



FRIENDS OF AUCHMAR
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 17, 2018

AGENDA: 1) Call to Order and Welcome. 2) Introduction of Master of Ceremonies, Jeff Feswick. 3) A.G.M. Reports. 4) Introduction of F.O.A. Board Members. 5) 2018 Nomination Committee Report. 6) Presentation of Slate of Directors and Vote. 7) Introduction of Key Note Speaker. 8) Key Note Address: Restoring the Vimy Memorial. 9) Thank You to Key Note Speaker. 10) Auchmar Estate Restoration Update. 11) Closing Commentary. 12) Adjournment.

- 1) Call to Order and Welcome. Diane Dent called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.
- 2) Introduction of Master of Ceremonies. Diane Dent introduced the evening's Master of Ceremonies, Jeff Feswick, who is President of Historia Building Restoration Inc.
- 3) A.G.M. Business Reports.

Diane Dent gave the Chair's Annual Report highlighting the activities of the F.O.A. and the F.O.A. Board which included the Canada 150 Event, "The Life and Times of Isaac Buchanan" and the Voices of Auchmar speakers' series among others. The Report of the Chair was moved by Diane Dent, seconded by Doug Farraway and accepted.

John Kajaste gave a synopsis of the Minutes of the 2017 F.O.A. Annual General Meeting. The Secretary's Report was moved by John Kajaste, seconded by Bill King and accepted by the membership.

Pat Saunders gave the Membership Report which was moved by Pat Saunders, seconded by John Buchanan and accepted by the membership

John Buchanan gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was moved by John Buchanan, seconded by M. Broadbent and accepted by the membership.

Bob Gill provided the membership with a Report of the F.O.A. Website. The Website Report was moved by Bob Gill, seconded by Norris Podetz and accepted by the membership.

The Report of the Chair, Secretary, and Membership will be made available on the F.O.A. website. (NOTE: The Treasurer's Report will be emailed to members upon request)

Circulating copies the Secretary, Treasurer, and Membership Reports were available at the meeting.

4) Introduction of the F.O.A. Board

Diane Dent introduced and asked that current Board stand, so that the membership and guests could identify them. She noted that two Board members, Richard Allan and Terrance Geissler sent regrets.

5) 2018 Nomination Committee Report.

Bill King, Chair of the Nomination Committee gave this report. There was a call for nominations for the Board of the F.O.A. No external nominations were received for any positions on the executive. The Board members of 2016-2018 have indicated that they will stand for re-election. Bill King moved that the report be accepted. (Norris Podetz/ M. Broadfoot.).

6) Presentation of the Slate of Directors of the F.O.A. 2018-2020.

Bill King presented Slate of Directors for the Executive of the Friends of Auchmar for 2018-2020. He asked if there were nominations from the floor. No nominations were received from the floor. He asked that proposed Board be moved and seconded. Norris Podetz moved the motion and M. Broadfoot seconded. The motion was accepted unanimously.

The Board of the Friends of Auchmar 2016-2018 was acclaimed by the membership for a two year term (October 2018- October 2020 inclusive).

7) Introduction of Key Note Speaker.

Laurie Brady introduced Julian Smith, Dean, Willowbank School of Restoration Arts to a warm reception from the audience.

8) Key Note Address: Restoring the Vimy Memorial.

Julian Smith gave an engaging and informative talk about the importance of the Restoration of the Vimy Memorial. Among the highlights is the focus on the importance of the Vimy Memorial in the social and cultural contexts and how these affected the restoration. The emphasis of not relying exclusively upon the technical details and "bricks and mortar" of the restoration was demonstrated in the care displayed with restoring the names of the soldiers. Also, of importance, was the composition of the Advisory Panel for the restoration. A brief question and answer session followed the presentation.

9) Thank You to Key Note Speaker.

Diane Dent thanked Julian Smith and on behalf of the Friends of Auchmar presented him with a donation for the Vimy Foundation.

10) Auchmar Estate Restoration Update.

Anna Bradford, Director of Tourism and Culture, gave an overview of the restoration work completed at the Estate since 2017. The projects completed include a large section of the stone wall garden, landscape remediation of the kitchen garden and a new roof on the stables. Projects in the future, she noted, involve the orchards and should include the continued restoration of the stone wall and restoration of the Dovecote (one of two in Ontario).

11) Closing Commentary.

Diane Dent gave the closing remarks, took some questions from the floor and invited all to remain and enjoy the evening.

12) Adjournment.

Diane Dent adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.