

BCHF Council Meeting

January 25th 2023, 7:00pm — 8:30pm

Via web conference

Present: Rosa Flinton-Brown, Greg Nesteroff, Shannon Bettles, Mark Forsythe, Elwin Xie, Aman Johal, Kira Westby, Ron Verzuh, Maurice Guibbord

Regrets: Emma Quan, Janet Ou, Refano Lumempouw, Anna Irwin, K. Jane Watt, Kennedy Neumann, Barbara Kearney-Copan.

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

1. Adoption of agenda
 - a. MOVED Rosa/Greg to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.
2. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: November 30th 2022
 - a. MOVED Rosa/Mark to adopt the minutes. CARRIED

Share and tell – Aman presented an overview of his place of work, Fort Langley National Historic Site and what his role as an interpreter entails.

Previous Business

1. Review of January 5th 2023 email motion (Rosa/Mark) to approve new BCHF members Janice Davis, Robin Fisher, Robert Kipps, Allan Miller, Joan Norman, Sarah Prevost, Josef Setele, Lorraine Smith. Considered carried.

Reports

1. President (Rosa)

Rosa shared that things are going well with the transition to the new treasurer taking over the financial statements. February meeting will be both in person and virtual. \$1600 in donations through Giving Tuesday/Great Canadian Giving campaign through end of November into December, most of this going towards CLF

2. Treasurer (Barbara)

Barbara was unable to attend this meeting, but will present some information on finances at the next meeting

3. Membership (Callie)
 - a. New members for approval: Matthew Araki (Surrey), Chelsea Cox (Surrey), Brenda and Brent Fair (Ladysmith), Rosanna Frasson (West Van), Murray Hill (New West), Linda Ireland (Lantzville). Motion to accept new members moved by Kira/Ron, CARRIED.
 - b. Additional items reported by the Membership Coordinator were attached to agenda package, considered received.

4. Governance & Policy Committee (Kira)
 - a. Report attached to agenda
5. Communications Committee (Rosa, Mark, Emma)
 - a. Comms discussed promotion of the awards, conference, as upcoming things for the BCHF
 - b. Discussed featuring videos done by Kennedy and Aman and thinking about asking for submissions from member societies, great way to find out what member societies are doing
 - c. Mark and Elwin are keen to get out and make more feature videos for the Youtube channel
 - d. Youtube channel is getting lots of viewership
6. Buzz Stats (Greg): January Buzz: Sent: 781, Opened: 593 (76%), Top links: Heritage Vancouver watch list 35, Centennial Legacy Fund 34, Hope Slide 33, Most remarkable photograph 32, Hotel Vancouver silverware 26
7. Magazine (Jane)
 - a. Elwin inquired about whether a reprint of the last edition of the Winter edition of BC History is possible to have them available for July 1st 2023 (anniversary of Chinese Exclusion Act)
8. Awards & CLF Committee (Anna)
 - a. Maurice reported that 26 publications submitted to Lt Govs award, judges are busy doing review
 - b. Rosa reported that CLF applications are also coming in as well, will get those to the board after the deadline
9. Conference Committee (Shannon)
 - a. July 20th-23rd is the conference date in Princeton (revised date)
 - b. Shannon is point person between committees. Princeton would like registration to run through our system but are otherwise taking a lead role on organizing and planning

New business

1. 2023 Annual Conference
 - a. MOVED (Shannon, Kira) to formally accept the Princeton & District Museum and Archives Society proposal to host the 2023 BCHF Annual Conference in Princeton, BC, from July 20-23, 2023. Carried
2. AGM date
 - a. Board discussed that breaking the AGM off from the conference feels like a good idea. Virtual AGM on another evening during the week for an hour and a bit is preferred. Kira and Rosa will come back to Feb meeting with a date proposal
3. Digital advocacy request (see email attached to agenda package)
 - a. Mark shared that friends of BC archives are having a meeting with Emma Wight of BC Archives coming up regarding BC Archives future generally
 - b. Shannon and Maurice mentioned that if we're writing to the minister that perhaps we want to be discussing the other issues with the BC Archives as well (e.g. photo costs and access)

- c. We need to clarify whether Andrea has brought this to the Friends, and if not BCHF should touch base with them. We may also want to seek some member feedback on this issue before taking on an advocacy role. Some clarification on how exactly the process would go, some feedback from Emma Wight at BC Archives will also be needed.
 - d. Rosa to seek some further information and then report back in Feb
- 4. RBCM consultations
 - a. there's been nothing specifically sent to BCHF. Rosa recommended that if possible it'd be great to have BCHF members attend the sessions and engage with the discussions taking place.
- 5. BCMA/BCLA GLAM consultations
 - a. Rosa will be attending a Zoom meeting for sector participants later in the month

Motion to adjourn (Rosa) at 8:23pm

Next meeting: 22 February 2023