

Gagetown & Area Health Services Association Inc.

**Minutes of the Board Meeting
held October 20, 2014
at the home of Janet Ratliffe, Gagetown**

Present: John Shackleton (President), John Thomas (V-President), Janet Ratliffe (Treasurer),
Lottie Ivey (Secretary), Mike Finley, Brenda Stirling, Jackie Straight

Regrets: Tish Dalling, Daryl Prince

1. Welcome

John welcomed everyone and thanked Janet for hosting.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved by Janet Ratliffe, seconded by John Thomas to approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by Jackie Straight, seconded by Brenda Stirling to approve the minutes as written. CARRIED.

4. Treasurer's Report

Janet presented her report. Two outstanding items yet to be deducted (Oromocto Public Hospital Foundation). We need to plan for a fundraiser early in the year.

Moved by Mike Finley, seconded by Lottie Ivey to adopt the Treasurer's report as presented. CARRIED.

Opening balance at Sep 1 st	\$1138.11
Service Charge	<u>2.95</u>
Closing balance as Sep 30	\$1,135.16

Outstanding Expenses:

OPHF Corporate Sponsorship	100.00
OPHF Tickets	<u>40.00</u>
Total	<u>140.00</u>

Balance **\$995.16**

5. Communication

John Thomas had received a 'thank you' card from the Gagetown Fire Department for our donation toward their 100th Anniversary celebration.

6. Business Arising

6.1 Information Evenings

6.1.1 **ACTION** – Lottie to remind Tish to contact Mental Health if they would still be willing to present.

6.1.2 John Thomas mentioned that the Fire Department is willing to hold another presentation. This was met with much enthusiasm as their first one had been very well received.

6.2 Report on OPH Foundation Activities

John Shackleton reported that the annual fundraising dinner was quite successful with a profit of \$12,000. Comments were made on the large number of auction items and the enjoyment of having the three MLA's (Ross Wetmore, Jody and Jeff Carr) act as auctioneers. Consensus was that perhaps there should be starting bids on some of the more valuable items.

6.3 Defibrillators

The 'at-risk' defibrillator is not being promoted or used as we had anticipated. John Thomas mentioned that it is checked monthly by the fire department. **ACTION** - Lottie to check if there is one at the Legion. They might be willing to use it during their many functions.

6.4 Support for Schools and Youth Activity

It is assumed that since GAHSA has not heard from the Wiggins Foundation, we did not receive the grant. John Shackleton mentioned they may advertise online for their next grant. It was questioned who replaced Renee Houlihan as the new Gagetown Home and School President. **ACTION** – Lottie will check with the school.

6.5 Media

Janet reported the Village of Gagetown has funds available for flyer circulation for organizations wanting to advertise or promote events. Funds are only for circulation on this side of the river; Council would need to approve promotion across the river.

6.6 CPR/First Aid Training

6.6.1 Eight participants for CPR; six for first-aid. Janet had received a request from Renee Houlihan to sponsor a disadvantaged high school student who could not afford the First-Aid class. As denying this request would have caused GAHSA to cancel the entire first-aid class due to numbers, the board quickly decided to sponsor the student with the purpose of bringing up a proposal at next meeting to approach this type of issue in future.

MOTION was made by Michael Finley; seconded by Brenda Stirling to ratify this decision. CARRIED

6.6.2 In future, businesses and organizations within the community will be informed and it will be stressed these classes are strictly community classes, not workplace standards.

6.7 Community Renewal Economic Development

There is still interest in purchase of the RCMP building. Trying to promote development of a clinic (not private). John T. has met with Mayor Blaney regarding this. More services could be accessed, i.e. physio; expanded hours / shorter appointment wait times. We want to keep healthcare in Gagetown. These Family Practice Groups can access provincial resources. Village is looking at it; Horizon Health looking at it as well.

6.8 **EMO/911**

John Thomas noted there is really nothing to report; situation has still not changed. Waiting for a study from PSAP.

6.9 **Orchard View Bus**

John Shackleton reported that there are now 10 – 11 registered weekly patrons of the bus. He pointed out the bus is not strictly for seniors; anyone is eligible.

6.10 **RCMP Building** (*incorporated into Item 6.7 Community Renewal Economic Development*)

7. **New/Other Business**

7.1 **Fundraiser**

Everyone agreed a fundraiser is a probability as funds are getting low. **ACTION:** Janet will speak with Dr. Haines (September and Megan as well) to establish if there is a need for equipment, supplies. If the clinic does not require anything, it was decided to donate some of the proceeds of the fundraiser to the OPHF.

8. **Adjournment**

Next meeting to be held on Monday, November 17th at Janet's home. *John Shackleton will provide cookies.* Motion to adjourn by John Thomas, seconded by Mike Finley. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.