

Gatineau Valley Historical Society
Board Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2017 – Meredith Centre, Chelsea QC

Present: Marc Cockburn, Shirley Brown, André Renaud, Andrea Rowe (recording secretary), Bob McClelland, Louise Schwartz, Erik Rask and Linda Bardell

Regrets: Suzanne Gibeault

MINUTES

1.	Call to Order: Marc Cockburn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed all present.
2.	New Business/Approval of Agenda: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The meeting’s Agenda was approved, with additions of: Winter Trail map, daytime Board meetings, Irish Canadian history (see #14: New/Other Business) ▪ Motioned by André; seconded by Shirley
3.	Previous Minutes / Approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The minutes of the November 7, 2016 Board meeting were reviewed and approved with an edit in #6: “Theo Martin’s presentation will be moved to the Fall;” and #12: “Linda would continue to upload the Image Bank” Motedioned by Louise; seconded by Bob
4.	Finance / Budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shirley presented the updated 2016 financial statements that will be presented at the AGM next week. ▪ Approved: Motioned by Shirley; seconded by André ▪ They will also be approved at the AGM by the membership.
5.	Membership: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shirley e-mailed a reminder today to the 81 people who still owe the GVHS their membership fees.
6.	Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ February 13, 2017 AGM & Talk: The AGM is booked for February 13 to begin at 7:30 pm at the Chelsea Library and the launch of Rick Henderson’s new book about Philemon Wright will begin at 8:00 pm. We have been asked to videotape the talk but we don’t have the equipment to do so, particularly if he is giving a power point presentation with low lighting. We will offer to post his slide presentation on our web site. [Note for next year’s AGM: Let’s look for a sponsor who could provide coffee and cookies for attendees.] ▪ March 20th Event: Don Kealey and Lise St-Jean are confirmed at the Wakefield Library. ▪ April 17th Event: Louise has confirmed that the Larrimac Golf Course will host Lesley Strutt’s talk on the Strutt House. We had hoped to organize a private tour with her but it’s not possible. ▪ May Annual Dinner & Awards: The annual event will take place May 30 at Camp Fortune. The

	<p>meals are expensive (\$47 + tax and gratuities) and the room rental is an additional \$300. Suzanne will try to negotiate a lower price. It was suggested we post the menu on-line when it is finalized. Ian Tamblyn will sing some of the music he composed for the historical plays he's written and talk a bit about his research.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ June 2017: The Old Chelsea tour is still tentative; we were asked by the Municipality to postpone it a day because there is the Heritage Paddle event in Farm Point on the 17th. It was proposed that we move it to Monday evening, June 19th.
7.	<p>AGM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Board reviewed the Minutes from the last AGM. Mark will present the Minutes and ask for approval from the members at the AGM next week. ▪ Marc will pay tribute to Carol Martin by talking about her unsurpassed efforts to preserve the history of our region. ▪ Marc will present the GVHS President's report for 2016, then Shirley will present the report on finances and Louise on publications. ▪ Nomination Report – Carol Martin's Board position as Past President will not be filled. There are no more Directors positions to fill. Those up for renewal will be stand for re-election. Andrea Rowe will be up for election as a Director.
8.	<p>Newsletter/Facebook:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Newsletter just went out, will follow-up with Facebook posts this week. ▪ The Zone Loisirs/Chelsea Recreation Zone entry is due by February 20th. Marc will verify what information is currently in the flyer about the GVHS and update where necessary.
9.	<p>Publications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Hurling Down the Pine</i> – Bob to place a few copies in various small town bookstores that he visits occasionally ▪ The <i>Lowdown Canada 150</i> series is going well. Louise will let Nikki know that Andrea/Marc are interested in working with the LD on research into Indigenous history for a future issue. ▪ Chapters has a special display for Ottawa 150 that Louise noticed; she has the name of the person responsible and will suggest some GVHS historical books they could feature in their display.
10.	<p>Cemeteries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Old Chelsea Protestant Burial Ground: André reported that we can't apply to the same funder for more money to complete the two new walls that are needed, but there is the possibility that our project could fold into a bigger application being developed by the Municipality for an extensive walking trail through Chelsea. Also, TD has a fund that could cover the \$15,000 for signage that is needed. André will continue to monitor the situation. ▪ The Union Mission Park could possibly be renamed for Carol because she spear-headed its creation; a pew that she saved from the original Church could be moved into the Park and named in her honour. There will also be a bench on an NCC trail named for her.

11.	<p>Archives/Image Bank:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wright papers: We will ask Suzanne how work is going on typing up the list of images (now about 80 pages). ▪ New Computer: Shirley offered to make a gift of a \$250 computer to the GVHS for a tax receipt in that amount. This was gratefully accepted and will be used primarily by Marc.
12.	<p>Website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Erik distributed hard copies of the updated GVHS web site design that he has been working on. The Board gave him some small suggestions but was mostly thrilled with how much better it looks. He agrees that the GVHS heading at the top of the Home page needs to be redesigned (not our logo, just the typeface), but we're not sure who could do that for us.
13.	<p>Outreach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nothing to report.
14.	<p>New/Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Louise showed us the updated trail map that will be laminated and used for the Winter Trail Celebration February 26; it will then go up on the History Wall in the lobby at the Chelsea Library. It is important because it gives the perspective of how the Municipality has changed along the banks of the Gatineau River. ▪ Kevin Burke has been approached by the Irish Embassy and the NCC to put on two events for <i>Canada 150</i> in Ottawa celebrating Irish Canadian history. Louise will contact Kevin to say that we are willing to explore the idea with him and perhaps link him to people who have the capacity like Bob McLelland in Cantley, a town with a huge population of Irish descendents. We have to be careful because we don't program for Ottawa events; our involvement would be based on the re-use of the material that focusses on the Gatineau Valley. ▪ Because everyone on the Board is free during the daytime and space for the GVHS is already reserved for us at the Library, we will begin holding our meetings on Monday afternoons from 3:00 – 5:00 pm.
15.	<p>Next meeting / Adjournment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for: Monday, March 6 at Chelsea Library from 3:00 – 5:00 pm ▪ The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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