

ACGS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

September 26, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER at the Puritan Back Room, Manchester, NH at 1:52 P.M. by President, James Gaudet. The President recognized a quorum of members present without objection.

IN ATTENDANCE were the following officers: James Gaudet, President; Bernadette Meunier, Vice-President; Pauline Cusson, Treasurer; and Cecile Durocher, Recording Secretary; and the following directors: Larry Autotte, Cecile Durocher, Gerry Lalonde, and Janine Penfield. Also in attendance were approximately 20 ACGS members.

SECRETARY’S MINUTES – September 27, 2014

President Gaudet went over the minutes by summarizing the minutes prepared by Recording Secretary, Jackie Watson. Secretary Watson was unable to attend the meeting due to conflicting events.

A motion to accept the minutes was made by Larry Autotte and seconded by Constance Hebert. Motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Written report submitted.

Treasurer Pauline Cusson also reported to the membership what the primary income and expenses were for the period of September 1, 2014 to September 1, 2015. They were as follows:

PRIMARY INCOME

Membership Dues	39,500
Publications	10,100
Research Income	4,100
Conference Income	6,900
Total Income from all sources	90,676

PRIMARY EXPENSES

Publications	5,900
Genealogist	9,300
General Society Expenses	8,500
Building Maintenance Expenses	47,600
Total expenses	77,000

Net Income was 13,100

Treasurer Cusson told the members in doing a comparison between the periods of September 1, 2014 to September 15 and September 1, 2013 to September 2014 she was surprised to find that with the substantial Marcia Spears bequest of \$12,000.00 the bottom comparison of net income was 13,100 to 11,600.

Member Jeannine Levesque asked when the bequest had been received. Treasurer Cusson responded the bequest was received in January of this year.

President Gaudet emphasized that the treasurer's report is reviewed every month by the board at its monthly meeting and he added the library is an old building and requires a lot of maintenance.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jeannine Levesque and seconded by Constance Hebert. Motion unanimously carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Gaudet told the membership he would again like this year to thank the board members, the volunteers staffing the library, the research volunteers, the genealogist preparers, and the conference committee. He noted that all the work done by the society is done by volunteers and thanked them for their services.

President Gaudet reported the society has a digitalized Website, Face Book and Newsletter. He added a new credit card machine has been acquired and the society is exploring on-line membership and renewals and also has a goal of having a member only section that members could access from home. President Gaudet informed the members that new computers had been installed which are faster. He noted membership is relatively stable although it is still declining with membership under 1,200 and stated the society had to find some way to get new members.

President Gaudet stated Roger Lawrence's book "Captives & Prisoners Remaining in New France" is a wonderful book.

President Gaudet told the attendees that Herb Boyce is still coordinating the maintenance of the building and he is doing a great job.

President Gaudet stated the society would try to get the bishops to release their grip on the church records so they could publish more repertoires.

PROPOSED BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS:

President Gaudet told the members that member and lawyer, Craig Donais, Mel Montpelier, he, Larry Autotte and Pauline Cusson had reviewed the by-laws which had not been reviewed in 10 years and they had proposed changes to the by-laws to reflect more what the society is today. A few copies of the amendments were available for attendees to read. President Gaudet noted the proposed amendments had appeared in the genealogist for everyone to read. He proceeded to review some of the changes, but stated that it would take too long to go over every change, but if anyone had questions they could inquire about any of the proposed changes.

There were no inquiries made from the floor on the proposed amendments.

A motion to adopt the proposed amendments was made by Ronald Blais and seconded by Donald Chaput. Motion unanimously carried.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Ronald Blais read the proposed slate of candidates that he and Jeanne Boivert had solicited to serve. Mr. Blais stated the candidates had all agreed to serve if elected.

The proposed slate of candidates was as follows:

Officers:

President	Mr. James Gaudet
Vice-President	Ms. Bernadette Meunier
Treasurer	Ms. Pauline Cusson
Corresponding Secretary	Ms. Paula Schulz
Recording Secretary	Ms. Jeanne Boisvert

Directors:

Ms. Janine Penfield
Ms. Cecile Durocher
Mr. Mel Montpelier
Mr. Denis Joyal

President Gaudet called for nominations from the floor. There were none and he closed the nominations. *The slate of candidate was approved unanimously as there were no dissenting votes.*

OTHER BUSINESS:

President Gaudet asked if anyone had any issue they wanted to bring up before the meeting.

Director Larry Autotte stated he had an editorial comment to make. Director Autotte stated President Gaudet had earlier expressed accolades to the volunteers but he himself deserved huge accolades for the work that he was doing. President Gaudet reiterated that he had enjoyed working with everybody on the board.

Director Autotte also editorialized that Roger Lawrence's book was exclusively put together by Pauline Cusson and he knew first hand that she had singlehandedly gotten the book ready for publication. President Gaudet noted the publisher "Bridgeport National Bindery" stated the book was the best job he had ever seen and the book was beautiful and easy to read. Pauline Cusson reported that Roger Lawrence had turned over his entire manuscript of the "Captives" book, his personal files and notes to the society and that Mary Jean Chaput was going through the material and the collection will eventually be made available to researchers.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerry Lalonde and seconded by Constance Hebert. Motion unanimously carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:26 P.M.



Cecile Durocher
Recording Secretary

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