

**British Columbia Historical Federation**  
**Executive Meeting**  
21 February 2015  
Union Club of British Columbia, Victoria

Present

Gary Mitchell, President  
Jacqueline Gresko, Honorary President  
Kerri Gibson, Treasurer  
Jane Watt, First Vice-President  
Ron Hyde, Director  
Ken Wuschke, Director  
Barry Gough, Past President  
Andrea Lister, Editor, British Columbia History

Regrets

Maurice Guibord, Second Vice-President  
Marie Elliott, Director  
Judy Lam Maxwell, Secretary  
Ron Welwood, Website Editor

Call to order 11h21.

**Approval of agenda**

Amendments to the agenda: 15b) Trail and Historic Sites Committee Report; 15c) Douglas Franklin publication; 15d) Heritage Week; 15e) Policy and Procedures.

Approval of amended agenda: moved by Barry, seconded by Kerri. APPROVED

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Review of the minutes for 26 Oct 2014 and 6 June 2014 and the Annual General Meeting minutes (7 June 2014). One revision to the 26 Oct meeting was made.

Approval of amended 26 Oct 2014 and 6 Jun 2014 minutes: moved by Jacqueline and seconded by Jane. APPROVED.

**Matters arising:**

Canada 150 Legacy Projects/initiatives – with the limited time the executive has during its meetings, a discussion on what options were available to move Canada 150 Legacy matters forward.

RESOLUTION: Move a committee be struck to provide options for what Canada 150 Legacy projects the BCHF can undertake. Moved by Ken, seconded by Ron. APPROVED.

The chair asked Jacqueline, Jane and Ken to undertake the Canada 150 committee and report back to the Executive their findings before the Annual General Meeting. The committee can extend their membership with other Executive members or contributory external sources. Executive members are encouraged to provide the committee with their

ideas and thoughts on how to celebrate Canada 150 and our emphasis on B.C. anniversary into the union in 2021.

**President's Note:**

In addition to the update, Gary indicated the government has tabled Bill 5 Government Information Act. The proposed legislation, currently at First Reading, will fundamental change the BC Public Service's approach to records keeping and archives. Gary will provide the newsletter will an article on the topic.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kerri reported the current balance to be \$ 11608.46 with \$143, 068 in various short and medium term GICs. General discussion on the year-end forecast, the Historical News internship and need to promote donations. A request was made that a donation button be placed in prominent positions on the new website to promote donations.

Acceptance of report: moved by Kerri and seconded by Ron. APPROVED.

**Website Report:**

Discussion on Ron's report and his action request:

Resolution: Move the website editor be instructed to maintain photographic links to five past conferences on the active site. Moved by Ken, seconded by Kerri.  
APPROVED.

Resolution: Move the website editor maintain the photographs of past conferences greater than five years in an off-line folder for review by the Federation archivist.  
Moved by Kerri, seconded by Jane. APPROVED.

Resolution: the President and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President discuss the the BCHF archivist position prior to the next executive meeting. Moved by Barry, seconded by Kerri.  
APPROVED.

A major thanks to Ron for maintaining the website as the Federations goes through the growing pains of setting up a new site and template.

**Newsletter Magazine Report:**

Andrea spoke to the report; and indicated the growing number of Federation members acquiring the newsletter online. A further discussion on the Federation extending its reach into the various social media formats was held with general agreement such an extension was worthwhile and probably overdue.

**W. Kaye Lamb Essay Scholarship:** No report

**Historical Writing Award:** Report received.

**Magazine Report:**

Jane gave a brief overview of her report with discussions on the use of PayPal, the need to continue the upgrading of the magazine. Jane and Ron are working on ensuring the linkages between the membership and subscription data sets remains in synch with each other.

The Chair asked Jane if it was possible to track volunteer hours on the magazine as it would be beneficial for Federation members to realize the level of effort and dedication colleague members are putting into this first class publication. Jane will investigate and report back.

**Membership Report:**

Ron tabled the report. Acceptance of the report including the approval of the 30 membership applications: moved by Ron, seconded by Barry. APPROVED.

General discussion was raised by several members on the anti-SPAM legislation and the need to have explicit consent for members to receive online messages and communications, Ron and Andrea will investigate upgrading the membership applications to ensure we comply with the legislation but also to broaden out our online and email reach into the membership.

**Land Title Authority Report:**

Jacqueline gave an update to her report on the Land Title Authority's tenth anniversary and the preservation efforts underway by the Authority.

**Conference Report:**

Ken gave an update on the conference and the bus tour; followed up with discussions on the promotional brochure, social events planning, and the need for event insurance for the bus tour, etc. Ron will investigate whether or not Johnston Insurance handles such events.

Ken indicated a general frustration on the conference hosts and himself as to the lack of specific delineation of responsibilities for the host and the federation. The executive will wait until after the post conference debriefing for a more in-depth discussion.

Ken indicated the final figures for the conference and bus tour will be ready for a conference registration date of March 7.

Social media was brought up again during the discussion; and our lack of policy around this communications format; Jane and Andrea will create and post a policy statement with an Executive review in the fall.

**Historical News intern report**

Sarah Sewell gave an overview of her work during the internship at the BC Magazine, with an insightful discussion on the BCHF's online presence with considerations on how to continue our advance into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

### **Historic Trails and Sites Committee**

The executive is appreciative of the work Tom and John have undertaken; the recommendations within the report will be presented at the Annual General Meeting for resolution.

### **Douglas Franklin publication on BC Schools:**

Barry has received a copy of Douglas Franklin and John Fleming, *Early School Architecture in British Columbia* (Victoria: Heritage Conservation Branch, 1980) and asked that the Federation support the digitalization of the report for placement on the website. General agreement to proceed.

**Nominations Committee:** Gary will head up the nominations committee and will be contacting directors shortly.

Next meeting  
At the AGM, Quesnel

**Adjournment 15h33**