

**British Columbia Historical Federation**  
**Executive Meeting**  
26 October 2014  
Steveston Tram Barn Boardroom, Richmond

Present

Gary Mitchell, President (acting as Secretary)  
Barry Gough, Past President  
Jane Watt, Director  
Maurice Guibord, Director  
Ron Hyde, Director  
Jane Watt, Director  
Andrea Lister, Editor, British Columbia History

Regrets

Jacqueline Gresko, Honorary President  
Kerri Gibson, Treasurer  
Marie Elliott, Director  
Ken Wuschke, Director  
Judy Lam Maxwell, Secretary  
Ron Welwood, Website Editor

Call to order 11h15, the Chair calls the meeting to order.

**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:**

Minutes of previous minutes were reviewed and will be passed at the next meeting.

The BC Online Encyclopedia project is terminated with article submitters to be notified of the decision to end the project due to the advances in online encyclopedias in terms of editorial guidelines, accuracy and scope. The web site has been taken down

**President's Note:**

Meeting with the CEO, Vital Statistics Agency of BC relating to potentiality of the agency donating its historical records in paper formats to archives, museums or heritage groups; impetus appears to be the completion of a digitization of all its historical records.

Informal meeting with President, Archives Association of BC on Canada150 projects within their organization and the possibility of a coordinated efforts; contact with the BC Museums Association postponed until the current President settles into his new job at the Royal BC Museum.

In a similar vein, meeting with the President, BC Yukon Branch of the Royal Heraldry Society of Canada on Canada150 projects. [I currently sit as the Secretary of the Branch.] The Branch is advancing to the national board a public awareness campaign on Canadian and BC symbols and heraldry targeting the anniversaries: the centennial of the Great War, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Canadian Flag, Canada 150 and 150<sup>th</sup> of BC's entry into Confederation. They are interested in continuing the discussion and, methinks they feel they can get broader recognition.

Discussions held with several senior managers on the proposed amendments to the Societies Act of BC and the white paper publicly broadcast through the Ministry of Finance.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The report was reviewed, the new format seems to be working and Kerri and Directors continue to streamline the billing and invoicing processes. The new format does providing for easier tracking of expenditures by program.

Acceptance of report: moved by Barry and seconded by Maurice. APPROVED.

### **Website Report:**

General discussion on Ron's report.

Resolution: Authorize establishment of a working group to work out a magazine with UBC Library and others.

### **Newsletter Magazine Report:**

General discussion on the scope of the newsletter and audience reach. The Newsletter Pilot project continues and a full discussion will occur when the full council can meet.

### **W. Kaye Lamb Essay Scholarship:**

Out of 11 submissions, the scholarships were awarded:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> year student (\$750 prize): Sarah Hardy, Maple Ridge

"Vancouver's Scottish Nightingale: How a Murder Investigation was altered and Obstructed by Class and Race Issues"

3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> year student (\$1,000 prize): Brandon Krupa, Victoria

"Ski Bums and Squatters: An Examination of Resistance to Unchecked Growth in the Resort Municipality of Whistler"

Special thanks to committee members, Pat Roy and Fran Gundry, webeditor Ron Wellwood and Niall Christie for broadcasting the program on his listserve.

### **Historical Writing Award:**

The committee is gearing up for the upcoming submissions with fall and winter ads being placed in BC Book World.

**Magazine Report:**

Jane gave a brief overview of her report, highlights being: funding from Canadian Periodical Fund to hire an intern to assist with the magazine; new front and back cover in 47/4 and special issues coming out for 48/1 and 49/1.

**Membership Report:**

Ron tabled the report. The major highlight being our partnership with Johnson Insurance has brought in \$5,259 to the BCHF coffers. Acceptance of the report including the approval of the 28 membership applications: moved by Ron, seconded by Maurice. APPROVED.

**Conference Report:**

Elizabeth has things well in hand as Quesnel gears up for the annual conference. Ken has taken a leave of absence due to his pursuit of electoral office in the City of Abbotsford. A full discussion of the conference will occur in the February meeting. The Council expressed its gratitude to Barb Hynek for his operational conference manual, which is making the process much smoother.

**Other Business:**

**White Paper on the Societies Act**

A new white paper on amending the Societies Act of BC was tabled in August. General discussion and agreed Gary will write a short article on it for the newsletter, and directors will submit any concerns to Gary within two weeks. Gary will be watchful for any legislative tabling.

**Canada 150 Projects**

The next executive meeting will have a discussion on what the BCHF will do for the celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation (2017 and 2021). The decision out of that meeting will go to the AGM.

**BC Heritage Fair**

Discussion on this matter postponed and will form part of the Canada 150 Project discussion.

Next meeting  
February 2015 in Victoria

**Adjournment 15h20**