45 guests enjoyed.

In October at the ZCS meeting after a good and open discussion it was decided by the members that the 82nd Embro Highland Games would move back to the Embro Zorra Community Centre.

The St. Andrews Night Banquet was a sold-out event with 240 guests. Guest speaker for the evening was Dan Needles of Wingfield Farms fame. It was the perfect way to finish off a very productive and successful year.

Moving the Embro Highland Games away to Woodstock from Embro was a transition which awoke the Embro-Zorra community. It was good to move away as it has RENEWED enthusiasm.



Recognition of Outgoing Board Members – Gord recognized Jim Grieve for his years of service to the Zorra Caledonian Society.

Nominating Committee Report. – Gord MacKay announced the members who were contacted prior to the AGM and who agreed to let their names stand for election. They were Jennifer Moodie, Paul MacLeod and Keith Matheson. Treasurer: Peter Fleming, Secretary: Geoff Innes

Election - Jim Knudsen was called upon to oversee the election for the 2019 Board of Directors. The nominations were received, and three new directors were elected: **Jennifer Moodie, Paul MacLeod and Keith Matheson** join Gord MacKay, Helen Dowd, Kevin Fraser, Laura Green, Steve MacDonald, Jack Matheson, Ron Marshall, Alan Normand and Angus Thomson.

Treasurer – Peter Fleming (will let his name stand for re-appointment)

Secretary – Geoff Innes (will let his name stand for appointment)

Peter Fleming was appointed Treasurer. Geoff Innes was appointed Secretary.

NEXT AGM – Monday February 24, 2020 at the Embro Legion.

Gord thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe trip home.

Adjournment moved at 7:45 pm Carried.