

THE BEACH AND EAST TORONTO
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Annual Report

Presented to the members

Tuesday, June 07, 2016



Annual General Meeting MINUTES Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at Beaches Branch Library

Uwe Sehmrau, Vice-President of the Society, announced that he would be chairing the meeting on behalf of John Ellis, the President, who was not in attendance due to health concerns.

The Chair called on the Registrar, Wayne Clutterbuck, to confirm attendance. Wayne reported that there were 21 in attendance and 5 proxies. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. **Consider minutes of the last AGM**

Mary Campbell moved approval of the minutes of the 2014 AGM, seconded by Wayne Clutterbuck and carried.

2. **Receive the report of the Board of Directors**

The Chair referred to the report that was sent to the members. *Barbara Myrvold moved approval of report of the Board of Directors, seconded by Edythe Gerrard and carried.*

3. **Receive the report of the Membership Secretary and the report of the Treasurer and review the Financial Statement (Agenda items 3 and 4)**

Wayne Clutterbuck reported that there were 36 members as of March 31. He added that there are 47 members as of today. He referred to the Treasurer's report that was sent to the members.

William Scott moved approval of the Membership Secretary's Report and Treasurer's Report, seconded by Norm Holman and carried.

4. **Consider Unfinished Business (Agenda item 5)**

No unfinished business was reported.

5. **Constitution/By-laws** (*Agenda items 6 and 7*)

It was agreed that Agenda Items 5 and 6 could be combined. Uwe discussed the work that the board has been doing on the society's constitution and by-laws. A member asked whether the OHS would provide feedback about our submission. Uwe answered that the OHS does not give advice about the constitution and by-laws. Uwe reported that upon advice from our legal counsel, we changed quorum as set out in the draft By-laws to 20% attendance of the total membership so that business could still be conducted at meetings. A member asked why a description of proxies was not contained in the by-laws. Uwe answered that this description can be found in the Ontario Corporations Act and therefore is not needed in the by-laws. Uwe showed the proxy form which was supplied by legal counsel to the society. Uwe said that the board will create a proxy form for the society. Uwe said that the board plans to re-submit the by-laws and constitution to legal counsel and then call another meeting to have them approved in the fall.

6. **Election:**

Uwe reported that we have seven positions on the board that are filled by board members who declared at the May 25, 2015 board meeting that they are prepared to continue as board members, and the Nominating Committee recommends their re-election. The society received one nomination for board member, Brian Graff. Brian was not in attendance and no one spoke on his behalf so his nomination was declared void. *Gene Domagala moved that the Nominating Committee recommendation to re-elect the seven incumbent directors be adopted, seconded by Hans Looije and carried.*

7. **Other Business:**

A member asked whether we considered meeting in a larger space because some of our events have been over-crowded. Glenn Chadwick answered that as we continue to increase our membership that will become important. He said if anyone had any ideas about other venues we would be very interested.

Wayne Clutterbuck suggested that some of our members might be interested in attending events outside of our boundaries such as the Magna Carta celebrations at Fort York.

Melanie Milanich made a motion to thank the board for working on the constitution and by-laws, seconded by Steve Gaunt and carried.

Hans Looije moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Norm Holman and carried.



Deborah Livingston-Lowe, Secretary

John Ellis, President

MINUTES – General Members' Meeting

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at the Beaches Branch Library

Introductions

The Chair, John Ellis, introduced himself and the members of the executive board, welcomed the members, recognized quorum at 7 p.m. and called the general meeting to order.

He explained that the purpose of the general meeting was to review and then adopt the amended and restated Constitution and the By-laws. He called for procedural rules:

- Compliance with Robert's Rules of Order.
- Members are welcome to propose changes presented as a motion, seconded by another member, followed by a discussion and finally a vote.
- A member asked why we need both a Constitution and By-laws. The Chair answered that our legal counsel found that the Act to create the Ontario Historical Society (OHS) requires societies incorporated by OHS to have both a constitution and by-laws.

The discussion and adoption of the Constitution and By-laws was chaired by Vice-President, Uwe Sehmrau.

1. An amended and restated Constitution

Uwe explained that the members of the society are responsible for ratifying the Constitution and By-laws under the Ontario Corporations Act. He opened the floor to any questions about the Constitution and By-laws, as proposed by the board of directors.

He pointed out an error in the Constitution. In item 5 it reads: "...shall have been circulated to all active members at least **30 days** in advance." It should read: "...shall have been circulated to all active members at least **21 days** in advance." Uwe invited questions or changes from the floor, to which no one responded.

Jeff Levitt moved adoption of the Constitution, seconded by Edythe Gerrard and carried.

2. By-laws

Uwe explained that TBETHS abides by the *Ontario Corporations Act* and as such the proposed By-laws do not repeat clauses found in the Act. The By-laws can be amended as needed by the board, with the changes being subsequently brought to the members for a vote. Our By-laws help us to conduct ourselves in a consistent and fair manner as a society.

Uwe drew the members' attention to item 3.2. It reads: "Notice of Board or committee meetings shall be not later 10 days prior..." It should read: "Notice of Board or committee meetings shall be not later **than** 10 days prior..."

Uwe invited questions or changes from the floor. A member asked how the Chair is selected. John explained that board members are elected without position by the members. The board of directors then decides the Executive positions. The President acts as the Chair unless the President is not present at a meeting, in which case the Vice-President acts as Chair or any other member may be appointed as Chair.

Patrick Shipton moved to adopt the By-laws, seconded by Wayne Clutterbuck and carried.

3. Transact such other business

John invited comments from the floor. He thanked the members for adopting the Constitution and By-laws. John adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Deborah Livingston-Lowe, Secretary

John Ellis, President

2016 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society had another busy year. The Board of Directors elected at the Annual General Meeting resulted in the following Executive appointments (it was decided that we would eliminate the position of Past President):

- President: John Ellis
- Vice-President: Uwe Sehmrau
- Treasurer and Membership Secretary: Wayne Clutterbuck
- Secretary: Deborah Livingston-Lowe
- Program Convener: Glenn Chadwick
- At Large: Mary Campbell, Barbara Myrvold
- Honorary Adviser: Gene Domagala

During our fiscal year 2015-2016, we have held nine board meetings, the Annual General Meeting and a General Meeting. We moved on several fronts:

- Launched a web site;
- Adopted a revised Constitution and By-laws;
- Generated new members and income;
- Continued a search for added member benefits;
- Set up an HCD Committee, participated in a Queen Street East walk with Heritage Preservation Services;
- Filed required reports with the Ontario Historical Society (no report to the Ministry was required);
- Maintained membership in the Ontario Historical Society and in the Toronto Historical Association;
- Convened eight public events, as follows.

2015:

- **April:** Joanne Doucette; *History of Ashbridges Bay*
- **June:** Barb Myrvold, Glenn Chadwick; *Website Launch*
- **October:** Dena Doroszenko; *The Ashbridge Estate*
- **December:** Richard Gerrard; *The Ship Beneath the Condo*

2016:

- **January:** Jean Cochrane; *Dentonia Farm, The Masseys and City Dairy*
- **February:** Gene Domagala; *People and Places in the Beach*
- Gene Domagala Walking Tour: *Queen Street East, Then and Now*

In conclusion, your Board of Directors encourages you to invite friends, family and neighbours to join.

With the decisions you make at the Annual General Meeting, your new Board of Directors will be able to continue the important work of further strengthening The Beach and East Toronto Historical Society.

This will enable us to continue planning and development of programs to expand and share the history and heritage of our treasured Beach community.

Special thanks to the Beaches Library for providing space for our meetings, and thanks to you, our loyal members, for your support.

I, personally, thank the directors who made my role easier.

On behalf of the Board of Directors,



John Ellis, President

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Membership Secretary's Report

As of Thursday, March 31, 2015, there were 36 paid Members.

Treasurer's Report

As of Thursday, March 31, 2015.

<u>Income:</u>	<u>2014-'15</u>
A. Opening Balance	\$1,099.30
B. Membership Fees	720.00
C. Miscellaneous Cash	
D. <u>TOTAL Income</u>	<u>\$1,819.30</u>
<u>Expenses:</u>	
A. Monthly Service Charges:	
a. Scotiabank	\$16.00
b. TD Bank	13.65
B. Statement Preparation Fee	
C. <u>Printing, Postage:</u>	
a. 1 st AGM Notice	76.28
b. 2 nd AGM Notice	99.44
c. Annual Report	86.45
d. Nominee Form	51.98
e. AGM Postage	38.42
D. <u>Association Fees:</u>	
a. Toronto Historical Assoc'n	30.00
b. Ontario Historical Society	55.00
E. <u>TBETHS Membership Costs:</u>	
a. Copy Membership Forms	11.02
b. Mailing/Envelopes	<u>77.40</u>
<u>TOTAL Expenses</u>	<u>\$555.64</u>
<u>NET Income</u>	<u>\$1,263.66</u>

Wayne Clutterbuck

Wayne Clutterbuck, Membership Secretary & Treasurer

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