

Southwest Arm Historical Society

Annual Meeting

Nov. 22/23

Attendance: Georgi Drover, Elaine Spurrell, John Spurrell, Lester Green, Michelle Vey-Compton, Della Gagnon, Sylvia Meadus, Maxine Langor, Harvey Drover, Raymond Langor, Maria Drover, Max Peddle, Florence Peddle

1. Review last annual meeting minutes. Michelle proposed minutes be adopted as read, John 2nd the motion, all approved.
2. Michelle Vey-Compton is stepping down as treasurer. Thank you Michelle for stepping up in a time of need and helping.
3. Georgi Drover proposed as new treasurer. Lester 2nd the motion. All approved.
4. Treasurer's report reviewed. Proposed adopted. Georgi and John 2nd. All approved
5. Website report from Wanda read at meeting. Site is nine years old and continues to grow. A special thank you to Maria Drover for taking the time to transcribe countless newspaper articles. The SWAHS is constantly looking for new stories to add to the site. Please contact a member if you have a story you want to contribute, or pictures or records of any type.
6. Membership update:
 - to date there are 294 members
 - 80 memberships expired last year
 - 33 are about to expire this year.Will post on FB for a membership drive. Did raise \$445.00 in dues on Remembrance Day and received \$160.00 in donations
7. Remembrance Day Event
 - Overall went very well. Largest crowd to date. The focus of the event was Present Day Veterans
 - Lots of compliments regarding the service and the food.
 - Improvements: Need a new video screen for the presentation. Michelle donated one for future use.
 - Too many people on the road during the service. Could be problematic going forward. Discussed setting up 'security' for next year. Perhaps re-route traffic and put out signs indicating there is an event occurring.

Weather: we have no control over the weather. However, going forward will advise guests to bring warmer clothes for the portion of the service held outside.

The wreaths are in the basement of the Lion's Club drying out. The flags are behind the bar. Cam will put them up if there comes a need. There are also flags stored at the Anglican Church.

8. Military Project:

We have highlighted the Merchant Marines on a storyboard. They did not get a lot of recognition for their service. Will highlight schooners, foreign travelling vessels and the men who sailed on them. We also honoured Present Day Veterans (there are 116 present day veteran names to date) with a new storyboard which was unveiled on Remembrance Day.

There are 3 more story boards to come

There have been problems getting the gate posts installed. The promise is they will be installed soon. Decided to save the engraving for when they are put in place as there are missing names that need to be added to the war memorial.

Veteran Affairs has been a huge help throughout all this. Application has been sent to them for funding for sod for the war memorial grounds and three more storyboards.

9. New Business:

\$600.00 of our finances belong to the Vardy family...money raised for the headstone. Proposing a storyboard for the cemetery. Winter project.

The headstone cleaning project had amazing results. Would like to clean the oldest headstones on The Point, but the cemetery needs to be cleaned before that can happen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm. John Spurrell