



A meeting of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, electronically

Present: Joan Ayton – Chair Presiding, Wayne Whitehorn, Susan Kummer, Ken Clarke, June Wells, Joyce Mohr, Councillor Tom Clifford, Donnalene Tuer-Hodes, Polly Bohdanetzky, Linda Hawken, Kathy Hill

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe – Clerk, Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

MINUTES

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.

2.0 Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None declared

3.0 Introduction of New Members

The Chair welcomed new members Linda Hawken and Kathy Hill.

4.0 Election of 2021 Chair and Vice Chair

Staff declared nominations open for the 2021 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Joyce Mohr nominated Joan Ayton.

Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Donnalene Tuer-Hodes, seconded by Linda Hawken

THAT the nominations for the 2021 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Chair be closed. Carried

Joan Ayton indicated that she would allow her nomination to stand.

Motion by Ken Clarke, seconded by June Wells

THAT Joan Ayton be elected as the 2021 Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

Staff declared nominations for the 2021 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee open. Donnalene Tuer-Hodes nominated Susan Kummer.

Staff asked if there were any further nominations. No further nominations were made.

Motion by Joyce Mohr, seconded by Donnalene Tuer-Hodes

THAT nominations for the 2021 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee Vice-Chair be closed. Carried

Susan Kummer indicated that she would allow her name to stand.

Motion by Linda Hawken, seconded by June Wells

THAT Susan Kummer be elected as the 2021 Vice-Chair of the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee. Carried

5.0 Adoption of the Previous Minutes – September 16, 2020

Motion by Wayne Whitehorn, seconded by June Wells

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated September 16, 2020 be adopted as printed. Carried

6.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

(a) Update on Reunion Cancellations/Postponements – Joan Ayton

Joan Ayton updated the Committee that Australia has requested and received full refunds for all their delegates. Connecticut has requested five refunds, the rest have remained. Ms. Ayton will forward how many delegates have left their registrations/fees with the Ontario Committee until a decision on the reunion is made. The Committee has made three deposits for events: Festival Theatre (\$1,824.00), Pow Wow/Cultural experience (\$1,375.00) and the Stratford Country Club (\$56.00).

7.0 New Business

(a) Reunion Plans and How Best to Move Forward From Here – J. Ayton

Joan Ayton surveyed the other Stratfords to gather some feedback on moving forward with the Reunion.

How many would like to wait until 2022/23 for the next Country to host – 0

Reschedule for August 2021 in Ontario – 0

Reschedule for later in 2021 (Sept/Oct) – Connecticut agreed to this

Reschedule to 2022 in Ontario – PEI, NZ, UK, and Australia are all on board for this option.

Ken Clarke stated that planning for 2021 does not seem like an option. No one is prepared to travel and he does not feel that hosts would be ready to have guests stay with them given the current situation.

Motion by Ken Clarke, seconded by Kathy Hill

**THAT the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee hosts the Stratfords of the World Reunion in 2022.
Carried.**

Joan Ayton discussed holding or refunding registration fees with Finance. The Director of Corporate Services indicated that they would hold any fees that delegates wanted to leave, but would refund anyone who requested their money back.

June Wells inquired if registration fees would need to be increased from the 2020 amount. Members agreed that they would possibly leave the registration fee amount the same for any delegates who left their fees with the City, however additional registration fees may have to be adjusted to a higher amount for anyone who is a new registrant once costs have been re-assessed for 2022.

Joan Ayton will follow up with the three locations that the Committee has given a deposit to and inquire if the deposits could be held for events in 2022. Joan Ayton will also meet with the leaders from all the Stratfords to give them an update on the Reunion plans and what the Ontario Committee discussed. She will let them know that Ontario plans to host in 2022 and will send details in the fall. Ontario will honour any registration fees that delegates leave with the City until 2022. The Committee may have to increase the fee for any new registrants. Once costs have been confirmed, Ms. Ayton will inform the other Stratfords with the fall update.

Wayne Whitehorn inquired if the Committee would plan to hold the 2022 Reunion at the same time as the 2020 one. It was confirmed the reunion would be held in late July/early August.

Joan Ayton will send out an e-mail newsletter to those on the list to give them an update on what the Committee decided today.

8.0 Next Meeting Date: Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 3:00 p.m., electronically.

9.0 Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Clifford, seconded by Wayne Whitehorn

THAT the January 21, 2021 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn.

Carried.

Start Time: 3:09 P.M.

End Time: 3:38 P.M.