

# **BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Saturday, June 7, 2014 @ 9:10 am**

**Surrey Museum, Cloverdale**

### **PRESENT**

#### BCHF Council Members

Barb Hynek, President  
Barry Gough, Past President  
Gary Mitchell, First Vice President  
Maurice Guibord, Second Vice President  
Jacqueline Gresko, Honorary President  
Kerri Gibson, Treasurer  
Judy Lam Maxwell, Secretary  
Ron Hyde, Director, Membership  
Bill Morrison, Director, Book Prizes  
Andrea Lister, Editor, BCHF Newsletter  
Jane Watt, Director, British Columbia History  
Ken Wuschke, Director  
Ron Welwood, Editor, website

### **ABSENT**

Marie Elliott, W. Kaye Lamb Essay Scholarships

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **1. Welcome**

- Bill Morrison recognized as outgoing Book Prizes Director
- Car enthusiasts will be interested in the Truck Museum

#### **2. In Memoriam**

- Jacqueline Gresko acknowledged those that passed away this past year:  
Midge Ayukawa, Janet Bingham, Webb Cummings, Robert Genn, Don Lyon, Norman Sheritt,  
Sharon Simpson, Tea Terpenning
- Followed by a moment of silence

#### **3. New member societies welcomed to the BCHF**

#### **4. Member societies and affiliates registered to vote**

1. Ron Welwood, Touchstone Nelson
2. Brenda Smith, Maple Ridge
3. Jacqueline Gresko, BCHF
4. Rob Gresko, Vancouver
5. Maxine Munsil, Port Alberni
6. Erica Williams, Maple Ridge Historical Society
7. Priscilla Lowe, Cowichan Historical Society
8. Daniel Lowe, Cowichan Historical Society
9. Donna Crosby, Riverview Horticultural Society
10. Nan Martin, BC History of Nursing Society
11. Alice Marwood, BC Genealogical Society
12. Ron Hyde, Richmond Museum Society
13. Andrea Lister, Maple Ridge Historical Society
14. Tom Lymberg, Gray Creek Historical Society
15. William Magee, Old Cemeteries Society
16. Gary Sim, SIM Publishing
17. Maurice Guibord, Vancouver Historical Society
18. Kerri Gibson, Vancouver Historical Society
19. Kathy Murphy, VGH School of Nursing Alumnae
20. K.Jane Watt, BCHF
21. Pat Dirks, Friends of the BC Archives
22. John Whittaker, Victoria
23. Frances Welwood, Nelson
24. Gary Mitchell, BC Archives/RBCM
25. Leona Taylor, Old Cemeteries Society
26. Don Reksten, Old Cemeteries Society
27. Ellen Edwards, Surrey Historical Society
28. Elizabeth Hunter, Quesnel & District Museum & Archives
29. Glennis Zilm, BC History of Nursing Society
30. Ken Wuschke, BCHF
31. Jim Foulkes, Surrey Historical Society
32. Goldie Carr, Burnaby Historical Society
33. R. Kenneth Williams, Arrow Lakes Historical Society

#### **5. Minutes of previous AGM (in reports package)**

- Page 12 (p. 6 in Minutes), 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph ... should be Gordon Watts, not Gordon Dodds
- Motion for approval (Kerri, Seconded by Ron Hyde); all in favour

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

- Financial statements are in draft for the AGM
- Very good financial position; some cash transferred to term deposits
- Both revenues and expenses up
- No questions on the financials
- Kerri moves to approve; Seconded by Maurice
- Unanimous acceptance

## **7. President's Report**

- Electronic newsletter discussion ... saved a lot of money from postage, decreased in printing costs
- Recognition of Jane Watt as Editor
- New arrangement with BC Magazine to store and distribute
- Thanks to the Council who helped when Barry was ill

## **8. Committee Reports**

- Available in conference package
- Tom Lymbery spoke re Revelstoke's interest in hosting this, but City bureaucracy
- Suggests getting people to write letters to the Mayor
- Barry will write a letter and wants new Council needs to keep an eye on it
- Walter Moberly Memorial Monument set to be installed by 2016
  
- Jacqueline Gresko spoke about the Land Title and Survey Authority (see her e-mail)
- Comments about the New Westminster office
- Ongoing digitization problems

### **Journal**

- Jane spoke about increasing subscription (see subscription cards on table)
- Wants to get the magazine to more retail places
- Looking for input, fact-checkers

### **Newsletter Report**

- Available on website and can be e-mailed
- Tell Andrea if you want to profile a particular society

### **Advocacy Care & Concern**

- Sub-committee headed by Maurice (incl. Jane Watt & Andrea Lister)
- Maurice explained 'Advocacy' (attention of Council) and 'Care & Concern' (in journal)
- Maurice made a motion; Seconded by Brenda Smith
- Unanimous
- Diane Rogers put her name forward for the sub-committee
- looking for members throughout BC to join sub-committee

### **Recognition**

- General comments by Gary
- Barry made a few comments about sports and cultural significance
- W.K. Lamb essay prize winners will be announced tonight

## 9. New Business

The following people were elected to council for the coming year:

- Barry discussed yesterday's executive meeting
- Gary nominated as 2014/15 President; elected by Barry
- Jane Watt new First VP
- Maurice Guibord, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP
- Judy Lam Maxwell, Secretary
- Kerri Gibson, Treasurer
- Directors: Marie Elliott, Ron Hyde, Ken Wuschke

## 10. Future Conferences

- Elizabeth Hunter spoke about particulars regarding the 2015 conference in Quesnel
- May 28-30 (flyer in conference package)
- Might be a slight date change with the possible mill closure (will confirm)
  
- Barry made a motion to thank Barb and commendation; Seconded by Maurice
- Vote of appreciation to Surrey
- Jacqueline moved; Ron seconded
- All in favour

## 11. Appreciation expressed to our conference partner, Surrey Historical Society

## 12. Announcements

- Heritage Rail is not working, but the Museum is open, there are tours, the interurban ride, etc.
- Book Fair is 12-4 pm
- Everything is on the schedule in the packages

## 13. Member Society Reports (highlights of verbal presentations)

[David Lowe, of the Cowichan Historical Society \(Duncan\)](#): Commissioned in 2013 to complete another outdoor exhibition on the commercial history of Duncan. In 2013, the exhibition was lost artifacts from the Chinese community; in 2014, the Chinese community put a Buddha statue downtown.

[Ken Williams, Nakusp Arrow Lakes Historical Society](#): There is a new archives building with 2-story addition. More than \$10K was raised from Milton's memorial. An application was submitted for the 2016 conference to be in Trail and Revelstoke. Nakusp wants to host it in 2017 (need to sent letter to BCHF President).

[Don Reksten, Old Cemeteries Society of Victoria](#): The OCS is very active. They are cleaning markers, doing tours, genealogy, etc. The Advisory Committee is dealing with Pioneer Square. The City is spending over \$1M to restore the park and cemetery. This is ongoing.

[Nan Martin, BC History of Nursing Society](#): In 2013, the BCHNS fulfilled their purpose with a paid, part-time archivist, 2 scholarships and 2 awards, Canada's most decorated member (98-year-old honorary member) <http://www.bcnursinghistory.ca>

[Donna Crosby, Riverview Horticultural Centre Society](#): They have a mandate to preserve the site (owned by the provincial government, people of BC). Government has been neglecting the heritage trees. The National Historic Sites refused to endorse an application. The BC Housing Visioning Study is under way. It is 244 acres, green spaces, preservation arboretum, etc. (land was cleared in 1904) We don't want marking housing on this site! Donna put forward a motion to support the Riverview Horticultural Centre Society in their efforts to preserve the site; Seconded by Camilla Turner.

**BCHF should send a letter ASAP.**

[Brenda Smith, Chair of the Maple Ridge Community Heritage Commission](#): Discussion about a digitization project, plus conference networking & "intersection".

[Alice Marwood, BC Genealogical Society](#): The society recently had a coat of arms created. The society is run by volunteers. Alice listed the speakers from the last year of lectures. There is an annual family book award

[Ron Hyde and Maurice Guibord, Richmond Museum Society](#): Maurice spoke about the 3 major exhibits. There will be a special event June 7/8.

[Erica Williams, Maple Ridge Historical Society](#): They are intending to increase visibility. There are a number of upcoming events with this purpose, including music, markets, street signage. On August 10<sup>th</sup>, the Museum will be having an anniversary party

[Tom Lymbery,, Gray Creek Historical Society](#): The Gray Creek population in 354. There are weekly guided tours, Gray Creek Museum Days, etc.

[Pat Dirks, Friends of the BC Archives](#): The Friends of the BC Archives hosts a monthly lecture series Sept-May, third Sunday @ 2 pm. They raise funds by selling yearly memberships, which supports the work at the BC Archives.

[Katy Lekich, Alberni District Historical Society](#): Katy discussed the mandate of the Alberni District Historical Society and the big project of digitizing records.

## **14. Adjournment**