

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting held on June 26, 2023 the Cobble Hill Hall located at 3550 Watson Avenue @ 7 pm.

Those present: Roger Painter – Painter, Roy Davies – Vice President, Robin Brett – Treasurer, Irene Evans, Gord Dickenson, Heather Dickenson, Kathy Pringle, Mike Wilson, Shirley Cooke, Jayne Shaw, Russell Dann and Gerry Giles – Secretary.

The agenda for general meetings and annual general meetings is set in the bylaws of the Society.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:02 p.m.

Moved/second
minutes of preceding AGM in November be accepted.

CARRIED

President's report: Roger indicated the following had been done over the past several months. Rentals had increased, the meat pie program has become very popular, Seedy Saturday and the Easter Egg Hunt were also very popular this year. The Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by Bill and Dee Motherwell with our appreciation. The fire extinguishers in all three buildings have been updated and the Youth Hall was updated by volunteers, again with our appreciation. Work Parties have kept the grounds clean and a new lawn mower has been purchased by grant funds from the Duncan Dabbers Bingo Society. Also, indicated he has become the Fair chair and it is an enjoyable learning process.

Treasurer's report – Robin reported the Balance Sheet shows we have funds set aside for our insurance payment due this fall and we also have funds set aside for the Fair floats. We have a reserve account for a BC government Fairs grant which must be spent on specific Fair expenses and a Fair Technical Reserve account which is United Way grant money that must be spent to update technical abilities for the Fair, including equipment, Wi-Fi, and electrical.

At the end of June, we are holding substantial deposits for upcoming events in Accounts Receivable and we are also awaiting money for GST returns.

On the Income Statement, money is starting to come in for the Cobble Hill Fair. We have issued a cheque to pay for the fencing and portable toilets, but that is not showing up in the expenses yet, because I am awaiting their invoice. I will make sure to get that invoice and it gets entered in June.

As usual, Hall and Grounds is in a deficit position. The meat pie program is doing well. We had plenty of pies to fill pre-orders and for a public sale in May/June. The 268 remainder of meat pies were donated to the Food Bank in June. The Institute section is also in a loss position which will turn around in September when we get the CVRD grant. The Show and Shine portion of the statement is just starting and won't show any profit until the event takes place in July. Part of the Show and Shine profit will also come into the catering portion of this statement because we will make more money on the catering.

The only other noteworthy point on the Income Statement is the Centennial Fund – Main Hall Addition. We have filed all the reports and received acknowledgement of their receipt, and we expect \$12,180 which is the remainder of the grant money owed to us.

Moved/second the treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

Secretary's Report – Gerry said not only have rentals increased but the Show & Shine and Fair duties are also ramping up. We successfully applied for and received a technology grant to improve our WiFi access, upgrade our program capability and train volunteers on computers and squares which will be a tremendous help for events like the Show & Shine and the Cobble Hill Fair. This equipment is now being purchased and will be installed. Some volunteers will be trained hopefully in time for the Show & Shine and others will be trained for the Fair.

The Fair Catalogue is coming together, but sponsorship is down this year and it is causing some concern as some of the major sponsors have not come in. We will be okay but it does mean we will have to look at ways to cut back on spending. The catalogue will be in print and available for distribution in mid July. There will be both a 4-H horse and poultry show this year which is wonderful.

The BC Lottery Corporation's Capital Grant program for the potential of replacing the floor in the Cobble Hill Hall. The floor does qualify for the Capital Grant program, which is a competitive grant process with an intake from June 5th to August 3rd 2023.

The Seniors Lunch program is going well with numbers increasing to over 100 paying customers therefore with volunteers we are now feeding close to 125 at each meal.

We do have some pot pies left from the last effort and I am suggesting we donate those to the CMS Food Bank. We can then start fresh in October when we begin selling meat pies again after the summer break.

Roger reviewed the Fair Minutes which were sent out with the agenda.

As there were no new business items the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gerry Giles". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Gerry Giles
Secretary