Welland Historical Society
May 21, 2013
Held at the Welland Historical Museum

Business meeting called to order at 6:40pm by Vice President Gloria Terreberry. Chantal Julien, Secretary, in absentia. Vice President recording minutes. Vice President read resignation of James Takeo, President. Nominations for a new President forthcoming. In the interim, Gloria Terreberry serving as acting President.

Approval of Minutes: In the Secretary’s absentia, minutes will be ascended at the next meeting Monday, June 17.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasure John Skinner sent regrets that he is unable to attend. Prior to the meeting, the Treasurer reported to the acting President that the bank statements are being received successfully via the redirect. The OHS renewal has cleared. A full report will be given at the next meeting. Art Groom, past President, requested third signatory be nominated and designated. Acting President, Gloria Terreberry, accepted nomination and has been designated. This temporary role will be filled by the acting President until the position of Membership Chair has been filled.

Membership Report: The Friends of the Welland Historical Society facebook page has been disbanded. An official website is being designed for the WHS, with a complementary WHS facebook page. During the transition, Treasurer John Skinner has been serving as acting Membership Chair. Secretary Chantal Julien has received paperwork from Marilyn Latham, and is responsible for delivery of paperwork to Treasurer.

Program Coordinator: A Program Coordinator description is being drafted with the new Constitution; a Program Coordinator will be nominated and elected at our next meeting.

Old Business:

- WHS mail is being directed to the Welland Historical Museum
- The new Constitution and Collection Policy are in draft form and will be presented to the Society for ascent at the earliest for next meeting
- We are awaiting paperwork from the OHS for the Carnochan Award nominations
- Postponement of participation within the Rose Festival Parade has been suggested until next year due to transition within the Society
New Business:

- Jamie Lee Charette, WHS Coordinator for the Canadian Headstone Project gave her regrets for being unable to attend – Steve Fulton, Chair of the Ontario Genealogical Society, presided on her behalf and delivered the WHS report on outings and successes of the project – 3 headstones have been repaired, and authorities have been notified about 2 more that are unstable; Woodlawn Cemetery has now been recorded and is in the process of being transcribed
- Nora Reid, Executive Director of the Welland Historical Museum, has offered the access of their social media sites to advertise WHS meetings and guest speakers; the Society is to contact the Museum’s Communications Officer for meeting or event news
- Regional Society meetings and War of 1812 events announced

Presentation: At 7:10pm, Penny Morningstar, Archivist for the Welland Historical Museum, delivered a presentation to the Society on Yousuf Karsh, the photographer. After the presentation, the Society travelled upstairs to view a short movie clip on the life of Karsh. Following the movie, Members and guests were treated to an exclusive viewing of the Karsh photographs held by the Museum. Several Members and guests, being familiar with the photographs, the people within them, and having been present during the taking of these photos, spoke about meeting Karsh and watching him work. The story of how the Museum received these photographs from Atlas Steel was shared.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.