

Thunder Bay Finnish Canadian Historical Society (TBFCHS)  
Thunder Bayn Kanadansuomalainen Historiaseura  
**Annual General Meeting, May 18, 2016**  
Lakehead University Demo Room, 5<sup>th</sup> floor LI5002

- Call to Order:** 8:18 p.m.
- Present:** Jane Chapman, Nicholas Duplessis, Jorma Halonen, Wayne Hill, Sara Janes, Shirley Kauranen, Kim Koivukoski, Brenda Rikkonen, William Roberts, Lucas Livingstone-Sitch, Kathy Toivonen, Anneli Tolvanen, Kathleen Traynor, Raija Warkentin
- Guest Speaker/  
Presenter:** Sara Janes, Lakehead University Archivist
- Approval of  
Previous (AGM)  
Minutes:** Jorma Halonen; seconded: Kathy Traynor; all approved – carried
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Agenda:** Jorma Halonen; seconded: Anneli Tolvanen; all approved – carried
- President's Report:** **Kathy Toivonen presented her President's Report newsletter 2015/16 in review**  
Kathy pointed out that one of the Society's main goals for the year was to develop a stronger digital presence. The Society has made progress; this year we have accomplished the following: revised our website; begun the digitization process of scanning the Society's information panels; and the digitization of the Society's archival collection at Lakehead University Archives.
- An alternate goal of the Society was to build a relationship with the OHS (Ontario Historical Society) and to network with other historical organizations and happenings in Thunder Bay and the Region. The Society participated in events at the Finnish Labour Temple and offered a presentation to Algonquin School's Culture Day.
- The Society also received donations of Finnish language newspapers from Elaine Lynch, and books from Kim Koivukoski of her grandfather's, Kosti Koivukoski.
- Action Items and Results**
- Treasurer's Report:** Jane Chapman provided the Financial Report for the year 2015. The report can be found on the verso of the President's Report newsletter.
- Jane Chapman moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted – Brenda Rikkonen; seconded; all approved – carried
- Business Arising:** **1. Jorma Halonen to draft an agreement**  
Both Jorma and Anneli attended the recent Finlandia Association (FA) Annual General Meeting on April 24th from 2-4pm. Some new changes to FA executive include a new President Bruce Krupp, owner of Bay Meats, and his wife, Cindy Salo, new treasurer of the Hoito Restaurant.

Jorma met with Bruce Krupp for a tour of the Heritage Room (on the second floor of the Finnish Labour Temple) and he identified our Society's collection within the Room. Jorma explained to Bruce that the Society's collection was recently inventoried and that our Society had plans to digitize our panels.

Discussion followed regarding our Society's relationship with the FA. It was made clear that our Society does not want to be under the umbrella of the FA like other organizational members of the FA and pay \$300.00 yearly. Jorma expressed that we should be members of each organization; be friends not association members.

Jorma has agreed to write an agreement stating the above plus the stipulation that if we have an agreement, TBFCHS would hold 4 meetings in our previous Archives Room and if required the use of larger room two nights per year.

Discussion also followed regarding the sale of TBFCHS books in the Hoito and the need to keep accurate sales records.

## **2. Finn Festival 2016 June 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

The 76<sup>th</sup> Finnish Canadian Grand Festival will take place at the Finnish Labour Temple June 24 – 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Anneli inquired about our Society hosting a table in vendor's room. Katja Maki is organizing the vendors and the Heritage Room as a vendor's site.

Some of the events that are planned are dances, lectures, religious program, Finn Film Festival, workshops, Tapiola, Nordic walk and Finn Festival banquet. Also at the Prince Arthur Hotel there will be an Art Exhibit.

For more information [www.finnfestival2016.com](http://www.finnfestival2016.com)

### **Elections:**

The executive slate as follows: President – Kathy Toivonen  
Vice President – Jorma Halonen  
Treasurer – Jane Chapman  
Secretary – Kathy Traynor  
All individual's agreed to resume their positions.

The Members at Large slate as follows: Brenda Rikkonen  
Anneli Tolvanen  
Shirley Kauranen  
Marc Metsaranta (pending change)

### **New Business:**

#### **Finn Festival vendor table**

We will meet Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Lakehead University Archives LI5001 to discuss a schedule for staffing our vendor table.

### **Next Meeting:**

June 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Adjourned:**

9:21 p.m.