



**Zorra Caledonian Society
General Meeting – November 18, 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 7:05 p.m.

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

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

Coordinator: Holly MacDonald

Members present were Diane Normand, Doug Ferguson, Katherine Grieve, Wally Matheson, Wayne Moodie

Regrets: Helen Dowd, Jim Walton

Membership Roll Call – “How many tickets have you sold for SANB?”

The following replies were given from 2 to 16 tickets.

Approval of the Agenda M/S Carried.

Approval of the Minutes from Previous Meeting

General Meeting – September 23, 2019 – Correction 2.2 Flags for Main Street, Embro – name is Josh Smith not John Smith. **M/S Carried**

Correspondence

An email from Darlene Ulch saying that Ken had his surgery on October 31st and is hoping to attend SANB.

Coordinator’s Report – Holly MacDonald

Holly submitted her report showing 27.5 hours total for September and October. Time focused on SANB and membership emails. **M/S Carried.**

Treasurer Report – Peter Fleming

Peter gave a synopsis of the finances to date that were presented in the board agenda package. Peter stated that he has reinvested the non-cashable and cashable GIC’s for one year. Peter also is going to check with RBC about cancellation of the credit card.



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

1.0 Old Business

1.1 Report on the Annual Education Night – Kevin Fraser

The Education Night was held on October 21st with Don Hilborn as guest speaker. There was a good turnout. Don spoke on his trip to Tanzania. The evening was enjoyed by all in attendance.

1.2 Update on Constitution – Peter Fleming, Gord MacKay, Jim Walton

Peter, Gord and Jim Walton reviewed the Constitution. The Constitution was written in 2016 and adopted at the 2017 Annual General Meeting.

The committee recommendations are that we do not change the by-laws, have general member meetings, have open board meetings which has an agenda and the board of directors' vote on the motions, 4 board meetings, 2 general meetings (minimum). We need to look at how we structure for 2020 with business decision making and open board meetings.

1.3 Update on 2020 Township Grant Submission - Gord MacKay

There is no submission form available yet. Steve mentioned that the grant submission forms will be coming out in the next few weeks.

1.4 Volunteer Service Awards for 2020 – Gord MacKay, Geoff Innes

Please let Gord and Geoff know as soon as possible of any nominations for the 2020 awards.

1.5 MacKay Farm Gate Restoration Project – Gord MacKay, Steve MacDonald

The stone gates are located on the 10th Line of East Zorra Tavistock, property of Jonathon Hook. 2020 is the 20th anniversary of Oxford County and Taiwan twinning. 2022 is the 150th anniversary of Dr. George Leslie MacKay landing in Taiwan.

1.6 Vacancies to fill ASAP – Print Media & Sponsorship

We are looking for a new Sponsorship chairperson for 2020. There are templates for sponsorship letters and spreadsheets in place for this committee. Dianne Normand has accepted to fill the Print Media chairperson position.

1.7 83rd St. Andrew Night's Banquet Review of Final Task Checklist and Set-up Sign-up

Gord reviewed the checklist. Gord asked that he receive the fair board contact for using the wineglasses. Katherine will look after the napkins. Gord will ask the township staff to count the tables, plates and cutlery. Set-up day is Thursday November 28th at 9:00 a.m...

The tables and seats are number on the ticket.

Motion: Moved that swags for skirting of the stage be purchase and the display be updated for \$400.00. M/S Carried.



2.0 New Business

2.1 Review of Report on How to Make the 2020 Games even Better – Gord MacKay

Gord reviewed the lengthy report which was included in your agenda package. Gord highlighted areas for improvement in 2020. Some of these were: Sound System, Website update, Road Race - permission to monitor closing the 35th line, Caddy Field for kids' events, Clans & Concessions, Rugby, Soccer Games, Gates – load in and load out times, Bar – what time to open.

2.2 Request from Thistle Theatre – Gord MacKay

Thistle Theatre has asked us to provide snacks only for the November 24th matinee of the Gentleman's Clothier. Katherine and Laura will look after drinks. Gord will send out an update for what is required for snacks and help.

2.3 Invitation from ZRAC Meeting - Gord MacKay

ZRAC is having a meeting on November 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Centre. There is a questionnaire to fill out about our activities at township facilities. Gord will complete the questionnaire. Gord and Kevin to make the presentation.

2.4 Report on George Watson's College Pipe Band – Ron Marshall

Ron and George Watson's College have been communicating back and forth about them attending the 2020 EHG. There will be a Juvenile band of 40 members attending. ZCS would cover some travel expenses (\$525 maximum per band). They would compete in Grade 3 piping (\$800). We need to look at meal(s) consideration. We would showcase them at the Opening Ceremonies. See Ron's full report in your agenda package.

2.5 Pitch Pages in January – Guidelines for 2020 – Gord MacKay, Peter Fleming, Helen Dowd

Gord asked that committee chairpersons start thinking about Pitch Pages for next year's business.

2.6 Board Business

The following board members elected from 2017-2020, Kevin Fraser, Helen Dowd, Laura Green, Steve MacDonald, Ron Marshall and Alan Normand will be seeking re-election or stepping down at the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

Helen Dowd, Laura Green will not be seeking re-election.

Steve MacDonald, Ron Marshall, Alan Normand will be seeking re-election.

Diane Normand is considering running for a seat on the Board.

Other Business

ZCS Tracking Form – Geoff Innes, Helen Dowd



The ZCS is looking to keep track of our directors and members years of service and what positions they have held. Geoff asked that everyone present fill out the form. The secretary will keep track of this form.

Projector for Meetings

Discussion was brought forward about purchasing a projector for our meetings/events as we cannot always be relying on Helen and/or Jim Walton to have one present at our meetings.

Motion: Moved that the Zorra Caledonian Society purchase a projector. M/S Carried.

Holly will purchase the projector as she is the one who looks after projecting our agendas and notes at meetings.

Next Meeting – The December Christmas board meeting will be December 16th. Spouses are invited. More details will follow at a later date.

Adjournment

Refreshments were provided by Jennifer & Wayne Moodie