

**FRIENDS OF MEAFORD LIBRARY**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

July 11, 2024 4 p.m.

**Meaford Public Library, FOML Meeting Room**

Present: Leslie Ransom (Pres), Jim Brown (Treas), Susanne Wussow (Sect), Francis Richardson, Chris Richardson, Robert Richardson, Karen Trusler, Paul Wehrle, Lynne Fascinato

Guests: Ashley Trusler, Joan Corbett-Fujiki

Regrets: Rosemary Palmer

Agenda Item	Discussion	Resolution	Action to be completed
1. Call to order/Opening Welcome Remarks	Leslie Ransom		
2. Adoption of agenda and additions		Moved: Chris 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Carried	
3. Minutes of the 2023 AGM meeting		Accept Minutes as presented with one correction (Donated, not defrayed): Moved: Robert 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Carried	
4. Annual Reports			
a. Treasurer's Report	Financial Statement for May comprising Year End Total Assets: \$57,411.25 Net Shed Revenues: \$21,549.83 Receivables: \$100 (Canada Helps) Liabilities: \$12,683.60 Net Assets: \$44,727.65 Total Revenues \$41,505.21 YTD Newspaper costs were \$6,387.00 Library equipment costs were \$13,623.94. Event expenses were \$5,055.51. Miscellaneous: \$1,583.54 for music equipment, gifts, etc. Total expenses \$31,824.46 Net profit: \$9,680.75 (including \$10,000 donation, so actually a loss of \$319.25)	Accept 2023 Treasurer's Report Moved: Jim 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Susanne Carried	

b. Net Shed Coordinator's Report	<p>The Net Shed was open for the full season, from May to October. Total donations exceeded last year's. Many books were donated over the winter, which helped to refill the shelves in preparation for spring. A new Wee Library was donated by the Scarecrows, we now have one installed at Memorial Park and one at the Harbour Pavilion. Books were also donated to the LTC for their library and to the hospital for their book cart.</p> <p>Volunteers did an excellent job overseeing the Shed on the weekends, and sorting and shelving during the week. Many visitors commented on the organizations of the books and how easy it is to find what they are looking for.</p> <p>A book sale was also sponsored at the library during Christmas on the Bay, with proceeds going to the Food Bank.</p>	Moved: Chris 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Paul Carried	
c. Membership Coordinator's Report	<p>Karen reported there are 46 paid memberships, including 8 associate members, 10 Executive members, 6 new members, with 22 returning members.</p>	Moved: Karen 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Jim Carried	
d. Concert Series	<p>The 2023 summer concert series was a great success. A publicity contract with FM99.3 helped considerably with getting the word out. Donations were up, more than the cost of publicity, so the additional exposure paid dividends. Many of the 2023 performers were keen to return for the 2024 season, with more offers than weekends available. Several</p>	Moved: Paul 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Karen Carried	

	<p>performers' cheques remained uncashed, and are now stale-dated. When contacted, the performers stated that they wanted FOML to keep the money. The lighting at the concerts is still a small issue, with Paul talking to the municipality to resolve the problem.</p> <p>With the Scarecrows disbanding for lack of volunteers, their sound system was turned over to Paul. As it was not enough equipment for more than two performers, Paul approached the Culture Foundation requesting to use the residual money from the stale-dated cheques to upgrade the system to allow for at least four performers. This was approved and a slight cost overrun was supported by FOML. The system is now considered a community asset, with Paul Wehrle and Martin Rice as managers.</p>		
e. Website Coordinator's Report	<p>Robert reported there are no significant changes to report. All 2023 documentation was uploaded, with meeting agendas, minutes, newsletters, and treasurer's reports, and archived at the end of 2023 season, and a new page was created for 2024. The Concerts page was updated with the 2023 concert schedule. A Square point-of-sale device was acquired for use in the Net Shed, with \$2,500 in donations.</p>	Moved: Robert 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Karen Carried	
f. President's Report	<p>See report attached. Leslie reported that it was another successful year, and thanked all who helped.</p>	Moved: Leslie 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Chris Carried	
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. New Business			
a. Election of Officers List of Candidates	President: Leslie Ransom Vice-President: Francis Richardson Secretary: Susanne Wussow Treasurer: Jim Brown Concert Coordinator: Paul Wehrle Net Shed Coordinator: Chris Richardson Web Coordinator: Robert Richardson Membership Coordinator: Karen Trusler Library Board Representative: Chris Richardson There was one resignation, therefore an opening on the Board. Joan Corbett-Fujiki suggested that two people be added to the Board. Leslie will bring nominees to the board for approval.		There were no nominations from the floor. Accept the list of candidates: Moved: Leslie 2 <sup>nd</sup> : Paul Carried
b. Constitution	A committee will review the constitution, with Leslie and Paul to review it. Francis said that elections could be bi-annual, without a need to vote.		
Adjournment	Adjourned at 4:34 p.m. 1. Susanne 2. Francis		
Next Meeting	Thursday, September 12, 2024 4 p.m. Friends Room at MPL.		

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_ President: \_\_\_\_\_