

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
March 21st, 2019

Present:

Murray Batten	Roberta Thompson	Judy Bryan	Annette Dunford
Margie Morrissey	Shelagh Landsman	Amie Brock	Ruth Benson

Regrets:

Doug Sims

Margie was nominated for chair by Judy Bryan and seconded by Ruth Benson

Amie was nominated for secretary by Judy Bryan and seconded by Roberta Thompson

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from September 26, 2018 adopted as read:

Moved: Ruth Benson Seconded: Judy Bryan

Business Arising:

-Doug will help with restoration of Log Cabins at Douro Ball Park

-2019 Budget was approved with \$6000 limestone kiln project, with \$5000 on reserve for planned work on the log buildings at Douro Ball Park, Council would like to know more about the proposed work and have a breakdown of what the \$5,000 would be used for.=

-Meetings will be the 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00 at the Douro-Dummer Library building

Police Check Policy is Currently under review.

Books - 6 are at the Library - not displayed, but there is a sign, 6 are at the Township office, 1 is in the Archives, Shelagh has 5, Happenstance sold 21 and still owes for 2 Shelagh will contact Susan

New Business:

-Margie suggested the we start to interview older residents about life in older times

-Memoirs can be collected and may eventually be put together as a book.

Suggested Names are: George McKeiver, Cassie McKeiver, Joyce Payne, Betty Watts, Ralph Payne, Joe Sullivan, Bernard Sullivan, Percy Little, Jean Little, (Margie's aunt??) Marcelle Mundell, Fred Fitzgerald, Julie Leahy, Anna Dyer, Jean Heffernan, Clara Beyer, Ray Cranley, Ralph Moore, Weity Hamersma, Teresa O'Grady, Wilma Maloney, Gary Miles, Mike Towns, Dave Clifford, Karl McKeiver, Marianne Sullivan, Betty and Hartley Moore, Harry Hamilton, Arnold Sage, Garry & Linda Mundell, Mike & Marcy Mundell, Lois Whetung, Joyce Payne, Donna Hampton, Zelda Cooper, Milt McCracken

Suggested Questions:

How did you get back and forth to school

Where did you go to school

Did your mother work outside the home

How old were you when you got your driver's license

Did you have to take a driving test

What was the first vehicle you drove

How much did you pay for your first car

Who's much was gas then

What was your favourite outing
What were your favourite foods that your mother made
What did your father do for a living
Do you remember when Neil Armstrong walked on the moon
Where were you when JFK died
When did you get hydro
What was your favourite Christmas present ever
How did your family spend Christmas
Who is the person who has influenced your life the most
What were the fads when you were young
Do you remember your teachers' names
Who was your principal
Do you remember the names of the kids in your classes
Did you play any sports or participate in any after school activities
Did you belong to any groups (4H, brownies, guides, cubs, scouts)
What was the most risky thing you've ever done in your life
What is something that you wished you'd asked your grandmother or grandfather
Who would you like to spend a day with (who is not living)
What was the happiest moment of your life
Which world events had the most impact on you
What are some of the oldest stories that you remember hearing when you were young
Who lived in your childhood home

Roundtable:

- Shelagh had an email from Mike Hendren in Vancouver, looking for family background info and she was able to put him in touch with Mike Hendren in Peterborough, as it turns out they were cousins!
- Shelagh recommended a book called Early Douro Settlers up to 1870 by the Kawartha Ancestral Research Association. We should have a copy for the Douro Library.
- Shelagh was speaking with Bob Deane from the Alnwick-Haldimand Historical Committee and he shared a few ideas with her such as: Streamlining meeting minutes by using the agenda as it makes the process quicker with less steps, Everyone on their committee has a job or position, they have put out a book called Township Tales - The cost to make is \$5.00 but they sell it for \$10.
- Shelagh to reach out to the Ministry of Tourism and Sport for Funding
- Ruth will update the display cabinet with a spring theme
- Amie will look into a solution for the grey marble spires at the english line cemetery, they have turned black
- Foundation has been built up around the old church located at the english line cemetery.

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 8:06pm
Moved by Judy Bryan, Seconded by Ruth Benson
Next meeting will be held Thursday April 18, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
April 25, 2019

Present:

Murray Batten	Roberta Thompson	Judy Bryan	Annette Dunford
Margie Morrissey	Shelagh Landsman	Amie Brock	Doug Sims

Regrets:

Ruth Benson

Guest:

J. Murray Jones

-Jim has ~200 interview notes from when he was interviewing local elders. He has always wanted to call the interviews "The Memory Project". Jim is willing to help with the interviews and add to the compilation.

-The interviews should be made available in both book form and video and placed in the archives upon completion.

-one on one interviews seem to be less confusing and the interviews should take place wherever the interviewee feels comfortable.

-We may look into a student to help with transcribing, Amie can help as well.

-Another question to ask can be of any farming memories.

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from March 21, 2019 adopted as read:

Moved: Annette Dunford

Seconded: Judy Bryan

Business Arising:

-Margie has called for quotes for a new metal roof for the log cabin, but needs help to take measurements between the rafters.

-Margie has collected interview questions from her aunt Cecilia Sheehan, but needs to collect more.

-More thought was put into the suggestion made by Bob Deane from the Alnwick-Haldimand Historical Committee, as using agenda for meeting minutes, but it was not very detailed and our current systems seems to be working adequately.

-Shelagh found out that Alnwick also gave a copy of their book to everyone who contributed to the book "Township Tales" 60 books in total were given out free of charge.

New Business:

-Margie suggested creating Sub-Committee's

-Betty Drain Provided a list of burial's from the Centre Dummer Cemetery. Most of the information came from doing ancestry research through death records. Most of the cemetery contains babies and small children. The list is to be put in the vault.

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:56pm

Moved by Judy Bryan, Seconded by Murray Batten

Next meeting will be held Thursday May 16th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
May 16, 2019

Present:

Murray Batten	Roberta Thompson	Judy Bryan	Annette Dunford
Margie Morrissey	Shelagh Landsman	Amie Brock	Doug Sims
Ruth Benson			

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from April 24, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Judy Bryan Seconded: Murray Batten
Carried

Business Arising:

-Measurements of roof rafters, distance between and number of them: Patrick Leahy will take the measurements, Doug to email pictures of the log cabins. Need to look at the practicality of restoring the cabins or are we just to preserve and protect the cabins.

-Memory Project: Interviews are to be completed before the December 10th meeting.

Shelagh Landsmann to interview Jean and Percy Little

Doug Simms to interview Whitey Hamersma

Annette Dunford to interview Clara Beyer, Joe Sullivan, Ray Cranley, Jean Heffernan, Wilma Maloney and Lois Whetung

Ruth Benson to interview Mike Towns and Joyce Payne

Amie Brock to interview Mundell's, Betty Watts, Anna Dyer, Milt McCracken, Doreen O'Connor, Isabel Drumm

Judy Bryan to interview Ralph Moore, Gary Myles and Harry Hamilton

Roberta Thompson to interview Ralph Payne, George McKeiver, Cassi Meade

Margie Morrissey to interview Helen Sheehan, Julie Leahy, Tony Van den Brook and Theresa O'Grady

-Sub-Committees - the following sub-committees have been created and assigned

Displays - Ruth Benson and Annette Dunford

Old Cemeteries - Doug Sims and Judy Bryan

Veterans - Roberta Thompson and Murray Batten

Communications - Amie Brock

Archives - Ruth Benson and Margie Morrissey

Family Histories - Margie Morrissey and Shelagh Landsmann

Memory Project - Amie Brock and Margie Morrissey

New Business:

-Deadline for Interviews will be December 10, 2019

-A discussion was had whether we should have a master sheet for the interviews and fill in the blanks - the consensus was No.

-A Discussion was had if we should do both video and book form - the favorable format is book form only

-Ruth had a call from Fairbanks Alaska from a gentleman that was a relative of Doctor Munroe, He was looking for Doctor Munroe's medical certificate and a book?

The Medical certificate is in a large frame we will discuss the best way to return the certificate to the family and look to see if we do have the book or not.

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 8:06pm

Moved by Roberta Thompson, Seconded by Judy Bryan, Carried

Next meeting will be held Thursday June 20th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
June 20, 2019

Present:

Roberta Thompson
Shelagh Landsman

Annette Dunford
Amie Brock

Margie Morrissey
Ruth Benson

Regrets:

Murray Batten

Judy Bryan

Doug Sims

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from May 16, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Roberta Thompson

Seconded: Ruth Benson

Carried

Business Arising:

-Log Cabin: There are no roof rafters on the log cabin but we can easily add cedar pole rafter then we would need the steel sheet for each side to form the roof.

-Memory Project: Interviews of Murray and Celia are typed up.

Annette has completed the interviews for Joe Sullivan, Jean Heffernan, Wilma Maloney and Lois Whetung, and the rest are progressing

-Dr. Munroe artifacts to return to relative: This has been shelved for now as we are waiting for the relative to call back with more information.

-Summer Break: It was decided that we would break for the summer and resume meetings again in September 2019. Moved by Ruth Benson, Seconded by Annette Dunford, Carried.

-Display - Ruth Benson and Annette Dunford will update for summer

New Business:

-Discussion on whether we should board the door of the cabin or fence it off.

-Can we sell the unused logs the help fund the repairs - Lang may be interested

-We have two old graders. It would be nice if we can paint or clear coat the to stop the rust and put them on display. We will discuss a place to display them. Shelved until September's meeting.

-We are out of books. Margie Morrissey and Shelagh Landsman to follow up on the funds from the book sales. We have discussed printing 30 more books through TF Graphics. Motion made by Annette Dunford and Seconded by Amie Brock. Carried.

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:56pm

Moved by Ruth Benson, Seconded by Annette Dunford, Carried

Next meeting will be held Thursday September 19th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
September 19th, 2019

Present:

Roberta Thompson
Shelagh Landsman

Annette Dunford
Amie Brock

Margie Morrissey
Ruth Benson

Murray Batten
Doug Sims

Regrets:

Judy Bryan

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from June 20th, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Annette Dunford

Seconded: Ruth Benson

Carried

Business Arising:

-Log Cabin: Amie Brock to look into the value of the logs and the possibility of selling the logs from the cabin that is not salvageable to fund repairs for the building we are trying to preserve.

-Memory Project: Interviews are still moving along and on track.

-Dr. Munroe artifacts to return to relative: We have had no further contact so this is being shelved until we hear something back.

-Display - Ruth Benson and Annette Dunford have updated for fall.

-Log Building Books - We have not done any reprints as there was some confusion on how the funds were to be separated with the library. This has been sorted out and the funds are now being put towards the budget for reprints.

New Business:

-Discussion on whether we should participate with the "Doors Open Peterborough" event on May 2-3rd, 2020. Can we co-ordinate with property owners for historical landmarks that are privately owned? We could exhibit the lime kiln - Margie and the Cottesloe and English line Cemeteries.

-Lime Kiln work is complete for 2019 - This consisted of mainly outside prep work. The next stage is to stabilize the inside, work on the main body and landscaping. Weity Hammersma estimates 3 more years until completion.

-Annette collecting information on Galesburg if anyone has info.

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:50pm

Moved by Ruth Benson, Seconded by Roberta Thompson, Carried

Next meeting will be held Thursday October 17th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
October 17th, 2019

Present:

Roberta Thompson
Amie Brock

Annette Dunford
Ruth Benson

Margie Morrissey
Doug Sims

Shelagh Landsman

Regrets:

Judy Bryan

Murray Batten

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from Sept 19th, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Roberta Thompson

Seconded: Ruth Benson

Carried

Weity Hammersma - Limestone Kiln Project

- Two retaining walls have been constructed to make the Kiln's safe
- There are three grades or layers to the Kiln, The first layer underground is shale, the shale was used to make lime. Cedar logs were fed to the kiln to make a hot coal fire that would melt the shale in order to extract the lime in order to tan hides. The second layer is flagstone - this makes up the inside of the kiln 6feet deep x 8-10inches wide. The third grade is common flagstone that you would find at Bubsy's pit. We could possible post some signs describing the types of stone used in the construction of the kiln.
- Weity would be willing to conduct a tour of the kiln when it is safe for visitors approximately around the middle of August, council would be welcome to attend the tour as well.
- Weity also suggested planting shrub or rock gardens to keep the weeds down.
- The estimated original build dates is 1880's,
- Weity estimates ~10 more years until completion - depending on yearly budget.

Business Arising:

-Interviews are still progressing, Annette will interview Bernard Sullivan and Roberta will interview Ruth Dunford.

-Log Building Books update: 5-6 were located at the Douro library. When we reprint we will add "reprint" and reprint date to the cover, motion made by Ruth Benson and seconded by Roberta Thompson. Shelagh will get approval for a Budget and we will print more when we get orders. The orders will be made through Margie Morrissey and will sell for \$30.00 per book. We will look into placing an ad with the Lakefield Herald and the Dummer news.

Value of Logs - Amie to contact Scott Wooten and Ray Northey to see if they would be interested in purchasing them.

New Business:

-Discussion on whether we should participate with the "Doors Open Peterborough" event on May 2-3rd, 2020 and we have decided not to take part this year.

- Budget:

Reprints - \$700

Advertising - \$150

Limestone Kiln Project - \$8000

Log Building tabled for 2020
Archive Maintenance - \$500

Total Budget - \$9350
Motioned by Ruth Benson and Seconded by Roberta Thompson

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 8:31pm
Moved by Ruth Benson, Seconded by Annette Dunford, Carried

Next meeting will be held November 21st, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Last meeting of the year will be held December 12th, 2019 @7:00

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
November 21, 2019

Present:

Judy Bryan
Amie Brock

Annette Dunford
Ruth Benson

Margie Morrissey
Murray Batten

Shelagh Landsman

Regrets:

Roberta Thompson

Doug Sims

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from October 17th, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Ruth Benson Seconded: Annette Dunford

Carried

Budget:

-Budget has not been decided and there are no talks as of yet

Log Cabin Books:

-Log Cabin #6 needs to be corrected, It should say John Leahy not Martin.

- Changes have been submitted to Mary-Jane Ferrill and the reprint date will be in brown ink centered on the bottom.

-We have requested 20 copies to be printed.

Value of Logs - Amie to contact Patrick Leahy for more information on the logs and see if the ball park is gated in the winter.

New Business:

-Annette has finished some research on Gaylesburg and has give out a map.

-If we need to cancel any meetings due to in climate weather etc calls will be made before 5pm.

Margie will call Shelagh and Amie

Shelagh will call Ruth and Judy

Amie will call Murray and Annette

Judy will call Roberta

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:39pm

Moved by Annette Dunford, Seconded by Amie Brock, Carried

Next meeting will be held December 12th, 2019 @ 7:00pm

Meeting of the Township of Douro-Dummer Historical Committee
At Douro-Dummer Library Building
December 13th, 2019

Present:

Judy Bryan
Amie Brock

Annette Dunford
Ruth Benson

Margie Morrissey

Shelagh Landsman

Regrets:

Roberta Thompson

Murray Batten

Meeting Minutes:

Previous meeting minutes from November 21st, 2019 adopted as read:

Adopted: Ruth Benson

Seconded: Annette Dunford

Carried

Budget:

-Budget has not been decided and there are no talks as of yet

Log Cabin Books:

-20 copies have been printed. 5 to Douro Library, 10 to Happenstance and 5 to Township Office

- Price is \$30.00 per book.

Value of Logs - Amie to contact Patrick Leahy for more information on the logs and see if the ball park is gated in the winter.

New Business:

-No new Business

Adjournment:

This Meeting was Adjourned at 7:29pm

Moved by Ruth Benson, Seconded by Judy Bryan, Carried

Next meeting will be held January 16th, 2020 @ 7:00pm