

## **BCHF Board Meeting**

30 March 2022

7:00pm — 8:30pm

Via web conference

**Attendees:** Callie Anderson, Shannon Bettles, Doug Brigham, Mark Forsythe, Anna Irwin, Refano Lumempouw, Greg Nesteroff, Emma Quan, Kira Westby, Elwin Xie

**Regrets:** Rosa Flinton-Brown, Gary Mitchell, K. Jane Watt

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

1. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: January 24, 2022
  - a. MOVED (Anna, Greg) to adopt the minutes with changes. CARRIED
2. Adoption of agenda
  - a. MOVED (Mark, Elwin) to adopt the agenda, with additions. CARRIED

### **Previous Business**

1. The Membership Coordinator will confirm the appropriate membership category for the Chilliwack Museum and Archives. DONE

### **Reports**

1. President
  - a. This is a busy time, with the lead up to our Conference and AGM.
  - b. The Magazine and Awards teams have been particularly busy.
2. Treasurer
  - a. CLF funding proposal
    - i. MOVED (Callie, Mark): That this year's book auction proceeds be put toward the CLF. CARRIED
  - b. The Board discussed the amounts of the CLF awards. They will wait to hear which projects the committee wants to fund, and for how much, and then decide the amount of the awards at a subsequent meeting.
3. Membership
  - a. MOVED (Callie, Kira): To approve the Chilliwack Museum & Archives as a society member. CARRIED with 2 abstentions
  - b. The Board approved the following new membership applications: Jill Bewza (Chase), Cathleen Bonnet (Abbotsford), Angie Chew (Vancouver), Jeri Cox (Surrey), Angela Dawson (North Vancouver), John Fuller (Victoria), Ted Hunt (Vancouver), Natalia Kozlova (White Rock), Bonnie Lecky (Delta), Andrea Newsom (North Vancouver), Joyce Pleven (Duncan), John Price (Vancouver), Angelika Robillard (Qualicum Beach), M. Diane Rogers (Burnaby), Mary Scaia (Victoria), Robert Stanley (Vancouver), Victoria Vancek (Pitt Meadows), Sharon Varga (Nanoose Bay).
4. Governance & Policy Committee

- a. Committee members have been doing outreach to other historical societies to understand how they handle membership matters.
  - b. Committee members are reviewing our membership categories for possible revisions.
  - c. Next up: tackling our by-laws in more detail.
5. Communications Committee
- a. February Buzz Stats
    - i. Delivered: 835 / Opened: 594 (71%). Top links:
      - 1. BCHF conference = 49
      - 2. Journey Back to Nature video = 22
      - 3. Remembering the 2003 BCHF conference = 20
      - 4. Mount St. Francis demolition = 19
      - 5. British Columbia - An Untold History = 19
  - b. March Buzz Stats
    - i. Delivered: 777 / Opened: 542 (70%). Top links:
      - 1. Spring issue of BC History = 27
      - 2. Glen Mofford obit = 26
      - 3. Old Trail bridge = 23
      - 4. Time Travels: Okanagan Historical Society = 22
      - 5. BCHF centennial log = 21
      - 6. Penticton home destroyed = 21
  - c. The March edition had the best uptake on links ever, with 287 clicks overall. Most items had double-digit views and none had fewer than four.
  - d. Thanks and congratulations to Shannon for getting things rolling on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo!
  - e. Thanks to Elwin for posting the Museum of North Vancouver (MONOVA) interview (<https://youtu.be/lyB9YH6CbU0>).
  - f. Mark will interview Bert ter Hart before he departs on his cross-country canoe trek.
  - g. The Chinatown Storytelling Centre is picking up. They are getting donations from people etc. Congratulations to the Centre!
  - h. Shannon has made an appointment to explore possibilities for BCHF anniversary merchandise.
6. Magazine
- a. The Spring issue is out; the Summer issue about to be put to bed.
  - b. We are working on a business innovation grant for the end of March.
7. Awards & CLF Committee
- a. The committee has split up and is working in sub-committee on specific awards.
  - b. The Recognition Awards deadline has been extended due to a small number of applications.
  - c. There have been quite a few nominations for the new awards, Advocacy less so.
  - d. Work on the Best Article award is almost complete. Greg will bring the judges' feedback to Board soon.
  - e. The W. Kaye Lamb Award has received 4 submissions.
  - f. All winners will be brought to the Board meeting in April, for approval.
8. Conference Committee

- a. Most speakers and presentations are committed. We have a great keynote speaker in Keith Carlson, discussion history as tool for reconciliation.
- b. Still working on a couple of field trips / tours.
- c. Planning to record presentations for YouTube.
- d. Shannon is working to get registration up really quickly.
- e. Our UBC student Janet is working on social media posts.
- f. Questions for the Board:
  - i. Do we want to host a BCHF members session/workshop?
  - ii. If you have someone for the 'comp' list, please let Shannon know and she will add them.

### **New business**

1. Submitting Expenses by 10 April
  - a. Board members are reminded to submit all of their expenses to Jane no later than 10 April, to make the end-of-year cutoff.
2. National Trust for Canada National Council
  - a. It was suggested to Kira by a staff member at the Ontario Historical Society that the BCHF should consider asking to join the National Heritage Trust National Council: <https://nationaltrustcanada.ca/who-we-are/our-networks/our-national-council>.
    - i. Kira has requested information but has not heard back. She can pursue this question, if we're interested.
3. Society membership renewals
  - a. Callie has composed a list of 20 member societies that need to renew.
  - b. ACTION: Shannon will circulate the list of societies who need membership renewal follow-up by email so Board members can volunteer to contact them.
4. Nominations committee
  - a. We need to strike a committee for succession planning before our AGM in June. We will have some positions to fill.
  - b. Board members are asked to let Shannon know if they are not going to continue and if they know anyone who might want to join.
5. Friends of BC Archives collaboration
  - a. Kelly Black has offered to send a background document for some upcoming consultations about the future of the BC Archives and collections, to share with our members. The consultations will be held in early May and will consist of a facilitated gathering to hear about the proposed changes.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.**

**Next meeting Apr 27 2022 at 7:00 PM**