



**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of
the
The Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants
21 September 2019, 2 pm United
Baptist Church, Middleton N.S.**

Attendance

73 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 Morrisey (Executive Member-at-Large), Deborah Trask (Secretary), Wilfred Allan, David Allen, Herb Anderson, Tami Andrews Tupper, Bobbi Jo Atkinson, Peggie Atkinson, JoAnne Bezanson, Patricia Bruce, Vaughn Bullerwell, Nancy Conrad, Glenn Cook, J. Hugh Currie, Donald Curry, Gerry Curry, John Curry, Margaret Dougherty, Janet Eisses, Carol Ezekiel, Margaret Fearon, Peter Fillmore, Janice Fralic-Brown, Barry Frame, Valeria Greenwood, Rose Hamilton, Carol Harding, Beth Hyslop, Don Hyslop, Albert Johnson, Bonnie Johnson, Lynn Kerr, Elizabeth Landers, Bruce Law, Carol Law, Anne MacKenzie, Debbie Mader, Jill Mattinson, Pat Melvin, Barbara Meredith, Art Milbury, Dr. Barry Moody, Shirley Morrisey, Marshall Moses, Jane Nelson, Kelly Nickerson, Ric Noble, Dorothy Outhouse, Denise Rice, Nancy Richards, Chana Ross, Linda Ryall, Hugh Ryan, Clifford Smith, Joan Smith, Barbara Thompson Andrews, Brenda Thompson, Gwen Trask, Debbie Tully Melvin, Carol Weir, Karen Wells, David White, Tom White, Pamela Wile, Ellen Wood, Marlene Wood, Ken Wyman

Regrets, , Susan Moores, 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 2018 Conference.

Mayflower Passenger Ancestors Roll Call

Families: husband & wife (maiden name) surname; child/children
John Alden 8 (13)

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Isaac & Mary (**Norris**) **Allerton**; Bartholomew, Remember, Mary **9 (18)**

John & Elinor **Billington**; Francis **13 (16)**

William **Bradford 3 (3)**

William & Mary **Brewster**; Love **11 (26)**

Peter **Browne 3 (4)**

James & Mrs. **Chilton**; Mary **8 (14)**

Francis **Cooke**, John **14 (1)**

Edward **Doty 0 (4)**

Francis & Sarah **Eaton**; Samuel **7 (10)**

Moses **Fletcher 0 (0)**

Edward & Mrs. **Fuller**; Samuel **6 (0)**

Samuel **Fuller 0 (9)**

Stephen & Elizabeth (**Fisher**) **Hopkins**; Constance, Giles **14 (29)**

John **Howland (m. Elizabeth Tilley) 14 (22)**

Richard **More 2 (2)**

William & Alice **Mullins**; Priscilla (*m. John Alden*) **8 (10)**

Degory **Priest 0 (0)**

Thomas **Rogers**; Joseph **1 (6)**

Henry **Sampson 3 (3)**

George **Soule 0 (0)**

Myles **Standish 2 (2)**

John & Joan (**Hurst**) **Tilley**; Elizabeth (*m. John Howland*) **14 (17)** Richard
Warren 16 (20)

William & Susannah (**Jackson**) **White**; Resolved, Peregrine **2 (4)** Edward
Winslow 2 (2)

Call to Order & Welcome

The Meeting was called to order at 2:10 PM by the Regent, Bill Curry with 33 members and guests in attendance. The Regent noted that elections are held in even years, and as this is an odd year there will be no election.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as posted.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 29 September 2018 Annual General Meeting (posted on the website since shortly after the meeting) were approved.

Reading of the Mayflower Compact

The Mayflower Compact was read by the Regent.

Business arising from the Minutes

1. **Junior Program** for CSMD – this was proposed at the last AGM, and was approved by the CSMD. The NS Colony is managing this program and to date there are 12 junior members. Susan Roser acquired a USB stick which contains activities etc. done by other societies who have a junior program, and this will be very useful for the committee.

2. **Bylaws** of the NS Colony of Mayflower Descendants – the draft bylaws circulated at the last AGM were not ‘up to scratch’ and so Regent Bill Curry reported that it took until April of this year to get approval. This was a major effort but is now done, and the new bylaws are posted on the website.

3. **Website** – Regent Bill Curry reported that the colony now has its own domain, and the change of server was effected mid-year.

Reports of Executive Officers

Treasurer Gary Archibald submitted his report showing a bank balance of \$4,305.83. It was moved and seconded (Gary Archibald/Gerry Curry) that the Treasurer’s report be approved as circulated. Carried unanimously. **Attached.**

Historian Judi Archibald’s report was presented earlier. **Attached.**

Elder Jean Wood noted that she sent one get well card.

Captain George Snow (not present). The regent reported that George will be stepping down from the role at the next election.

Members-at-Large Ed Morrissey, no report.

Vice-Regent Cheryl Anderson, no report

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

Regent’s Report-

Immediately following the conference and AGM last year, the executive began working on getting the Colony registered as a Not For Profit with the Nova Scotia business registry. This task was a LOT more strenuous than we thought – as we essentially had to take the By-Laws we had as a draft last year and throw that out and begin anew. The Registry eventually, after 4 drafts, accepted the By-Laws we now have, and that we posted online back in April. The By-Laws are now official, and as explained last year, the official title simply adds the word Society to the end of the name and registers us as a not for profit entity in the Province.

I spent a lot of time also re-doing the website, and Cheryl and I have been doing the Facebook duties to help keep people informed of the goings on of the Colony. The website was moved to a new server, all on its own instead of as a sub-domain, and the new look mirrors the new Canadian Mayflower Society website to some extent. The Facebook page has proven popular and we now have over 800 followers.

Your Regent holds two positions in the Canadian Mayflower Society – I am Assistant Governor General for the CSMD, but also the Chair of the Junior Program. The Junior Program Committee, all from Nova Scotia, worked hard on the program and we now have 12 Junior members from across Canada and one American member. They have all received electronic certificates, and if they’ve had a birthday since joining they have received some goodies, and we have plans for formal certificates to be mailed soon, plus I have received a ton of information from the GSMD, which I’ll be sharing with my committee and which will help us give even more benefit to the kids who joined!

Finally, as Regent I also am responsible for working on this annual conference and meeting, and I’d like to once again thank the entire executive for their support and assistance, as really I simply show up at the planning meetings and our group does an admirable job of pulling together something we hope all benefit from. Next year’s conference promises to be something special – more on that in just a minute!

Thanks all for your help and support,

New Business

Support for the Historian. It was moved and seconded (Gordon Wood/Cheryl Anderson) 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.

2020 Conference and AGM. The Regent reported that the next N.S. Mayflower Colony conference will be held in 2020 on 25 & 26 September in Yarmouth. Gary Archibald noted that arrangements are being made to bring an interpreter from Plimoth Plantation, Vicki Omen - this

will mean an extra expense for 2020 which could be covered by raising the registration fee just for the year.

The executive will be looking for theme suggestions for 2020

Adjournment by the Regent at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Trask, Secretary

Reports

Treasurer

Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants 2018-2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

year end 31 Aug 2019

1 Sept. 2019

\$ 4,361.64

BALANCE 2018 \$ 4,361.64

REVENUE

Conference 2018 \$ 525.00

Conference 2019 \$ 980.00

Dues 2018-19 \$ 300.00

Dues 2019-20 \$ 470.00

Lapel Pins \$ 60.00

Donations \$ 125.93

CSMD Rebate \$ 156.00

Raffle - 2018 Conf. \$ 182.00

Licence Plates \$ 35.00

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EXPENDITURES

Conference 2018 \$ 1,081.77

Conference 2019 \$ 28.29

Lapel Pins \$ 50.00

Historian \$ 513.99

Bank \$ 32.50

Exec. Travel \$ 126.75

Joint Stocks \$ 43.60

Website \$ 190.56

Colony banner \$ 123.99

Colony Licence Plates \$ 698.29

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\$ 4,305.83

BALANCE

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

**Historian's Report
September
2019**

This has been another busy and productive year as Historian with the Nova Scotia Colony of Mayflower Descendants. Interest in the Mayflower Society, both for Nova Scotia and the Canadian Society has increased steadily each year.

The increase in the number of inquiries and application is at an all-time high with everyone wishing to have their applications approved prior to the celebrations of 2020. Plymouth is overwhelmed, as well, with applications and the approval time for applications is now 4 months.

The following applicants had their applications approved by Plymouth since our last meeting in September of 2018.

- Barry Frame – Francis Cooke
- JoAnne Bezanson – Myles Standish
- Cole Crocker – John Howland
- Mary Brazeau – William White
- Natalie Moses Bullerwell – Francis Cooke
- Valeria Greenwood – Francis Cooke
- Lindsay Morgan – Richard More
- Henry Weld Fuller – Edward Fuller
- Amanda Moses – Francis Cooke
- Annabelle MacDonald – William Brewster

Jill Mattinson transferred from the Maine Mayflower Society to the Nova Scotia Colony in December 2018.

There are 10 applications at this time in Plymouth awaiting 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. As Historian of the Canadian Society, I am able to approve applications on behalf of the Canadian Society and send these applications directly to Plymouth.

At the 2018 Conference the Historian had 10 one-on-one meetings with participants who were interested in pursuing their Mayflower Lines.

Fifteen participants attended the Historian's Workshop at the 2018 Conference.

In November 2018 and May 2019, I presented workshops on the 'Application Process with the Mayflower Society' in Barrington. These workshops were attended by interested people in the Shelburne and Barrington areas.

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 that are accepted by the General Society in the application process.

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

Respectfully submitted

Judith L. Archibald

Historian

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