

**Bracebridge Public Library Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 7 p.m.**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** A. Freer (Acting Chair), L. Giaschi-Pacini, M. Mayes-Stewart, P. Schofield, B. Taylor, M. Wilk and C. Rodney (C.E.O.)

**Regrets:** L. Jacob, C. MacDougall, B. Slocum

**1. Call to Order by the Acting Chair**

The meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

**2. Delegations/Guests:** None

**3. Approval of the Agenda:**

Motion: To accept the agenda as amended for Tuesday, January 14, 2014.

Moved by: M. Wilk, seconded by P. Schofield. CARRIED

**4. Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting:**

Motion: To accept the minutes of the Tuesday, December 10, 2013 meeting.

Moved by: P. Schofield, seconded by B. Taylor. CARRIED

**5. Correspondence:** None

**6. Business Arising:** None

**7 Ad hoc/Standing Sub-Committee Reports:**

**7.1 Friends of the Library:** A. Freer stated there was nothing new to report from the Friends.

**7.2 Policy Committee:** P. Schofield stated there was nothing new to report at this time, but a meeting has been scheduled for early February.

**7.3 Expansion Promotion Committee:** P. Schofield reported that there was no meeting over Christmas but work continues on the Powerpoint

**8. CEO Report:**

C. Rodney gave a report of library activities during December. Some discussion took place regarding "other duties as required" of the CEO and liability issues in reference to the ice and snow problems we are currently experiencing.

**9. Financial Statement:**

Financial statement to the end of December was unavailable due to technical difficulties. Basic figures were presented by CEO. Year-end financial is not available until all 2013 entries are posted.

**10. New Business:**

**10.1 Roof repairs:** A consultant has given an estimated cost of \$250,000 to \$300,000 for work that needs to be done on the roof. We have had many problems over the years and recent water leaks have shown that previous remedial work was not effective.

- 10.2 Insurance coverage:** Town Treasurer, Carol MacLellan provided the CEO with a list of insurance coverage for the Library. The CEO confirmed that the valuation of our collection, furniture and equipment was done through the Town with information provided by the CEO. It was suggested that we ask the cleaner to record when he shovels/salts the emergency exits in the winter, as part of recording our due diligence. Staff were commended for their due diligence in dealing with a severely fatigued patron recently.
- 10.3 Board members' reports:** Board members brought forth comments on news items such as a Maclean's article that dealt with the Internet/e-book issue and, contrary to some opinions, indicated that print books are not dead. Dismay was also voiced regarding a Globe & Mail article about the closure of many Department of Oceans and Fisheries libraries and the loss of "peripheral" documents that were not scanned for posterity, though still of significance as historical records. M. Wilks mentioned her daughter's new position as a "Community Librarian for Youth". "Community Librarian" is a relatively new term to describe a position that does not actually have "desk" time. Their role is to connect, engage, support, and build partnerships with specific groups in the community. The schedule for the community librarian is subject to appointments. For example, they may have to attend the local history fair all Saturday & Sunday, meet with new contacts on Wednesday evening, etc.. Accountable for 'getting out there' and spreading the Library word.
- 10.4 Native Indian costume:** Ken Veitch has approached the Library on behalf of the Brazier family regarding the possible donation of Buz Braziers costume. While there is no space in the current library facility, the Board received the offer with interest and will work with the Town to determine the best place to display it.
- 10.5 OLA Conference attendance:** Board members agreed with M. Mayes-Stewart's suggestion that we work on improving our professional development budget to enable more Board members and staff to experience the ideas that are proffered at the annual library conference.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting:** Tuesday, February 11, 2014, 7 p.m.
- 12. Adjournment declared by the Acting Chair:** 8:24 p.m.