

British Columbia Historical Federation
Executive Meeting
22 February 2014
Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria

Present

Barry Gough, President
Barbara Hynek, Past President
Kerri Gibson, Treasurer
Gary Mitchell, First Vice-President (acting as Secretary)
Jane Watt, Director
Maurice Guibord, Director
Andrea Lister, Editor, British Columbia History

Regrets

Jacqueline Gresko, Honorary President
Derek Hayes, Second Vice-President
Bill Morrison, Director
Marie Elliott, Director
Ron Hyde, Director
Ken Wuschke, Director
Judy Lam Maxwell, Secretary
Ron Welwood, Website Editor

Call to order 11h38, the Chair asked Gary to take minutes as the snowy weather had altered directors' attendance.

Approval of agenda

Amendments to the agenda: Historical Writing Competition Committee report to be considered tabled, resolutions outstanding to be postponed until next full meeting; addition under Item 7 Discussion of website re-structuring under Website Report; and item 13 BC Online Encyclopedia to be moved up the agenda into Minutes of Previous meeting and matters arising. Approval of amended agenda: moved by Maurice, seconded by Kerri.
APPROVED

Minutes of Previous Meeting and matters arising:

Barb gave an update on Multi-Material BC (recycling); under the current structure the BCHF will need to report its volume of recyclable material although our volume should be small enough to avoid the payment of fees; it is the intent of the government to pass regulation exempting small organizations from reporting. Gary indicates he will monitor the Orders-in-Council and report when such a regulation is approved by Cabinet.

Discussion on future of the BC Online Encyclopedia included the continuing need for accurate information on British Columbia, the current suppliers in the field, the effort needed to move the initiative to the next stage with associated costs.

Resolution: Move BC Online Encyclopedia project be terminated due to resources demands, minimal offerings and the increasing improvement with other online suppliers on British Columbia information. Moved by Maurice, seconded by Jane.

APPROVED

Actions:

- Maurice will contact each author who supplied an article to the BC Online Encyclopedia indicating the above decision.
- Maurice will contact Derek Hayes as to the decision and the discussion.

President's Note:

Barry gave an update on his activities since the last meeting; highlights included a meeting with Theresa Mackay, the newly hired Executive Director of the BC Museums Association.

General discussion on Barry's update to the Travel Reimbursement policy, topics ranged from the changed rates; the changing face of "volunteerism" in Canada, and the pros and cons of attracting individuals to executive positions.

Resolution: Moved that in the changing landscape of volunteerism and our continuing need to attract the very best of our membership to work for the Federation, the changes to the Travel reimbursement policy be adopted. Moved by Barry, seconded by Maurice. APPROVED.

Treasurer's Report:

Kerri reported the current balance to be \$14,000 with \$142,000 in various short and medium term GICs. General discussion centred on the \$142,000 and need for the Executive to strategize how to put these funds to work in developing long range programs and projects. Consensus that the topic should be raised with next year's Board and Executive.

Acceptance of report: moved by Kerri and seconded by Barb. APPROVED.

Vice President Report:

Tabled without discussion.

Website Report:

General discussion on Ron's and Alistair's observations on the serious need to upgrade the website.

Resolution: Move a motion of thanks and appreciation to Ron and Alistair for their reports on the current status of the website and their recommendation for improvements. Moved by Barb, seconded by Kerri. APPROVED.

Resolution: Move fund up to \$10,000 be allocated for the development and implementation of a new web site. Moved by Kerri, seconded by Maurice. APPROVED.

Membership Report:

Barry tabled the report. Acceptance of the report including the approval of the 25 membership applications: moved by Barb, seconded by Maurice. APPROVED.

Newsletter Magazine Report:

Andrea spoke to the report; the current pilot project will end in April with a report being given to the Executive at the next full meeting; more and more of our membership are signing up for email distribution.

Resolution: Move to extend the pilot project for three more issues with a report to the Executive upon completion. Moved by Barb, seconded by Kerri. APPROVED.

Advocacy/Care and Concern:

General discussion on the committee's report; the nature of advocacy; and the size and duties of members to the committee.

Resolution: Move the President strike a working group at the 2014 AGM; composed of five members, with alternating elections of 2 year terms. In the first year 2 members will be elected for one year and 3 for two years. Moved by Maurice, seconded by Gary. APPROVED.

Magazine Report:

Jane gave a brief overview of her report.

Conference Report:

Barb gave an update of the 2014 Cloverdale Conference report, general discussion of the schedule and date for registration; also discussion on the future conferences, especially where to hold the 2017 conference.

Nominations Committee:

Gary will head up the nominations committee and will be contacting directors next week.

Moberley Plaque:

Barry updated the current situation in Revelstoke and the placement of the cairn. It was the consensus of the meeting to encourage John Whittaker and the City of Revelstoke to continue their strong efforts to commemorate Moberley.

Next meeting
At the AGM, Cloverdale

Adjournment 15h13