



SOUTHWEST ARM HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
**Annual General Meeting** Minutes  
 Wednesday, November 22, 2017  
 Lion's Club, Hodge's Cove

#	ITEM/DISCUSSION
1	<p>Elaine Spurrell welcomed everyone, introduced the executive and called meeting to order at approximately 7:40 pm</p> <p>In attendance            Chairperson: Elaine Spurrell, Vice chair/Webmaster: Wanda Garrett, Treasurer: Andrew Peddle, Military Projects: Lester Green, Storyboard Projects: Peggy Hogan            New Members at Large: Morley Garrett, John Spurrell, Sarah Sharpe            Renee Finlayson resigned from board            Valerie Johnson and Don Smith sent regrets</p>
2	<p>Minutes – Peggy Hogan shared with those assembled            Sarah Sharpe adopted minutes and John Spurrell seconded</p>
3	<p>Treasurer's Report - submitted by Andrew Peddle            Balance as of Sept 6, 2017: 7,090.80            Revenue: 2,736.00 (ticket sales Pop's Shed 1,480.00 - 2% must go to provincial coffers)            Expenses: 156.35            Ledger Balance as of November 22, 2017: \$9,664.48            Andrew recommended an audit at year end. Renee suggested accountant Natalie Burnet and will make contact with her to discuss that possibility.            Andrew moved we accept Financial Report, Morley seconded</p>
4	<p>Website Report – Wanda Garrett            Wanda doing great work on the site and looking for more photos, stories and help with transcription. She continues her work on family trees at present the Stoyles family. We discussed how important the site has become for families, researchers, student work etc. both in and outside the province. Excellent work by Wanda and others.            Sarah Peddle noted the upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St Alban's Anglican Church in Gooseberry Cove. She is revisiting interviews she recorded at the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary for possible publication on our website this coming year.</p>
5	<p>Storyboard Report – Peggy Hogan            The increase in visitation to Heart's Ease Beach has been noted by many. Morley suggested installing a visitors' booklet at the path head to gather comments and visitor numbers. Wanda suggesting a pamphlet promoting paths, hikes and points of interest on the arm – these could be distributed through the local stores and craft shop on the highway.            The Traditional Paths Interest Group invited Colin Holloway to visit the Heart's Ease Beach this past summer. He met several adventure kayakers who were spending the night on the beach and this made an impression. Colin is encouraging TPIG to seek funding in order to develop this site for adventure tourism and make upgrades to the beach path etc.            Elaine and Lee Stringer will be meeting this coming month with Peggy to discuss ideas (concept, schedule, text and images) for the Southport "Pop's Shed" storyboard.</p>
6	<p>Military Project Report – Lester Green</p>

	<p>Where Once They Served is complete! The banners were in place at our meeting and will be kept in circulation for another year before going to the Southwest Arm Academy. Lester shared some of his research discoveries regarding the 1902 origins of the Naval Reserve and a round world adventure in 1905 that involved Newfoundlanders and three ships.</p> <p>Lester has given the Packet seventeen stories to date on the Southwest Arm Naval Reservists. There was a beautiful display of these articles and the quality of layout and imagery is striking. Lester is taking a break till the spring at which time the stories will be published during 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of end to WW1. All money earned will be donated to some type of commemorative monument. He told us this money will be given to the Historic Society and be used towards a commemorative monument to those who served. Lester is applying to federal government for help to create banners next year with the help again of his nephew, Robbie Jacobs.</p>
7	<p>Archaeology Report Digging Up the Past – Lester Green</p> <p>Lester outlined the archaeological discovery of pre-contact tools and end-blades in the Southwest Arm area prior to 2015. These include a visit from an archaeologist in the early 1900's at Fox Island, another in 1971 at Heart's Ease Beach, and a local discovery in 1978 at House Cove and again in Ford's Harbour. This evidence shows a local presence of Paleo Eskimo, Dorset and Thule, Maritime Archaic and (from written record) the Beothuk.</p> <p>Stephen Hull from provincial archaeology department visited in 2015 and 2016 and found evidence of tool manufacture at two sites, Deer Cove and Fox Island. Lester took Stephen to Halfway Rock, Clay Pitts and Batt's Cove to document these sites and their cemeteries. Lester is speaking with Gary Dalton at Memorial University in hopes of encouraging graduate student work here.</p> <p>Job's Brothers' fish smoke plant in Little Heart's Ease is of research interest – photos of the plant and several men were very interesting.</p> <p>The talk and Powerpoint presentation was very informative and included examples of archaeological finds from test pits at several sites. Thanks to Lester Green.</p>
8	<p>We adjourned at approximately 10 pm.</p>