

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE/HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, September 29, 2014, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Ron Hackett (chair), Ross Kelterborn, Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter Vandermaas

Regrets: Nancy Maitland

1. Call to order

- 7:30 p.m.

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of August 11th, 2014

- moved by Ross/Peter that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Nancy will make a DVD of the video on the history of Wellesley which Ross brought in
- preservation of the dam and pond - Ross has spoken again to Geoff VanderBaaren regarding the issue and he has also put on file at the township office a report on grants available to pursue preservation work of this kind.

- the women's group scheduled to visit on September 23rd arrived late and were unable to have a tour.

- the ABC Festival was well attended and there were a number of visitors to the Historical Room. One book, one Steckley DVD and two maps were sold. Nancy had previously thought she would be unable to attend so had made up extra time in August. However she was here for the whole day. Moved by Ross/Peter that Nancy be paid for the extra time put in on September 28th. Carried.

5. Treasurers' Reports

- Carol reported that there is \$1498.59 in the Heritage Society chequing account and that a GIC for \$6599.45 was renewed on December 23rd, 2013 (no change).

- Diane reported that there is \$2311.97 in the Historical Society chequing account (no change).

6. Communications

- none.

7. Curator's Report (read by Ron)

- appended

8. New Business

- none

9. Next Meeting - Tuesday, November 4th, 2014, 7:30 p.m

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (moved Carol/seconded Garry).

Curator's Report (September, 2014) - submitted by Nancy Maitland

- helped a researcher with family history - Bueche/Leyes families St. Clements
- after Doug McKay donated several photos, I did some research one of them - SS #17 - Crosshill and connected with someone doing research on the Bird/Rennie families. I sent her a few photos from the Jessie Harkness collection and she sent me two new photos - group of women (all identified) and Andrew Playford's farm (I will show these to you at the next meeting)
- added information to object and photo database from old accession sheets to get the database ready for testing with some collection management software
- tested a demo version of free collection management; still learning all about it
- worked on accession records and donor forms to bring them up to date (ongoing/in progress)
- visited Hilda Koch and got more documents from her (to be sorted and listed)
- added 270 files to database (Maple Leaf Journal research files)
- contacted a Hawke family descendent for more information; also researching Michael Peter Empey for a local history course I am taking; I hope to submit this for inclusion in the Waterloo Historical Society annual volume in 2015 (2014 is full)
- arranged to meet a group of women for a tour of the historical room on September 23, but they were very late and I could not stay longer to accommodate them
- re Jack Koehler's scrapbooks - I called Wib Wagner and got Bob McLaughlin's contact information. I have not had a chance to call him
- got the room set up for the ABC Festival
- added 4 photos to our instagram account since the last meeting; we now have 40 photos posted and 28 followers

Web site stats - August 1-24, 2014

195 visits
169 unique visitors
493 page views
2.5 pages/visit
1:54 duration of visit
78.5% new visitors
21.5% returning visitors