

THE HAVILAND BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

INTRODUCTORY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 14, 2026

Directors present: Bruce Matheson, Sherry Spence, David Cairns, Linda Irvine, Dale Cole, Mike Cairns, Mary Beth Maclean, Scott Stevens, Stephen Yarrow

Regrets: Chris Matheson

Trustees present: Mark Belfry, Allan Trainor, Ed Lawlor, Tom Burke, Irene MacArthur

Manager, Daniela Belcran, present at the front end of the meeting

- Bruce called the meeting to order at 4:00pm
- Directors and Trustees introduced themselves, each with a brief bio.
- Concerning the last meeting of the Directors, November 20, 2025, days before the 2025 AGM, all agreed that any minutes of that meeting were not useful, given that it evolved organically into a wrap up and brainstorming session of the former board. Carry over board members will be able to bring forward relevant ideas, etc., to this board and future meetings.

Reports:

Manager – Daniela, report in the first person.

1. December was successful in terms of bar sales and rentals. We had three cancelled events (sicknesses); however, the club kept the deposit.



2. I am working with Edward Lemon, our member from Washington, who will organise the Road of Avonlea Convention from August 7th to 9th. He is renting the entire building for three days, and some activities will take place at the club. I am waiting for instructions from him, as this is a private event.
3. I'm still collaborating with Mary Beth on upcoming entertainment events.
4. Organizing the upcoming Scotch tasting with Scott Stevens in February.
5. We received a generous donation of \$3,000.00 from one of our members. He prefers to keep the discretion.
6. The first bar inventory was taken on January 8th: \$2,784.35.

7. Tango classes begin on February 12th with Shirley Li, our new member. Activities for members only
8. The Haviland Club was offered free rental for Gordon Cobb's memorial service. Working on the date and details with his family. *See motion 1 below
9. Rentals have started to increase. I'm sure it will be a busy year. **See motion 2 below.
10. As we are getting more members and new applications, I would like us to clarify the issue of hours. I received calls Saturday night and Sunday from new members asking if the bar was open. Will we have specific hours for serving the public and members during the week and on weekends?
11. Review the bylaws with benefits and rules to let new members know.
12. I'm going on vacation from January 24th to February 7th. Planning to leave all the orders, bills and payments ready. Also, I'll have my laptop to keep the emails updated.

MOTIONS TO BE DISCUSSED BY THE BOARD

1. Motion 1: All members will have free rental of the memorial service/funeral at the club.
 - All agreed, including those longstanding members who may not have renewed membership for a year or so due to health issues, etc. At the discretion of the board and manager.
2. Motion 2: To promote member events, a 2 or 4-hour free event rental for personal events (lounge, bar, or kitchen access will be an additional price). That would increase members' family/personal activities and can improve bar sales.
 - All agreed, again at board and manager's discretion.

Bruce – roles of Directors:

- Bruce confirmed that Linda will take on the Entertainment Committee, and Dale the Membership role.
- Discussion on Mary Beth's role as Vice President: in addition to supporting the President, she will also take on fund raising but will also assist Dale with Membership drives and Linda with Entertainment. Linda and Mary Beth will sort out respective roles during the transition.

Bruce and Mark:

- Bruce for the Directors and Mark for the Trustees, tabled an initial overview of a hypothetical future structure for the current Haviland – the “Lowden-Haviland Heritage Trust Inc.”, with a separate but supporting “Friends of the Lowden-Haviland Trust”.
- Essentially, the Trust, with its own board and constitution, would protect and preserve the Lowden-Haviland property (known as Farringford House) to maintain the historical and cultural site to educate the public and as a place to convene citizens of PEI for various events. The Trust would be a not-for-profit entity with charitable status.
- The Friends of the Trust would be roughly equivalent to the current Haviland Club, from a social club aspect only. Varying levels of donations (with charitable status for CRA tax receipts) would contribute to the Trust and towards Friend events, such as special events and Friday socials – ticket sales would cover expenses related to the events. The Friends would have its own board and bylaws.

- The above is a rough overview only, subject to much future discussion to establish the details.
- An overriding factor in this proposal is to make it attractive to the current Haviland membership.
- The intention is for the director and trustees to meet again in a couple of weeks or so, to continue the discussion. Given that, a date for the next regular board meeting was not set in advance.

Meeting adjourned 5:17 pm