



Stratfords of the World (Ontario) Advisory Committee

MINUTES

A meeting of the Stratfords of the World (SOTW) Advisory Committee was held on Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex.

Committee Members Present: Joan Ayton – Chair Presiding, June Wells, Ken Clarke, Wayne Whitehorn, Joyce Mohr, Barbara Finkelstein, Linda Hawken, Susan Kummer, Councillor Geza Wordofa

Staff Present: Casey Riehl – Recording Secretary

Absent: Kathy Hill

1. Call to Order

Joan Ayton, Chair presiding, called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of the Previous Minutes – August 31, 2023

Motion by Linda Hawken

Seconded by Wayne Whitehorn

THAT the minutes from the Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting dated August 31, 2023, be adopted as printed. Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

Joan Ayton provided the following updates regarding outstanding items from hosting the reunion last year.

- The Army, Navy & Air Force Veterans have now been paid for the rental of their flag stands.
- All registrants that required refunds have now received their money back.

5. New Business

5.1 2025 Reunion – New Zealand (January 8-15, 2025)

Joan Ayton provided the following updates on the 2025 Reunion:

- Registration fees for the reunion will be \$570.00 (NZ\$) (\$475.00 Canadian)
- The deadline for registration is September 30, 2024. However, will request Stratford ON registrations must be in by August 1, 2024 and send as one payment to New Zealand.
- She has received tour company information with a quote for an itinerary for a tour in New Zealand for anyone interested in participating. This information will be made available at the information session on February 24, 2024. Another possible option would be to join the Connecticut group for their tour. Wayne Whitehorn stated that he has also received information on the Around the World flights (approximately \$6,000.00 each), which may also be an option.
- The February 24, 2024 information session will be held at the Rotary Complex in the Tim Taylor Lounge. Please meet at 1:15 p.m. to get set up.
- There were approximately 30-35 people interested in attending the information session. Ms. Ayton has light refreshments for the session.
- Members will have the Taranaki video playing as people arrive at the information session. Joan Ayton will do an introduction and welcome, Linda Hawken will put on the slide show and then Ms. Ayton will open it up for questions followed by time to socialize with attendees and answer any further questions they may have.
- Joyce Mohr will record any questions that attendees have at the session for follow-up.
- Linda Hawken suggested a tea towel with photos of Stratford, Ontario on it would be a good idea to take as a host gift when they visit New Zealand.

Members like the idea and Ms. Hawken will find out the details and report back.

6. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the SOTW Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Wayne Whitehorn

Seconded by Ken Clarke

THAT the February 22, 2024 Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee meeting adjourn. Carried

Start Time: 2:03 P.M.

End Time: 3:07 P.M.