Welland Historical Society

April 15, 2013

Held at the Welland Historical Museum

Business Meeting called to order at 6:40 pm by Vice President Gloria Terreberry. President James Takeo absent. Secretary Chantal Julien recording minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were reviewed and amendments noted. With amendments, on motion made, seconded, and carried, the board approved the distributed minutes of the meeting held March 18th, 2013.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer John Skinner delivered report. Signatory paperwork at the bank is complete. A third signatory from the board recommended. Cheque for the renewal of the WHS with the OHS signed by signatories. Statement has been redirected to the Treasurer. A letter to the bank, giving individual signatories authority to view activity and balance of account requested by the board. Motion to accept request, seconded, and carried. Board to draft letter and deliver to the bank.

Membership Report: Marilyn Latham has acquiesced her position in Membership. An election will be held for said position amongst members. A transition is occurring with the Membership paperwork and monies paid up to March. The Friends of the WHS has grown from 129 to about 145 members this month. John Skinner, Treasurer, serving as acting Membership Chair until election.

Old Business:

- WHS mail is being directed to the Welland Historical Museum. An annual payment to the Museum has been made.
- Drafts for the new Constitution and Collection Policies have begun. They will be presented to the Society for ascension when completed.
- The Carnochan Award nominations are waiting upon official paperwork from the OHS. The WHS has agreed to nominate the Museum and the Historical Committee for the B. Napier Simpson Junior Award of Merit next year for the WHS’ 90th Anniversary.
- The Society has been promoting War of 1812 events on the Friends of the WHS website. A map outlining a route called Mills and Mauraders has been posted, and the print version is available through Information Niagara at the QEW near the Glendale exit.
- The Ontario Genealogical Society – Niagara Branch – Canadian Headstone Project has begun. Jamie Lee Charette, is the WHS’ Coordinator. She and Steve Fulton, Chair of the OGS, delivered a report. The first cemetery being recorded is Woodlawn. Brock University radio will be interviewing Jamie and Steve to promote the effort and muster volunteers.
- WHS is considering entry in the 52nd Rose Festival.
**New Business:**

- Secretary Chantal Julien is arranging a panel of past Rose Festival Queens for the May 2013 meeting. The Society voted to hold the meeting Tuesday, May 21st due to the long weekend.
- Announcements regarding regional Society meetings were made.
- The potential of another project, dealing with the recording of Land Registries, was discussed. This would be in conjunction with the OGS.

**Show and Tell:** Show and Tell began at 7:10pm after a recess. Art Groom, past President, brought a Philadelphia newspaper from the 1800s. Gloria Terreberry, Vice President, brought a Martin family patchwork quilt (1800s), a lap desk (1800s), a quill pen collection (1800s), seals (1800s), blotters (1800s), a writing collector’s handbook, and a Victorian how-to book on painting photographs.

**Presentation:** Ray Bedard, Collector, shared his collection of artifacts and military buttons. Vice President Gloria Terreberry shared illustrations on military uniforms from the 1700-1800s as complement. Ray’s presentation was a success with stories from Members shared and received with great enthusiasm.

Meeting adjourned shortly after 9pm.