

**Cloyne and District Historical Society Minutes draft
Annual General Meeting, Barrie Community Hall
March 17, 2025, 1 pm**

- 1. Ken Hook, President, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.**
- 2. Oh, Canada and Moment of Silence**
- 3. First Nations Land Acknowledgement-Ken Hook**
- 4. Daryl Austin- Lists of Members and Guests**

Daryl is now using two separate lists for attendance, one for current members and one for guests in order to keep track of contact information for members and to gain contact information to notify potential members and guests of upcoming meetings and events.

- 5. Guest Speaker: Gary Colwell: Paradigm Shifts in Astronomy & Astrophotography Over the Last 100 Years**

Gary Colwell provided a captivating presentation during which he shared details of his life, personal anecdotes and a glimpse into the history of 2000 years of Astronomy and Astrophotography. Gary has had a love of astronomy since the age of eight. His first picture was taken of Comet Kohoutek in 1973, and he has continued to follow his calling throughout his life and currently does so with the North Frontenac Astronomy Park (the first municipality in Canada to receive 'Dark Sky Preserve' status from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, located six kilometers south-west of Plevna, on Road 506). Gary shared fascinating information about photography and astronomy and made us all want to share in his passion for the universe and photography.

- 6. Short Break**
- 7. Additions and Approval of the Agenda**

1) Approval of the Minutes from March 17, 2025

- 2) Election of Board Members - The three-year term has ended for Eileen Flieler, Cathy Newcombe and Ian Brumell. All three seek another term. The Board can have 10 members. The proposed slate of directors for the membership to approve are Eileen Flieler, Cathy Newcombe, Ian Brumell, Daryl Austin and Rex Henry.**

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- 8) Business Arising from the Minutes**
- 9) Treasurer's Report**

10) Committee Reports

- Fundraising Committee - Cathy N.

11) New Business

- Seeking volunteers for Museum and fundraising - Cathy

12) Adjournment

Motion to approve the agenda by Eileen Flieler, Seconded by Daryl Austin. Motion carried.

8. Approval of the Minutes from March 18, 2024

Motion to approve the minutes by Warren Anderson, Seconded by Mike Hage.

Motion carried.

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Motion by Warren Anderson to accept the board as presented, Seconded by Janet Wilson. Motion carried.

9. Business Arising from the Minutes

10. Treasurer's Report – Ian.

Current bank balance: \$ 2,650.00

Reserve Account: \$8,983.00 as of March 17, 2025

Endowment Fund: \$124,000 as of January 31, 2025 (will give the museum \$4500 this year)

Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report by Catherine Grant, Seconded by Eileen Flieler. Motion Carried.

CDHS Financial statements presented by Ken Hook. More money was spent than in previous years because we had only one government grant to pay our student employees while we have received two grants in the past.

Motion by Carolyn McCulloch to accept the financial statement, Seconded by Daryl Austion. Motion Carried.

11. Committee Reports

Membership-Daryl Austin

We currently have 60 members. (one new member today)

Fundraising – Cathy Newcombe

CDHS is seeking volunteers for the museum and for fundraising. Cathy Newcombe discussed a Fernleigh lodge outing (Boat tour, meal, silent auction) as a fundraiser. June 14th was suggested for the outing with 50 people. (This will be in place of a bus trip) We are also looking for volunteers among members to volunteer for a day of work at the museum.

12. New Business

If any other reports need to appear in the CDHS newsletter, please send them to Cathy Hook as soon as possible.

Carolyn spoke about the Spring Market Extravaganza on Apr.19, 2025 at the Lions Hall in Northbrook.

Red Emond spoke about the Speaker's forum, Dog Guide Walk on May 25th, and a Casino night at the end of the month. The cost for the casino entry is \$20 per person (you are given \$1000 in play money) There will be prizes and draws. (March 29th) The Lions Club "Catch the Ace" is going well.

Outgoing president Ken Hook spoke fondly of his role as president. Our next president is Cathy Newcombe.

13. Adjournment- Motion by Janet Wilson to adjourn, Seconded by Cathy Newcombe. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.