

**British Columbia Historical Federation Council Meeting
24 October 2015
Vancouver Lim Sai Hor Kow Mock Benevolent Association Building
531 Carrall Street
Vancouver**

Present: Gary Mitchell, Jacqueline Gresko, Shannon Bettles, Maurice Guibord, Ron Hyde, Judy Lam, Andrea Lister, Sandra Martins, Jane Watt.

Call to Order: 1.52pm

Adoption of Agenda

All committees tendered their reports ahead of time to streamline the meeting and to concentrate on new business.

Jane Watt requested an in-camera meeting and an agenda item addition of: Community History Preservation Award.

Maurice Guibord requested an agenda item addition after Conference Report: Book Award Report.

Minutes of Meeting 14 July 2015

Approved.

Matters Arising

Matters arising were considered in the President's report and in the scope of the agenda.

President's Report

No further significant developments regarding the Maritime Museum of BC.

After some discussion, it was decided that the Deputy Registrar for the Societies Act will be invited to lead a workshop during the 2016 BCHF Conference. Gary Mitchell and Maurice Guibord will ensure that this idea is carried forward and report back at the next Council meeting.

Treasurer's Documents and Report

Kerri Gibson sent financial reports dated October 9, 2015. In Kerri's absence, Gary Mitchell commented that BCHF was in good financial standing with strong financial reserves. By year end the anticipated operating deficit will be between \$5000-\$6000, due to increases in book prizes, a new website, and the significant changes to the magazine.

Website Report

Andrea Lister asked Council about a website launch and thoughts on the current BCHF email system. Phase I launch will be through a press release and the upcoming newsletter which are both sent to all members. Phase II launch will be during the 2016 Conference. Andrea Lister received approval to set up the \$25 plugin Calendarize It!

Shannon Bettles will be BCHF's Website Editor (volunteer).

BCHF currently has two Paypal accounts, one for membership and sales (received by Ron Hyde) and a second for subscriptions, back issues and conferences (received by Kerri Gibson). Efforts are underway to merge these two accounts for streamlining and efficiency purposes.

Andrea Lister will look further into the ways Council access BCHF emails.

Newsletter Report

The December issue is underway, and will include coverage on the Chinatown walking tour led by Judy Lam prior to the October Council meeting.

W. Kaye Lamb Essay Scholarship

Marie Elliot was absent and did not submit a report as she noted there was nothing to report.

Historical Writing Award

No report

BC History Magazine Liaison

Following on her written report as well as Andrea Lister's submitted Editor's Report, Jane Watt noted that the Fall issue 48.3 sold out. The next issue will be thematic: community halls. Judy Lam will maintain BCHF's Facebook (volunteer) from now on. It was noted that the new bulk subscriptions program will no longer offer subscription rebates to member societies.

Membership Report

Following on his written report, Ron Hyde noted that paid up membership since July 14th now stands at 377 (101 societies, 22 affiliate, 4 corporate, 241 associate) representing 25,648 total members. Dues collected to date for the 2015 membership year are \$14,538 plus donations of \$268.00.

There have been 31 Associate Membership applications, 2 Affiliate Membership and 1 Corporate Membership received as follows:

Paul Bilka - Langley	Joan Glossop - Richmond	Grace Mak - Vancouver
Judy Burningham – Chilliwack	Brena Hambrook Surrey	Gary Morton - N. Van
Susan Burton - Surrey	Linda Hertz - Surrey	Hannora Murphy - Surrey
Isolde Candalero - Langley	Barb Holmes - Nanaimo	Larry Rezanoff - Cobble Hill
Chong Cheung – Burnaby	Jack Hutton – Langley	Evelyn Shaxon - Van
Susan Cheung - Burnaby	Marg Horton - Port Moody	Elaine Slym - Parksville
Charles Clarke - Oakville ON	Jennifer Iredale - Victoria	Elizabeth Steele - Van
Louis Fortin – Surrey	Linda Ireland – Lantzville	Helen Tsang – Richmond
Nola Gibson - New West	Janice Irwin - Langley	Marilyn Wheeler - McBride
	Irina Lau - Burnaby	Jack Whelan - Van
	Monita Lui – Vancouver	

Joan McKean - Parksville

Affiliate: Vancouver Public Library sand SFU Library

Corporate: Historical Chinatown Tours

That these 31 Associate Membership applications, 2 Affiliate Membership applications and 1 Corporate Membership application be approved.

Duly moved and seconded by Jacqueline Gresko. Carried.

Ron Hyde was thanked for his work on maintaining memberships.

Andrea Lister will upload the 2016 membership forms onto the website and Sylvia Skene at MagsBC will be working with Ron on the 2016 membership renewals.

Land Title Authority Report

Following on her written report and the *LTSA Update Newsletter* for October 2015 (link provided in report), Jacqueline Gresko noted progress on the Parcel Map BC, Fee Simplification, Cancellation of Discriminating Covenants and the modernization of microfilm readers in the LTSA offices.

Conference Report

Maurice Guibord reported that the Conference Manual has been sent to the organizers of the 2016 Revelstoke, 2017 Chilliwack and 2018 Arrow Lakes conference organizers. Registration format and logistics will now be planned, as well as chartered transportation details.

Conference Committee: Maurice Guibord, Ron Hyde, Judy Lam and Jane Watt. Shannon Bettles will be copied on emails. Past conference contacts will be invited to sit on the Committee (Quesnel, Surrey).

Book Report

Following his written report, Maurice Guibord went through the new structure for the judges' panel. After some discussion, it was decided that revenue generated from the silent auction of winners' books will go back into the book awards program. Any surplus books post-conference will be donated to the local library or Friends of the Library. Maurice also noted that there needs to be a clear distinction between the winners and the finalists. Andrea Lister commented that the new website will facilitate this clarity.

Community History Preservation Award

Jacqueline Gresko, Ron Hyde and Jane Watt will serve on the Community Preservation Award committee.

There was discussion on the award's judging and logistics, and the decision that judges will be delegated by Council was made.

Moved to establish the Community History Preservation Award at \$500 and \$150 award to selected community donor.

Ron Hyde moved and Jacqueline Gresko seconded. Carried.

There will be a presentation of the CHP Award at the 2016 Conference.

New Business:

Review of Centennial fund concept will be taken up at March's Council meeting.

Conference host and Federation proceeds

Moved the following BCHF conference proceed split: conference host to receive 2/3 of profit and BCHF to receive 1/3 of profit.

Jane Watt moved and Jacqueline Gresko seconded. Carried.

All were in agreement that in a regular situation, the BCHF will handle all losses. The conference host will not be held responsible for loss coverage.

Other Business:

Tom Lymbery submitted his Historic Trails and Sites Committee report. In it, he noted that the BCHF are to submit a \$2000 cheque to The Revelstoke Rail Museum as passed at the 2015 Quesnel Conference. Cheque will be duly generated.

Thank you to Judy Lam for organizing the venue, providing a walking tour of Vancouver's Chinatown and making lunch reservations.

Meeting adjourned at 3.26pm. Next meeting will be early March 2016 on Vancouver Island.