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SIMCOE COUNTY
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting



ANNUAL REPORT

May 18, 2010

President's Report

Annual General Meeting, 2010

Preserving the Past in the Present for the Future

The Annual General Meeting is always a time of reflection, as well as an opportunity to consider how the Association can develop to meet the needs of our county. We have provided a number of interesting and varied topics during the past year for our public meetings, as seen in the committee reports section. Our finances continue to support our endeavours, and our newsletter keeps the interest of our membership while providing a regular update as to the activities around the county.

We know that many of our member organizations are hard at work collecting, preserving and publishing our local history as well as educating the community at large. There is an amazing variety of projects that spark the interest of history minded folk throughout Simcoe County.

Now we enter into the great season of summer; what a time to relax, to garden (not always compatible), to vacation, to read in a shady spot and to enjoy the lack of meetings. It's also a good time to do local drives and investigate some of the wonderful historical places and beautiful vistas we have in Simcoe County. Don't forget to visit our local museums with your visiting friends and relatives!

As we look to the future of the SCHA, we are encouraged by increasing attendance numbers at our regular meetings. Our recent past meeting, a partnership with the Barrie Historical Association, allowed for our groups to pool funds and personnel to procure an exceptional speaker with a good turnout. The Board has been brainstorming how to add even more interest to our meetings and will be approaching Member Societies to consider sharing a speaker and a meeting time and location (your place or ours).

The Simcoe County Historical Association looks forward to the coming year as we continue preserving Simcoe County's great history in the present for the future.

Mrs. Helen Coutts
President

SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2009-2010

Officers

<i>Past President</i>	Brad Rudachyk
<i>President</i>	Helen Coutts
<i>First Vice President</i>	
<i>Second Vice President</i>	Mark Fisher
<i>Corresponding Secretary</i>	Jill Hynes
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	Ellen Millar
<i>Treasurer</i>	Gord Harris

Standing Committee Chairpersons

<i>Archaeological, Historical & Heritage Sites</i>	Brad Rudachyk
<i>Fundraising</i>	
<i>Historical Research & Education</i>	
<i>Media Relations & Public Awareness</i>	Gord Hanson
<i>Membership</i>	Earl Elliott
<i>Newsletter</i>	Jill Hynes
<i>Political Action</i>	
<i>Programme</i>	
<i>Publications & Sales</i>	
<i>Social</i>	Doug Hamilton

Directors-at-Large

Glenn Kearsley, Stephen Milne, Earl Elliott, Pat Elliott

Representatives from Member Societies

Barrie Historical Association	Doug Hamilton
Essa Historical Society	Marg Baker
Fort Willow Improvement Group	Gord Hanson
Friends of the Simcoe County Museum	Doug Hamilton
Heritage Barrie	Kathleen Fry
Innisfil Historical Society	Ross Wallace
OPP Museum	Dorothy Duncan
Orillia Museum of Art and History	Ross Wallace
Simcoe County Archives	Ellen Millar



MINUTES OF S.C.H.A. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, MAY 19, 2009

TIME: 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: ANAF Hall, 7 George St., Barrie, Ontario

DIRECTORS PRESENT: Helen Coutts, Dorothy Duncan, Earl Elliott, Pat Elliott, Mark Fisher, Doug Hamilton, Gord Hanson, Jill Hynes, Ellen Millar, Brad Rudachyk, Ross Wallace

REGRETS: Kathleen Fry

1. WELCOME

Helen Coutts welcomed everyone to the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Simcoe County Historical Association. She mentioned the Silent Auction that was in progress and asked Jill Hynes to say Grace before dinner.

2. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the 2009 Annual General Meeting of the Simcoe County Historical Association to order at 7:15 p.m. She spoke on behalf of the Simcoe County Warden and Council, and invited representatives from affiliate historical societies and other friends to say a few words.

3. GREETINGS FROM AFFILIATE ASSOCIATIONS AND FRIENDS

Margaret Baker announced that the Essa Historical Society was celebrating its 30th Anniversary on May 30, 2009 in Baxter. Tickets for the luncheon were still available at a cost of 10 dollars. New members are always welcome.

She then spoke on behalf of the Innisfil Historical Society and noted that there was another bus tour coming up.

Mark Fisher, representing Barrie Historical Association, reported that he is organizing a joint meeting with Simcoe County Historical Association.

Gord Hanson described the changeover from the Fort Willow Improvement Group to the Friends of Historic Fort Willow. The new group is still in the organizational stage and an article about its activities will be published in the SCHA's newsletter.

Helen Coutts noted that the Midhurst Historical Society meets at the library on the third Monday of each month.

Ross Wallace reported that the final meeting of the Orillia Historical Society's spring program would be held on May 20, 2009, 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

Helen Coutts spoke about the 2009 Historica Fair held at the Simcoe County Museum in April.

Geoff Booth, representing the Oro-Medonte Historical Society spoke about the 160th Anniversary of the Oro African Episcopal Methodist Church. A service and spiritual celebration will be held at the Church on October 3, 2009, with The Nathaniel Dett Chorale headlining the performers.

Dr. Linda Ambrose, Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, Laurentian University, was pleased to announce the breaking news that at its last meeting the University's Senate approved the introduction, at the Georgian College Barrie campus, of fourth-year courses in History as well as a three-year B.A. in Anthropology program.

4. PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President commented that the President's Message printed in the Annual Report was a collaborative effort and invited the members to read it at their leisure. She spoke about the OPP Officer coming to the September membership meeting, as well as the OPP Museum's travelling exhibit which will be at the Simcoe County Museum at the same time. In October, Jamie Hunter will be giving an update about the reconstruction projects that have taken place since the 2007 fire at the Huronia Museum and Ouendat Village in Midland.

5. MINUTES OF THE 2008 SCHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

MOVED BY: Ellen Millar
SECONDED BY: Jill Hynes

THAT the minutes of the Simcoe County Historical Association Annual General Meeting held May 20, 2008 be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

6. RECEIPT OF THE 2008 SCHA FINANCIAL REPORT

The President thanked Jill Hynes for her work to fulfill the duties of Treasurer after Peter Wiseman passed away. She also thanked the members for overwhelmingly responding to the call for donations to assist with the purchase of a new laptop computer.

MOVED BY: Ellen Millar
SECONDED BY: Doug Hamilton

THAT the 2008 SCHA Financial Report be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

7. RECEIPT OF THE 2008 SCHA COMMITTEES REPORTS

MOVED BY: Brad Rudachyk
SECONDED BY: Gord Hanson

THAT the 2008 Annual Reports of SCHA Committees be adopted as distributed.

CARRIED

8. a) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Doug Hamilton, a Past President of the Association, assumed the Chair and presented the report of the Nominating Committee. He then opened the floor and called for further nominations. Ellen Millar nominated Mr. Gordon Harris for the position of Treasurer of the Simcoe County Historical Association. The Chair called two more times for further nominations and then, hearing none, declared nominations closed and the slate of candidates for the SCHA Executive acclaimed.

President: Mrs. Helen Coutts
Immediate Past President: Dr. B.E.S. Rudachyk
Second Vice President: Mr. Mark Fisher
Treasurer: Mr. Gordon Harris
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Jill Hynes
Recording Secretary: Ms. Ellen Millar

8. b) APPOINTMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT AUTHORITY

The name of Al Cuzen was presented to be the Association's Independent Audit Authority. Doug Hamilton called for further nominations from the floor and, hearing none, he declared Mr. Cuzen acclaimed to the position.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9. a) Media and Public Relations Committee

Gord Hanson, Chair, Media and Public Relations Committee, spoke about his work to keep the membership informed of the Association's activities through *News and Views* and via the website, on which details of meetings will be kept current.

9. b) Fundraising

The Silent Auction raised \$216.00 for the Association.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MOVED BY: Ellen Millar

THAT the business portion of the 2009 SCHA Annual General Meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

11. GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Brad Rudachyk, Immediate Past President, introduced Geoff Booth as the Annual General Meeting's guest speaker. Mr. Booth is an instructor in the Laurentian University at Georgian College program. He gave a detailed presentation about how the teaching of music has evolved and developed over time, how music instruction was placed in the overall context of education, and what was happening in the way of teaching music in the schools of late nineteenth-century Toronto. Jill Hynes thanked Mr. Booth for his talk, and President Helen Coutts brought the evening to a close at 9:30 p.m.

Helen Coutts
President

Ellen Millar, B.A. (Hons), M.A.S.
Recording Secretary

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SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Annual Financial Report For 2009

Balance Chequing Account, January 1, 2009	764.86
Add Deposits in 2009	8143.00
Less Expenses in 2009	<u>7863.04</u>
Balance, December 31, 2009	1044.82
Balance Advantage Savings Account , January 1, 2009	3612.42
Interest Earned 2009	<u>38.03</u>
Balance, December 31, 2009	3650.45
GICs (Value as of December 31, 2009)	<u>10202.17</u>
Total Assets, December 31, 2009	14897.44

Receipts

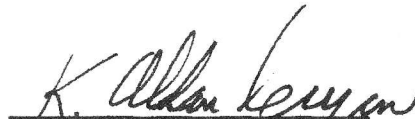
Annual Meeting	1562.00
Donations	2121.00
County Grant	1500.00
Provincial Grant	911.00
Interest	320.03
Memberships	1129.00
Publications	<u>638.00</u>
Total Receipts	8181.03

Expenditures

Annual Meeting	1713.50
Bank Charges	21.10
Community Partnership Projects	1250.00
Honoraria	600.00
Insurance	1026.00
Memberships	91.50
Miscellaneous	61.05
Postage	181.70
Publications	1401.08
Rent	163.80
Stationery/Equipment	1281.91
Web Site	<u>71.40</u>
Total Expenditures	7863.04



Treasurer - Gordon Harris



Reviewed by K. Allan Cuzen

MEDIA RELATIONS AND PUBLIC AWARENESS REPORT

We began our year with our March meeting, where Gwen Patterson informed us about the Drummond Islanders, their records and legacy. In April, Michael Millar provided stunning images to accompany his talk on Grosse Ile history. Last May, our Annual General Meeting took place at the ANAF hall with SCHA member and Laurentian at Georgian professor Geoff Booth as our speaker. On September 15, we began our fall session with two members of the OPP reporting on their unique experiences in the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Patrol through Ontario's northland. In October, Jamie Hunter updated our knowledge of the Huronia Museum and their rebuilding campaign. November was a busy month to end the year with the Accessibility Tool Kit seminar with Rob Leverty of the OHS and our regular meeting with members of the RCAF Museum and their presentation on the 100th Anniversary of Flight.

The efforts of Pat Elliott keep our website up-to-date while Gord Hanson provides information to the local media to keep our community informed regularly.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Earl Elliott

2008 Final Memberships: Members plus Complimentary Personal and Institutional mailings

186 Members

NEWSLETTER REPORT

Jill Hynes: Editor

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Once again, the regular input of our readers and information from our member societies allowed *News and Views* to provide important reports, event details, and intriguing correspondence. Thank you for the articles, inquiries and activity reports *News and Views* receives on a regular basis. Without them, we would not be aware of all the remarkable projects, museum displays, and events that take place throughout the year in our beautiful county.

I continue to welcome any articles, or even a series of articles, to help inform our membership of stories, projects or documents that are not widely available. Photographs of your recent event are always welcome too.

News and Views continues to provide a current, detailed coming events section to help us keep the county informed of your activities as well as our own. We hope you will keep *News and Views* in mind as another place to advertise your events.

COMING EVENTS OF MEMBER SOCIETIES

- Alliston Historical Society** Jackie Baillie
435-5626 or cknowles@rogers.com Museum on the Boyne, Fletcher Cres., Alliston 2:00 p.m.
Second Wednesday of the month Feb. to June and Sept. to Nov.
- Barrie Historical Association** Doug Hamilton
726-1290 City Hall Rotunda, 7:30 p.m. www.barriehistorical.com
- Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association** Vera Stoddart
905-775-3600 Bradford Library 2:00 p.m.
- Collingwood and District Historical Society** Joan Miller
Collingwood Library, Collingwood, 8:00 p.m.
May 29 – Tour of Historic and Architecturally Interesting Collingwood Homes
- Craigeleith Heritage Depot**
Beaver Valley Community Centre, Thornbury – 1-2 p.m. – Call 444-2601 www.thebluemountains.ca
- Essa Historical Society** Olive Lee
Thornton Library – 1:30 p.m.
June 19 – Annual Mystery Bus Tour by Brian Baker in conjunction with Innisfil Historical
- Friends of Historic Fort Willow** Gord Hanson
<http://fortwillow.com>
Sept. 18 – Nine Mile Portage Heritage Festival
- Genealogical Society** Linda Mitchell
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints 79 Ferris Lane, Barrie, 2:00 p.m. www.simcoebogs.com
June 5 – Adele McAlear – Social Networking and your Digital Legacy as it applies to Genealogy
Sept. 11 – Sue de Groot – Ontario – Dead and Buried – Accessing the Records
- Huronian Museum/Huron Ouendat Village** Jamie Hunter
526-2844 549 Little Lake Park Road, Midland www.huroniamuseum.com
- Innisfil Historical Society** Donna Wice
Knock Community Centre, 10th SR at 9th Line, Innisfil – 2:00 p.m.
June 19 – Annual Mystery Bus Tour by Brian Baker in conjunction with Essa Historical
- Midhurst Historical Society** Meagan Arnott
Meet at the Library, Finlay Mill Road 7:30 p.m. – third Monday of the month
- Museum on the Boyne** Rachelle Clayton
435-0167 250 Fletcher Crescent in Riverdale Park, Alliston
- Orillia Museum of Art and History** Daniel Byers
Meet at St. Paul's United Church, Peter St. and Coldwater Rd., Orillia, 7:30 p.m.
May 19 – Bud Trivett – The 100th Anniversary of the Canadian Navy
June 9 – OMAH's Bus Trip to the Peterborough Canoe Museum & Petroglyphs
At the Museum Gloria Taylor
326-2159 30 Peter Street South www.orilliamuseum.org
to May 29 – 16th Annual Orillia High School Art Exhibition
- Penetanguishene Centennial Museum and Archives** Nicole Jackson
549-2150 13 Burke St. at Beck Blvd. www.pencenmuseum.com
June 5&6 – Doors Open
June 12 – Victorian Tea
July 1 – Canada Day Celebrations
Sept. 25 – Settlers' Day
- Simcoe County Museum** Kelley Swift-Jones
728-3721 1151 Highway 26, Midhurst
June 3 – Night at the Museum gala
June 12&13 – Wheels and Tracks in Motion
- Stayner Historical Society** Dorothy-Ann Millsap
428-2917
- Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society** June Chambers
(905) 713-3439 Tec We Gwill Hall, Newton Robinson, 7:30 p.m.