

**Cloyne and District Historical Society  
Minutes**

**General Meeting, Barrie Community Hall  
January 20th, 2025, 1 pm**

**1) Call to Order**

Ken Hook called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2) Land Acknowledgment, Oh Canada, Moment of silence**

**3) Guest Speaker - Chris Hinsperger, owner of Bonnechere Caves**

Chris shared his three passions, the caves, hockey, and cycling. He also discussed his hiring practices, tourism and some characteristics of the caves.

**4) Short Break**

**5) Additions and Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion to approve the agenda by Warren Anderson seconded by Cindy Austin. Motion carried.**

**6) Approval of the Minutes from November 18, 2024**

**Motion to approve the minutes by Eileen Flieler seconded by David Deacon. Motion carried.**

**7) Business Arising from the Minutes**

**- Future Guest speakers**

February's meeting will feature Elaine Bolton and her daughter Cindy. They will share anecdotes and the history of the Northbrook Hotel.

CDHS speakers have been lined up until June.

**-Status of four grant applications - Ian and Ken**

Applications for the Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works have been submitted. L&A County Activation Fund Grant concerning the Speakers Forum partnership with the Lions Club. We are applying to the North Frontenac Community fund grant for \$1000 for the establishment and improvement of the Museum gardens. We are looking into Kingston Community Foundations for projects in Frontenac County to apply for a grant for an air conditioning system for the museum. The grant could be up to \$12,000.00

**- Seeking volunteers for the Museum - Cathy Newcombe**

Since we can no longer rely on grants for funding, we want to set up a roster of volunteers, maybe one or two days over the course of the season. There will be an orientation like the student employees are given. Sign-up sheet circulated. The current cost is 1200 every two weeks for students.

**- Heritage Wall Update-Eileen.**

There has been a lot of interest with some plaques already installed. We will put up new plaques in warmer weather. People order their plaques directly from Hart N Hart in Napanee, either online or in person. There are two sizes, 5 X7 and 10 X13 with various enhancements that can be added. Eileen discussed the criteria for the plaques honouring families in our catchment area.

**8) Treasurer's Report – Ian Brumell**

Bank Account- \$4519.00

Reserve Account- \$9278.00

Endowment Fund \$122,030.00 (Which may give \$4000.00)

Heritage Organization Development Grant \$1500

**Motion to approve the Treasurer's report by Ian Brumell, Seconded by Warren Anderson. Motion carried.**

**9) Committee Reports**

**Membership**

Daryl Austin has taken over for Carolyn McCulloch. Thank you, Carolyn, for your many skillful years in charge of the membership for the CDHS. As of the start of this meeting there are 38 members. People can complete a membership form available at the general meetings (and online).

**10) New Business**

**- Creation of a fund-raising committee**

Eileen Flieler will be part of the committee but not the chair. A volunteer sign-up sheet was circulated. Marlean MacLean suggested music in the park or movies in the park.

**- Marlean MacLean**

Marlean has been speaking with Sarah Sproule an Indigenous entrepreneur from Land O Lakes. Sarah is interested in speaking to the group. Marlean discussed the CDHS Christmas Luncheon letting the membership know that the kind contributions of fabric and sewing by Gwen Glover and Marilyn Lambert has given us tablecloths for future events.

Marlean has proposed the creation of a community vegetable garden, stating that the idea has been well supported by businesses and community members, and she is hoping to acquire more than one location.

**11) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:43p.m.**