

BRITISH COLUMBIA HISTORICAL FEDERATION

Executive Meeting

6 June 2014 11:30-3:30 pm

Surrey Museum Archives

Present

Kerri Gibson
Barry Gough
Jacqueline Gresko
Maurice Guibord
Judy Lam Maxwell
Andrea Lister
Gary Mitchell
Bill Morrison
Jane Watt
Ken Kuschke

Regrets

Marie Elliott
Ron Hyde
Ron Welwood

1. Call to Order at 11:40

Barry acknowledged the letter from Ryan Gallagher, City Archivist, Surrey Archives and suggested that a letter of thanks should be sent to him.

2. Appreciation to Retiring Members

Barry commented about retiring Council members and said a few words of appreciation. He gave tremendous thanks to Barb (he will arrange to send her flowers). Bill Morrison also expressed thanks to Barb.

3. Miscellaneous Discussion

- Bill thinks there should be a turnover of book judges (maybe limit tenure to 2-4 years?). There was a brief discussion about Sharon Simpson's resignation (Okanagan Historical Society connected needed).
- Barry discussed problem with Derek Hayes's encyclopedia project. There was a suggestion by Ken to rejuvenate the project (in a couple of years?). Ken offered comments: we need to look at it as an 'online entity', we need to think about what it should look like, whether an app be created, the need to prepare a business plan and market it to funders, etc.
- Condolences expressed to Jacqueline Gresko regarding her mother-in-law's recent death.

4. Approval of Agenda

Approved by Maurice, Seconded by Ken. Unanimous approval of February 22nd Executive Meeting minutes.

5. Business Arising from the Minutes

Bill discussed the Book Prize (please see attached Motion 1). Move to untable the motion, Seconded by Maurice. All in favour.

Maurice inquired whether we have enough cash. Jacqueline said there needs to be a qualifier. Gary Mitchell discussed how to recognize different groups, how to appropriately acknowledge diversity, etc. Jane participated in the discussion; Andrea said depends on how you market it

Bill said that we need to institute a Communities Book Prize (under the jurisdiction of the Book Prize Committee). \$1000 prize suggested, presumably to be awarded annually. All in favour; unanimously passed.

6. Future Conferences

Barry said that Barb is working on the 2015 conference ... May 28-30 in Quesnel? It was suggested that we invite Elizabeth Hunter from Quesnel to the next 2 Executive Meetings, if this is the case. People in Quesnel want to handle everything (everyone very pleased about this).

2016 in Trail? or Revelstoke conference location? (new Moberly Monument?). Jacqueline suggested that someone on the Council be the liaison. Ken put forward a proposal.

7. Reports

Barry discussed Ron Hyde's *Membership Report*. There was a move to accept membership applications. Motion by Bill, seconded by Kerri.

Next, we discussed the *Newsletter Magazine Report*. Andrea explained that Magazine BC stores all past issues. Jane is working on Fall and Spring issues (4x/year). She expressed a need to plug the magazine at the AGM. Also, we need to cultivate cross-connections: BC Book World, etc.

It was clarified that the BCHF newsletter and magazine are separate (BC Historical News and newsletter were formerly the same thing).

Jane mentioned a non-existent editorial group. Also, there is a need to get some people to help with fact-checking (people with different areas of expertise).

There is money set aside to revamp magazine. Is the BC History magazine to promote the BCHF or market the awards or stand-alone?

We will have new website soon. This website can promote the newsletter.

Bill interrupted to discussion regarding the role of emcee, which night? There was a brief discussion with Bill and Maurice.

There was a short discussion about bulk membership/rebates. We need to discuss membership rate.

Ken asked about future electronic versions of the magazine. Jane said that the BCHF usually prints 25 extra copies; for sports issue, 50 extras were printed. Upcoming Francophone issue needs extras printed ... Ken wonders whether we should agree to send complimentary copies (Gary & Maurice will discuss further).

Ken mentioned 2 MLAs attending the reception Friday night. Barry requested names and ridings for a recognition announcement.

Where are Federation Archives kept? Discussion.

Gary nominated Provincial Archivist Emeritus.

8. New Business

Ron Green still has a key to the PO Box in Victoria ... Barry will get it back from him. Gary said contacting all former members to turn in keys.

Jane said that we need to talk about the website. Postpone for AGM.

9. Appointments

Jacqueline will stay on as Honourary President. Barry will be Past President

10. Adjournment @ 1:45 pm