

## **BCHF Council Meeting**

September 28 2022, 7:00pm

Via web conference

**Attendees:** Shannon Bettles, Rosa Flinton-Brown, Mark Forsythe, Anna Irwin, Greg Nesteroff, Emma Quan, K. Jane Watt, Kira Westby, Aman Johal, Janet Ou

**Regrets:** Elwin Xie, Maurice Guibord, Refano Lumempouw, Ron Verzuh

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

1. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: June 13 2022 (transitional meeting) and May 25 2022. MOVED Mark, Greg. CARRIED
2. Review of motions passed by email on July 21<sup>st</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> 2022 – new BCHF member approvals. No comments or corrections on these motions
3. Adoption of agenda
  - a. MOVED Anna, Mark to adopt the agenda. CARRIED

Re-imagining - Exploring Elegant and Beautiful Solutions (Rosa)

- the board is made up of diverse minds, working together we can come up with diverse and elegant solutions.

How we currently do our work (Jane)

- BCHF is focused on ensuring that volunteers are not ground down, that we're all able to last a long time with the organization

Team Charter: how we prefer to work together (Shannon)

### **Reports**

1. President (Rosa)
  - a. MOTION: that in accordance with the BC Historical Federation bylaws, that Anna Irwin (VP) be added as a signing authority. Rosa, Mark. CARRIED.
2. Financial report (Shannon)
  - a. Shannon reported that our revenues are slightly down, but that we expect things to even out over the next part of the year. Not concerned about a significant deficit.
  - b. Income from book sales and silent auction are less than year before due to having 2 years of books worth to sell last year (2020 and 2021)
  - c. Canadian Periodical Fund is less this year as there was no Covid-19 supplement this year.
  - d. Expenses: paying market rates for editorial and design this year, reflecting a more true viewpoint of these costs. Hoping for an increase from Canadian Periodical Fund this year to help offset this.
3. Membership (Callie)

- a. MOTION to approve the following new members: A. Paul Airey (Surrey), Vivian Drysdale (Calgary), Jock Hawkey (Kelowna), Po Yee Lo (Vancouver), Robert Turner (Abbotsford), Jannet Wasylkiewicz (Langley). Greg, Mark. CARRIED.
- 4. Governance & Policy Committee (Kira)
  - a. The board discussed, and was supportive of, moving away from approving new members at meetings. This change would need to be approved as part of a larger bylaw change at the AGM. The board would still like to see the list of new members presented as part of the meeting minutes.
- 5. Magazine Committee (Jane)
  - a. See report attached to board meeting package.
- 6. Communications Committee (Shannon, Greg, Emma)
  - a. BUZZ stats
    - i. JULY: Delivered: 799, Opened: 532 (67%), Top links: BC History in Fragments (22), BCHF at 100 facing a crossroads (21), Archived newsletter (20), Victoria in 1922: A re-creation (17)
    - b. AUG: Delivered: 795, Opened: 567 (71%), Top links: 60 second decades (59), Sailing enthusiast restores fishing boat (31), Museum of Vancouver database 26, Edelweiss Village preservation (24), Pioneer family in Clayton (21)
    - c. SEPT: Delivered: 795, Opened: 559 (70%), Top links: Archived newsletter (20), Front Words with Mark Forsythe (19), Byron Riblet book (17), Hogan's Alley renaissance (15) 2nd ed of Sinixt history book (14)
    - d. Comms is looking for a coordinator!
- 7. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
  - a. No report at this time
- 8. Conference Committee (Shannon)
  - e. No report at this time

## **New business**

- 1. Film Archive – Ron
  - a. The board discussed that the BCHF is not well set up to manage a collection and/or become a repository, but that we can play a role in advertising and promoting the availability of these clips to our member organizations
  - b. “We are a connective organization rather than a collecting one”
  - c. How can we best support and react to inquiries from individuals looking to deposit/find a home for items (e.g. archival records)
    - i. Forwarding these inquires on to other member organizations, museums, archives
  - d. Comms team could talk about this further and come back to board with ideas: is the website going to become more like a digital hub? Ways to incorporate and share resources, collections, repositories, etc. that are out there?
  - e. BCHF can continue to act as a conduit between offers of donations and appropriate collecting organizations
  - f. For these specific clips, could seek some of the clips to play/add to our Youtube channel

2. Heritage Conversation Act – Rosa, see report in meeting package
3. Innovation Grant – Jane reported that the innovation grant will be applied for in 2023
4. RBCM Consultation – open invitation to board members to join RBCM consultation session with Kate Kerr, contact Rosa if interest.
5. Friends of the BC Archives consultation – Mark reported that the Friends and BCHF were concerned about lack of consultation on collections building being constructed in Collwood. 100+ submissions to survey. Survey looked at issues such as what can be done to increase access, what are access concerns both within and outside Victoria. Report was prepared from responses and submitted to Ministry of Arts & Culture and RBCM. Kelly Black received general response from desk of deputy minister, and a response from BC Archives who responded to specific points and how staff inside the archives are considering those concerns. Friends and BCHF overall feeling more involved, Mark has been in touch with Kelly to see whether there's additional work needed on this file.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:44.**

**Next meeting: October 26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**