

Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 6 PM 12 May 2025 Memory Lane Village Cookhouse

Board Present:

Oscar Costa (Chair), Darrell Boutilier (Vice-Chair), Nancy Loban (Treasurer), Linda Marks (Secretary), Aaron Zinck (Director), Alison Froese-Stoddard (Director), Darlene Meade (Director), Kateryna Kharchuk (Director), Kristy Sanders (Director), Tim Lambert (Director),

Regrets:

Thea Wilson-Hammond (Executive Director), Mary-Jo Monk (Director), Shannon Taylor (Director), JoAnne Murray (Director), Mike Sanders (Director)

Members / Guests Present:

Kent Smith (MLA), David Hendsbee (Councillor), Wayne Hopkins, Rosemary Tourangeau, Bernice Weeks, Tyler J. Burke, Kelly Isenor, Adam Campbell, Brenda Hattie, Andrea Richardson, Glenda Thompson, Gail Lambert, Sheila Crawford, Sheila Livingston, Rusty Swinehammer, Fraser Banfield

Opening Remarks: MLA Kent Smith gave opening remarks and congratulated the Society and Memory Lane for hosting many successful events.

Financial Statements, Minutes and Committee Reports were available prior to the meeting on the Memory Lane website.

1. Call Meeting to Order

Board Chair, Oscar Costa called the meeting to order and on behalf of the Board and staff thanked members for attending and Kent Smith for his remarks.

2. Review of Minutes Annual General Meeting (AGM) of 13 May 2024

Motion that the Minutes of 13 May 2024 be approved with one correction that Darlene Meade be listed as Treasurer.

Moved: Oscar Costa

Seconded: Kristy Sanders

All in favour: Carried

3. Report from Executive Director (ED)

Aaron Zinck presented a summary of the past year.

A few of the highlights are:

- Attendance was presented by event category and noted that attendance has returned to pre-pandemic numbers.
- It was a good year for special events and rentals.
- Volunteer Revitalization Program has been completed.
- A special exhibit on the contributions of African Nova Scotians to the forest industry was mounted during the Forest Festival.
- A new play from Heat Theatre was presented based on a true fishing community tragedy

- A new scanner was acquired for the Archives
- New U-Tube videos and Story Maps were completed
- Heritage Spotlight Talks were presented.
- A Musique Royale Concert and dinner event was presented
- Work continues on the Climate Reality Infrastructure Management Project (CRIMP). The project involves major improvements to the Archive Storage Facility, Cookhouse and Clam Factory.

Motion that the Executive Director Report be approved as presented

Moved: Sheila Livingston

Seconded: Darlene Meade

All in favour: Carried

4. Audit Committee Report

The Committee consisted of LCAHS members Maureen MacDonald and Glenda Thompson and Board members Darlene Meade, Darrell Boutilier and Nancy Loban.

Darlene reported on behalf of the Audit Committee.

Motion that the Audit Committee Report be approved as circulated

Moved: Darlene Meade

Seconded: Darrell Boutilier

All in favour: Carried

5. Financial Report

Nancy Loban presented the 2024 Financial Statements, as prepared by accountant Andrew MacLeod and reviewed by the Audit Committee and the Board.

A snap-shot was provided of our Financial Position as of 31 Dec 2024 and it was noted that full statements of Receipts and Disbursements are available on the Memory Lane website. Comparisons were made with 2023. Nancy noted that:

- The Society is in good shape and our assets have grown.
- 2024 ended with an operational surplus

A question was asked regarding "Special Projects". Nancy briefly described the Climate Reality Infrastructure Management Project (CRIMP) and noted that it will be carried over into 2025

Motion that the 2024 Financial Statements be approved as posted

Moved: Nancy Loban

Seconded: Allison Froese-Stoddard

All in favour: Carried

Motion that Andrew MacLeod of Etter MacLeod & Associates be reappointed as Accountant

Moved: Nancy Loban

Seconded: Tim Lambert

All in favour: Carried

Members present were asked if anyone would like to sit on the 2025 Audit Committee. There were no volunteers.

6. Nomination Committee Report and Elections

The Committee consisted of Aaron Zinck (Chair), Kristy Saunders and Shannon Taylor.

On behalf of the Board and members Aaron bid a fond farewell to departing Board members Oscar Costa, Alison Froese-Stoddard, Darlene Meade, JoAnne Murray and Tim Lambert, and thanked them for their service.

A welcome was extended to new Board members Kelly Isenor, Adam Campbell and Gail Lambert. Gail has previously served as a Board member.

There were no nominations from the floor.

Aaron explained that the Nominations Committee could not find anyone to accept the nomination as Board Chair so as a solution Darrel Boutilier and Aaron offered to act as Co-Chairs.

Discussion ensued. Questions arose: Who would break a potential tie vote? Who would sign documents? Do the current by-laws permit Co-Chairs? Aaron noted that it was intended to be a temporary solution to the absence of a nominee for the position and that it was obvious that additional discussion was needed and the Bylaws will be addressed.

The Board of Directors 2025-2026:

Executive:

Aaron Zinck (Co-Chair)
Darrell Boutilier (Co-Chair)
Nancy Loban (Treasurer)
Linda Marks (Secretary)

Directors:

Adam Campbell
Gail Lambert
Kateryna Kharchuk
Kelly Isenor
Kristy Sanders
Mary-Jo Monk
Michael Sanders
Shannon Taylor

Motion to accept the 2025 Board, as nominated.

Moved: Aaron Zinck

Seconded: Wayne Hopkins

Motion: Carried

New Business:

Memory Lane's 25th Anniversary

Councillor David Hendsbee presented a cheque for \$10 K to commemorate Memory Lane's 25th Anniversary.

Tim Lambert thanked David for attending and for his two decades of service to the community.

Oscar asked that past and current members and volunteers RSVP to attend the 25th Anniversary Homecoming "Village Builders" event on 25 May 2-6 PM.

7. Adjourn : The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM

Respectfully submitted

Linda Marks

Secretary