

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM)
of the
The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants
29 September 2018, 2 pm
Port Maitland Consolidated School, Port Maitland N.S.

Attendance

74 Members and Guests who attended the Conference Bill Curry (Regent), Judi Archibald (Historian), Cheryl Anderson (Vice-Regent), Gary Archibald (Treasurer), Gordon Wood (Past Regent), Jean Wood (Elder), Ed Morrissey (Executive Member-at-Large), Wilfred Allan (Secretary), Herb Anderson, Bobbi Jo Atkinson, Becky Babin, JoAnne Bezanson, Ron Bezanson, Dorothy Cameron, Sherry Churchill, Nancy Conrad, Barb Cook, Don Cook, Phyllis Cunningham, Hugh Currie, Gerry Curry, Curry, Laurent d'Entremont, Cody Donaldson, Diane Doth, Janet Eisses, Margaret Fearon, Peter Fillmore, Barry Frame, Kim Goreham, Beverly Grant, Valeria Greenwood, Carol Harding, Beth Hyslop, Don Hyslop, Stephanie Ilse, Carol Jacquard, Albert Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Elizabeth Landers, Bruce Law, Carol Law, Eleanor Loomer, Anne MacKenzie, Kathleen MacKinnon Jill Mattinson, Shirley Morrissey, Marshall Moses, Jane Nelson, Ric Noble, Dorothy Outhouse, Garnet Purdy (and five members of his family), Hugh Roser, Susan Roser, Linda Ryall, Hugh Ryan, Susan Saunders, Sherry Sherman, Brian Trask, Deborah Trask, Gwen Trask, Carol Weir, David White, Tom White, Ken Winter, Ellen Wood, Marlene Wood, Victoria Wood, Ken Wyman,

Regrets Glenn Cook, Ian & Bettina Cook, Margaret Dougherty, Sterling & Dale Fisher, Debbie Mader, Barbara Meredith, Susan Moores, Cindy Nickerson, John Parker, George Snow, Douglas Trask, Hazel Trask.

Ancestral Roll Call

The Regent read the ancestral roll before the AGM started to allow the participation of those who would be attending the Historian's workshop. He requested that members in attendance raise their hand when the name of one of their ancestors was read. There were descendants from 26 Mayflower passengers present. The number in parentheses is from the 2017 Conference.

Passengers	Descendants Present	Passengers	Descendants Present
John Alden	13 (7)	Stephen Hopkins	29 (19)
Priscilla (Mullins) Alden	13 (3)	Elizabeth (Fisher) Hopkins	9 (1)
Isaac Allerton	18 (6)	John Howland	23 (18)
Mary (Norris) Allerton	19 (5)	Richard More	2 (3)
John Billington	16 (10)	William Mullins	10 (5)
William Bradford	3 (2)	Degory Priest	0 (0)
William Brewster	26 (14)	Thomas Rogers	6 (4)
Peter Browne	4 (3)	Henry Sampson	3 (3)
James Chilton	14 (8)	George Soule	0 (0)
Francis Cooke	1 (12)	Miles Standish	2 (3)
Edward Doty	4 (1)	John Tilley	20 (9)
Francis Eaton	10 (8)	Joan (Hurst) Tilley	17 (3)
Moses Fletcher	0 (0)	Richard Warren	20 (13)
Edward Fuller	0 (0)	William White	4 (5)
Samuel Fuller	9 (7)	Edward Winslow	2 (3)

Call to Order & Welcome

The Meeting was called to order by the Regent, Bill Curry.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as posted.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 23 September 2017 Annual General Meeting were approved as circulated.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact

The Mayflower Compact was read by the Regent.

Reports of Executive Officers

Treasurer Gary Archibald submitted his report showing a bank balance of \$4,361.64. It was moved and seconded (Gary Archibald/Ed Morrissey) that the Treasurer's report be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously. **Attached.**

Historian Judi Archibald's report was included in the conference kit. **Attached.**

Elder Jean Wood commented on her report which was included in the conference kit. **Attached.**

Captain George Snow (not present).

Members-at-Large Ed Morrissey, no report.

Vice-Regent Cheryl Anderson's report was included in the conference kit. **Attached**

Regent Bill Curry commented on his report which was included in the conference kit. **Attached.**

New Business

Support for the Historian. It was moved and seconded (Gordon Wood/Gerry Curry) that up to \$800 from the general fund be made available to the Historian for a membership in Ancestry and other resources, at her discretion. Carried unanimously.

Adoption of Mission Statement and By-Laws The proposed Mission Statement and By-Laws were circulated in advance of the meeting to the Colony membership.

Moved and seconded (Gerry Curry/Ed Morrissey) that the Mission Statement be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously.

Moved (Gary Archibald/Gordon Wood) to thank Cheryl Anderson, Herb Anderson and Wilfred Allan for the work they did on the Mission Statement. Carried unanimously.

Moved and seconded (Gerry Curry/Don Cook) that the By-Laws of the Nova Scotia Colony of the Mayflower Descendants be approved as circulated with removal of "Society" from the name. Carried unanimously.

Nomination and Election of Officers The following slate of officers for 2018 to 2020 was presented by the chair of the Nominating Committee, Past Regent, Gordon Wood:

Regent Bill Curry, *Vice Regent* Cheryl Anderson, *Historian* Judi Archibald, *Secretary* Deborah Trask, *Treasurer* Gary Archibald, *Elder* Jean Wood, *Members-at-large* Ed Morrissey and Marlene Wood, *Captain*, George Snow, *Past Regent* Gordon Wood.

There being no nominations from the floor it was moved and seconded (Gordon Wood/Gerry Curry) that these be the Colony Officers for the coming term. Carried unanimously.

Website Moved and seconded (Marshall Moses/Cheryl Anderson) that the Colony spend up to \$250 to have its own web site domain. Carried unanimously.

Junior Membership There was extensive discussion about the role of the Canadian Society Junior Membership program with which the Nova Scotia Colony is assisting the Society. There was a general feeling that we recommend to the Canadian Society that Junior fees be kept as low as feasible.

2019 Conference and AGM. The Regent reported that the next N.S. Mayflower Colony conference will be held in 2019 on 20 & 21 September in Middleton at the Middleton Baptist Church.

Adjournment by the Regent at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wilfred Allan, Secretary

Reports

Regent

Since last year's AGM and Conference the Colony has come a long way! I've been busy representing us on the Canadian Society's Board of Directors and am now the Deputy Governor General for the CSMD. This has meant several meetings with that group, and we have been working hard to replace key members of the CSMD executive as positions become vacant.

As the NS Colony directed last year, our small committee of Judi Archibald, Jean Wood and I have been working away on a project. Today, we can announce that the Junior Membership for the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants is live and we already have our first applications coming in. The junior program is a way to inform and educate the youth about their ancestors and the importance of Mayflower heritage.

Of course, I have also spent a lot of time preparing for this conference, with the able committee led by vice-Regent Cheryl Anderson. It is a pleasure to work with such a great group to make such a wonderful meeting happen.

Lastly, I have done a lot of work on both our website and the Junior program website for the CSMD. We will be switching servers soon and this will secure our website more completely and make it much more modern and useful.

I hope all enjoy the Conference and the AGM, and I trust that many will come again next year in Middleton when we host the 2019 Conference and AGM.

Sincerely,
Bill Curry, Regent

Historian

This has been a year with many changes in the Canadian Society of Mayflower Descendants and those changes have had an effect on the Nova Scotia Colony; namely with workload and the processing of applications.

Susan Roser and myself are now Co-Historians for the Canadian Society and are working as a team to assist applicants throughout their application journey.

The following applicants had their Applications approved, through the Historian of the Nova Scotia Colony, by Plymouth since our last meeting in September of 2017:

Robert Elliot – John Howland
Nancy White – William White
Marshall Moses – Francis Cooke
Linda Susan Allen Saunders – Stephen Hopkins
Sharon Goheen – Richard More
Judith Archibald – William White
Richard Noble – Myles Standish
Vern Goheen – Richard More
Larissa Law – William Bradford
Cheryl Middleton – Stephen Hopkins
Deborah Trask – Richard More

Two applications are in Plymouth at this time waiting for approval from the Historian General of the General Society.

A number of applications are waiting for their final documents and once received those applications will be approved and sent to Plymouth for final approval. Approximately 10 applications are in the 'active' file as they have met that preverbal 'brick wall' and at this point cannot move forward without further documentation.

There are approximately 60 applications that are in various stages of 'ongoing' work with the applicant and myself and the number of new applications grows every day.

At the 2017 Conference the Historian had 15 one-on-one meetings with participants who were interested in pursuing the Mayflower application process. One of these participants had his application approved since that meeting and two more are close to having all their needed documentation, others are in various stages of the application process. Twenty participants attended the Historian's Workshop at the 2017 Conference.

Thank you to the Nova Scotia Colony for the support given to the Historian and for the renewal of Ancestry for the Historian's use. Ancestry is a very useful tool in researching Mayflower Lines as they have many original documents

needed for applications. Thank you again to Wilfred Allan and Carol Law for the continuing use of their books for my research.

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Archibald, Historian

Vice-Regent

This year my responsibilities included chairing the 2018 Mayflower Conference Committee. This entailed working closely with a great group of members who shared their talents in the many facets of this weekend's activities- from choosing a suitable location, finding educational and informative and entertaining speakers, to planning refreshments, and creating good times together with this special group of Mayflower Descendants.

Publicity and communication continue to be vital to our organization. Our registration forms, programs and posters were the work of Wilfred Allan, our recording secretary. I was the messenger; I sent out those mass mailings inviting our members, friends, museums and local historical societies to this Conference. Wilfred and I kept in close contact all year, recording new or changed emails, and retiring invalid emails that bounced back, keeping the database current and functional. I placed two entries on Facebook to attract new people to our organization and to remind you to send your registrations.

As in previous years, I contacted the various newspapers and publications to inform the public of our AGM, having to create and recreate our message to fit the word restrictions in each paper.

Thank you to everyone in this planning Committee for your participation. Thank you all for coming. I hope that we have helped to educate, inform and inspire you!

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Anderson, Vice Regent

Elder

I will take the opportunity to advise fellow Colony members that my email address is jnwood@ns.sympatico.ca.

A quick email would be the surest way of alerting me if a fellow member has suffered a bereavement.

Also, if a member has been hospitalized and would appreciate a greeting, I would be pleased to send a card on the Colony's behalf. I thank you all for your assistance.

I have sent one get well card this year to a colony member who had recently had surgery.

We wish to congratulate Hazel and Douglas Trask who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on September 15th.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Wood, Elder

Treasurer**FINANCIAL REPORT 2016-2017**

Balance from 2017-18			\$3,965.02
Memberships	for 2017-2018	\$202.48	
	for 2018-2019	\$390.00	\$592.48
2017 Conference	registration	\$480.00	
	raffle	\$270.00	
	speaker	-\$100.00	
	Rental hall	-\$300.00	
	food	-\$474.86	
	supplies & photo display	-\$276.52	
	flowers and set up	-\$57.58	
	lapel pins - speakers	-\$20.00	\$-478.96
2018 Conference	registration	\$820.13	
	Rental	\$-276.00	\$544.00
Historian	Ancestry.com	-\$299.40	-\$299.40
Lapel Pins		-\$30.00	-\$30.00
Sale of CSMD pins		\$30.00	\$30.00
CSMD Rebate		\$66.00	\$66.00
Bank charges		-\$27.50	-\$27.50
	31/08/2018	BALANCE	\$4,361.64

Please note: The Financial year runs from September 1 to August 31, therefore income and expenses from the conference and dues often do not appear until the following financial year.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Archibald, Treasurer