

BCHF Council Meeting

25 August 2021

7:00pm — 8:20pm

Via web conference

Attendees: Callie Anderson, Shannon Bettles, Doug Brigham, Rosa Flinton-Brown, Mark Forsythe, Anna Irwin, Refano Lumempouw, Greg Nesteroff, Emma Quan, K. Jane Watt, Kira Westby

Regrets: Maurice Guibord, Gary Mitchell, Elwin Xie

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: July 28 2021
 - a. MOVED (Callie, Mark) to adopt the minutes with changes. CARRIED
2. Adoption of agenda
 - a. MOVED (Mark, Greg) to adopt the agenda. CARRIED

Share and Tell

Shannon shared information and photos from her trip to three ghost towns in Northern BC: Alice Arm, Kitsault and Anyox.

Next time: Doug will lead the discussion.

Previous Business

1. Business Continuity Planning
 - a. ACTION: Shannon will circulate the document, for updating by Council members. DONE

Reports

1. President (Shannon)
 - a. August has been a quieter month. Committees are getting down to work. Expecting the fall to be busier.
2. Treasurer (Rosa)
 - a. No major changes to our financial position since last month.
 - b. Rosa will bring a financial report in September or October.
2. Membership (Callie)
 - a. Council approved the following new members: Laura Gauthier, Victoria Mawson, Lori Hamilton.
 - b. Council memberships: some members are Associates; some just have magazine subscriptions. We need to standardize.
 - i. ACTION: Callie will ensure that all Council members are listed as Associate Members with start dates of 01 September.
3. Governance & Policy Committee (Callie)
 - a. The committee has not yet met.

- b. Callie asked Council to consider what “governance & policy” means to them. Council members are asked to send their thoughts to Callie prior to the next meeting.
- 4. Communications Committee (Greg)
 - a. August Buzz stats
 - i. Delivered: 585 / Opened: 375 (64%). Top links:
 - 1. Rosa Flinton-Brown new VP = 23
 - 2. Maritime Museum on the move = 18
 - 3. Nanaimo Historical Society series on YouTube = 16
 - 4. Roedde House Museum postcard exhibit = 16
 - b. Emma didn’t get a chance to do too much on Instagram this past month, due to her course load. Congratulations to Emma on receiving a scholarship to UBC!
 - c. Facebook is chugging along. Mark posted a story about the Indigenous reworking of the BC flag, which generated some comments.
 - d. We receive the occasional question on FB and via email about people’s families or histories, so responding to them is a good thing to do. We generally direct them to local historical societies for more information.
- 5. Magazine Committee (Jane)
 - a. The magazine is at the printer now and we will be doing the mail pull shortly.
 - b. We will be organizing an in-service on proofreading as part of a series of sessions on the various steps of the editorial process.
 - c. Working with Callie on moving the subscriptions over to the automated renewal system. Subscriber data on Wild Apricot is now in very good shape.
 - d. Callie is now the owner of the subscriptions@bchistory.ca email address.
 - e. Council members are asked to try and set up a new subscription on the website, to test it out.
 - f. Greg Nesteroff is the guest editor for the next issue of the magazine.
- 6. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
 - a. The committee has not yet met. Nothing to report.
- 7. Conference Committee (Shannon)
 - a. The committee has not yet met. Nothing to report.
 - b. Shannon has been in touch with Paul Ferguson about hosting Conference 2022 in Victoria.
- 8. Anniversary Committee (Elwin)
 - a. The committee has not yet met. Nothing to report.

New business

- 1. [BC Time Immemorial Grant](#)
 - a. Council members discussed potential opportunities for applications under this granting program.
 - b. What reconciliation projects involve BCHF’s work? Could we audit our publications and activities?
 - b. Our website is quickly becoming a central clearing house for BC history volunteer / job opportunities / other BC history content.

- c. We could also become a hub for new areas of interest in BC history (e.g., that BC was never really a purely settler community).
- d. We could approach the funding agency for CLF funding, to be distributed to small projects focused on Indigenizing / de-colonizing? It would allow us to fund those types of projects in the future.
- e. We could become a clearinghouse for grant funding opportunities for BC-specific grants. The BC Museums Association might already do this. There might still be a role for us to make this information available to our members who might not find it on other sites.
- f. Could we support local Indigenous groups to build their own heritage back up? Focus on pre-contact culture?
- g. Re-framing how we tell BC history, as we head into our centenary.
 - i. An Indigenous intern on the Magazine for 6 – 12 months. It could be an elder or a consultant.
 - ii. Should we be pointing to our own members and highlight the work they are already doing (e.g., Revelstoke) to tell these stories?
 - iii. Try and get some of the key Indigenous cultural organizations that are already very successful ('Ksan Historical Village in Hazelton; Nk'Mip Desert Cultural Centre in Osoyoos). Why are they not BCHF members?
- h. How can we best connect with Indigenous groups? We might need to wait until they come to us. There is some amazing work being done. It needs to be a two-way street; we need to be interested in each other's work.
 - i. Shannon helped to build this up with ringette; now they have one of the first Indigenous ringette programs in Canada.
- i. Reconciliation isn't a quick thing; it's about walking side by side in mutual respect.
- j. Why do we list museums but not cultural centres (e.g., U'mista Cultural Centre at Alert Bay is doing HUGE things)?
- k. Individuals or groups as guest editors for the Magazine. Again, those relationships aren't built overnight and people's capacity is limited.
- l. Fort Langley has a jazz festival; organizers are working with the Stomi:x Shweli (Warrior Spirit) drumming group from the Kwantlen nation across Bedford Channel. Could we promote / amplify this sort of happening?

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Next meeting 29 Sep 2021 at 7:00 PM.