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Simcoe County
Historical Association
Annual General Meeting
2021 Annual Report

SIMCOE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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AGM		
Agenda		
Meeting Date	Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 7pm	
Location	Zoom	
Type of Meeting	Annual General Meeting	
Opening		
Item #	Description	Owner
1	Call to Order & Welcome	Ted
General Business		
Item #	Description	Owner
2	Introduction of current board	Ted
3	Minutes of Previous AGM Meeting – March 23, 2021	Ted
4	Business Arising from Minutes	
5	President's Report	Ted
6	Treasurer's Report	Deb
7	Membership Report	
8	Election of Board Members for SCHA Board of Directors	Ted
9	New Business	All
10	In memoriam	
11	Adjournment	All
	Guest Speaker Dave Town: Yellowhead's Revolt	All

MINUTES OF THE 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
March 23, 2021 7pm by zoom
Held in ZOOM meeting format

In Attendance: 36 members and/or interested parties

Called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Ted Duncan who welcomed the attendees thanking them for their interest in SCHA or in the topic "Barns" Kudos to Deb Exel for her advance planning and setting up all the pertinent AGM documents.

The minutes of the 2020 AGM were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes moved by Donna Wice seconded by Deb Crawford. Carried. There was no business arising from the minutes.

President's Report:

Covid 19 changed everything in 2020 Cancellations became the norm this past year. Postponed were the following; • The Simcoe County Heritage Fair at the County Museum in April • The Heritage Business Award in October • Our Speaker Series • A planned History Conference in the Fall • Visits to our Member Societies and Associations

Continued were the following; • The publishing quarterly of our "News & Views" newsletter to tell Simcoe County's historical stories. • Development of a new Hunter Writing program for high school students to promote the writing of history in our County. • SCHA Community Partnership fund • Launched new website

Deb Exel presented the Treasurer's Report:

- Covid times have significantly reduced the number of banking transactions.
- Of special note was the funds received from Barrie Historical after their official end.
- SCHA maintains a healthy balance with evolving optimistic plans for 2021
- Moved by Deb Exel, seconded by Deb Crawford, to accept the Treasurer's Report and financial report as of Dec. 31, 2020. Carried.

In Memoriam

Donna Wice and many other attendees spoke of the wonderful qualities and skills of long-time SCHA member Josephine Boos.

Elaine Crossland was also remembered as a faithful and active BHA member

Membership Report

John Merritt noted the efforts made to follow up with long time members after no contact for several years. The personal touch has made an obvious difference as paid numbers reached 75.

Moved by Jan Blommaert/ Deb C to accept. Carried

Board of Directors amended slate for 2020:

- o President: Ted Duncan
- o Vice President: Mark Fisher
- o Treasurer: Dorothy McKeown nominated and accepted
- o Secretary: Donna Wice
- o Past President: Earl Elliott
- o Directors at Large: Deb Crawford, Deb Exel, Jan Blommaert, John Merritt
- o Moved by Siske Pratt and seconded Jan Blommaert to accept the slate of Directors for 2020. Carried.

New Business:

New initiatives for the future; • More Board Meetings by Zoom (we purchased a zoom licence). We are not limited by winter travel and can have meetings through the winter • Development of our partnership with member societies and associations that we call "Connections" (first meeting in November 2020). Through these connections, we hope to develop activities and projects that have County Wide appeal and bring our member communities together in common purposes. • Development of more activities on-line through speakers and other presentations.

Where did they come from?

While the Barns presentation was being set up, the opportunity to meet and greet one another arose. Attendees from Alberta, Florida and Sault St Marie were notable. Innisfil HS had 14 in attendance and former SCHA secretary Jean Campbell was welcomed.

President Ted introduced speaker Cathy Walton whose topic was Gentle Giants-Barns. This was a very well received taped presentation. Thank you Cathy

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. Secretary: Donna Wice

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2021 is over – welcome 2022 and a new normal!

It seems every year we begin with great expectations of things to come. A year ago, I didn't see the survival of yet another lock down as one of those great expectations but in hindsight, we have worked hard not just to survive but to grow and reach new heights.

Early in the year we were successful with our application to the County of Simcoe for a grant help us re-brand ourselves and make Simcoe County's first History Conference a reality. Of course, COVID and the third or was it the fourth wave that put a wrench in our plans! Everything has been deferred but rest assured our conference coordinators Deb Exel and Donna Wice are hard at work. We are gradually introducing our new look as we gear up for a great conference on September 10th, 2022.

But we didn't stop there. John Merritt re-developed the Andrew Hunter Writing Award challenging grade 10 students from across the County to submit essays on Canadian history. The three winners, one from Bradford District High School and two from Innisdale Secondary School Barrie awarded certificates, a history book, and a monetary gift in recognition of their submissions.

Zoom has been our modus operandi since the early COVID days and will likely continue. As much as we yearn to get together to exchange ideas and collaborate on plans, virtual meetings have allowed us to meet more frequently and maintain contact regardless of distance and weather.

This year we adapted our Speaker Series to the Zoom platform and hosted three sessions. Cathy Walton kicked it off during the 2021 AGM with her presentation on the Barns of Old Vespra. Ian McIlroy and Miriam King gave us a look at the happenings in the area from the perspective of local journalists in April. November brought Graeme Davis to the screen to enlighten viewers about the 33,000 acres of Simcoe County Forests.

One of our long-term goals has been to make connections with other heritage, and historical organizations and museums in the County to identify common ground and county wide projects or issues that are near and dear to all our hearts. While in-person meetings have not been possible (due to you-you-what) we were able to bring a few representatives together to launch the Barn Data Base as part of that initiative. Methodical photographing and listing the barns in Innisfil is underway. Oro-Medonte, Severn and Ramara Townships are complete. As we move forward, we hope to make the connections needed to expand the inventory. Volunteers are always welcome.

Your executive has undergone a few changes this year. Bruce McCrae joined the executive at the 2021 AGM. At that time, Deb Exel retired from the board however we have been unable to find a replacement treasurer. Thank you, Deb, for continuing in this role as a volunteer last year. Deb also continues to update our social media sites and our website. Again, thank you Deb for keeping our email, Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter presence alive. Our long-time editor Jill Hynes has retired from this role after 20 long years. Thank you, Jill, for all your work connecting our members through the SCHA News & Views. Our new editor for 2022 is Deb Crawford. John Merritt of course, re-introduced the Andrew Hunter Writing Awards but also handles all the membership tracking, enquiries, and yes, the reminders to "pay up please!". Donna Wice, our secretary, conference coordinator and Heritage Business Awards coordinator is quite the driver to keep things moving along. Thanks, Donna, for all your hard work.

And of course, last but by far not least Mark Fisher, our past president for your connection to the earlier days of the organization, speakers, articles etc. that keep us grounded. Thanks Mark. Amanda Wilce and Jan Blommaert have been working on the barn project and pitching in with other initiatives as well. But as you can see, there is no shortage of opportunity to contribute.

And finally, our membership. I would like to thank all our members for sticking with us the past couple of challenging years and encourage you to consider becoming more involved in the Simcoe County Historical Association; encouraging your friends, neighbours, and family to consider membership and becoming active in one of our projects or as part of our executive.

Thank you for all the support you have given me over the year as your President. I look forward to serving you again this year. Together we can celebrate the history of Simcoe County and let everyone "get to know your long ago".

Ted Duncan,
Board of Directors, President and Chair
Simcoe County Historical Association

TREASURER'S REPORT



Financial Report as of December 31, 2021

ADJUSTED PER BANK RECONCILIATION -see adjustments on the right of this page

	December	TD CARRIES FORWARD	2021 Budget	2020 Actuals
INCOME				
Acc#	(BANK TRANSACTIONS)			
4070 Donations (Unrestricted)	102.76	1,045.08	250.00	1,458.78
4080 Donations (Restricted)		1,000.00	250.00	500.00
4020 Grants		7,960.75	1,000.00	1,159.00
4050 Memberships	171.68	1,500.00	1,000.00	1,451.83
4060 Revenue from events		0.00	100.00	0.00
4040 Publications & Consignment rev.		0.00	50.00	0.00
Funds Transferred from GIC		0.00		0.00
Funds transferred from Savings		0.00		0.00
TOTAL OPERATING INCOME	274.44	11,505.83	2,650.00	4,669.61
EXPENSE				
5830 AGM/Meeting Expenses		0.00	150.00	180.80
5750 Bank, Visa & PayPal Fees	36.18	47.68	50.00	50.21
6000 Speaker Series		300.00	500.00	0.00
5870 BHA Dispersements		0.00	2,500.00	0.00
5860 Partnership Grants (Applications)		500.00	1,500.00	0.00
5850 History Writing Awards		600.00	600.00	0.00
6030 Annual Signature Event		2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
5790 Insurance		486.00	975.00	972.00
5720 Memberships		60.00	100.00	60.00
5700 In Memorium		0.00	100.00	0.00
5810 Postage		141.23	300.00	161.92
5880 Stationary/Equipment		592.11	200.00	610.02
5820 Printing	-3.58	112.68	300.00	132.55
6500 Rent (P.O. Box)		224.87	250.00	224.87
5600 Marketing		0.00	750.00	40.68
5890 Website		226.00	500.00	500.30
5870 VARIANCE PER BANK (only in jan 20)		0.00		47.48
G.I.C. Transfer		0.00		0.00
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	32.60	5,790.67	11,275.00	2,980.83
OTHER INCOME (YTD) (Investment & Savings interest)				
Scotia Investment#6914709 (prev.GIC) Interest (from year-end T5 slip only)-Cash and Savings Accelerator	5,493.12	5,493.12		66.22
Term Deposit interest		0.00		0.78
Savings Account Interest	0.10	0.10	10.00	1.20
4035 TOTAL INVESTMENT INCOME	5,493.22	5,493.22	10.00	68.20
NET EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	5,735.06	11,208.48	-8,615.00	1,656.98
MERIDIAN BANK CHEQUING #7xx958-BANK RECONCILIATION:				
Receipts Less Expense YTD		11,208.48		1,656.98
Less interest earned, (savings & gic)		-5,493.22		-68.20
Add BEGINNING OF YEAR (JAN 1) BANK OPENING BALANCE		17,371.68		15,782.90
TOTAL-Balance as of END OF MONTH		23,086.94	Total YTD	17,371.68
1050 BAL.PER BANK STATEMENT-END OF MONTH Agrees above		23,086.94	from BANK	17,371.68
Other Assets				
INVESTMT - per Dec 31st only		5,499.20	agreed	5,485.33
1100 Savings Account Meridian #7xxx958		2,425.74	from BANK	2,424.55
1260 Term Deposit (Visa cash security)		642.80	agreed	636.75
Total Assets		31,654.68		25,918.31

Membership Report

We currently have 74 individual members, 29 member groups and 5 honorary members, for a total of 108 members of all kinds. This is an increase from the 99 total members I reported this time last year. All our gains have been in individual members -- our number of member groups actually decreased slightly since last year.

Unfortunately, so far only 19 of our members (less than 18%) have paid their fees for 2022. Remember that membership fees are due by the end of March each year. If you haven't yet paid your membership fees, please do! You can visit the membership page on our website, www.simcoecountyhistory.ca. If you have paid already, thank you! If you aren't sure you have paid or not, please send me an email at membership@simcoecountyhistory.ca and I can find out for you.

Thanks,

John Merritt
Membership Chair, SCHA

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In Memoriam

Olive Lee was a member of the Essa Historical Society since 1997 where she produced many calendars, history books and coordinated the unveiling of seven plaques of Essa Township. She served as secretary to the Historical Society for 23 years. For her service, Olive was elected to the Wall of Honor at the Museum on the Boyne in Alliston in 2012.