

BCHF Council Meeting

26 August 2020

7:00pm — 8:30pm

Via web conference

Attendees: Shannon Bettles, Doug Brigham, Rosa Flinton-Brown, Mark Forsythe, Michael Gibbs, Aimee Greenaway, Maurice Guibord, Greg Nesteroff, K. Jane Watt

Regrets: Andrea Lister, Gary Mitchell, Caroline Ross

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

1. Review and adoption of previous meeting minutes: 22 July, 2020.
 - a. MOVED (Maurice Guibord, Amy Greenaway) to adopt the minutes. CARRIED.
2. Adoption of agenda
 - a. MOVED (Mark Forsythe, Greg Nesteroff) to adopt the agenda. CARRIED.

Roundtable

3. President (Shannon, previously circulated)
 - a. The Federations' website was down briefly. Council members were reminded of the importance of cybersecurity
 - b. We are getting ready for our virtual AGM. We have 49 registrants so far.
4. Treasurer (Rosa)
 - a. Nothing substantial to report. Rosa will provide a more thorough report next time.
 - b. The monies raised through Canada Helps have come into our bank account.
5. Membership (Shannon)
 - a. No problems have been reported with the Wild Apricot platform. People are renewing their memberships.
 - b. Shannon is still looking for another Council member who is willing to take on this portfolio.
6. Newsletter (Greg)
 - a. The August issue went out yesterday.
 - i. It was delivered to 580 addresses; so far opened by 274 (47%).
 - ii. The most popular links so far:
 1. Demolition of Navy Jack's house delayed (15 clicks)
 2. Cataline Q&A (9 clicks)
 3. BCHF AGM (8 clicks)
 4. Donald Reksten obituary (8 clicks)
 - b. The August newsletter included a call asking members to tell us if their facilities are open despite COVID
 - i. Greg will compile the results and pin it to the top of the website and our Facebook page for the next while.
7. Book prize and auction (Maurice)
 - a. We have secured a third judge for the next round.

8. Awards (Aimee)
 - a. We are still looking for a volunteer to take this portfolio on for the coming year.
9. Centennial Legacy Fund (Shannon)
 - a. The call for proposals will be issued in the fall.
 - b. We should consider growing the fund next year, maybe with a dedicated campaign.
 - c. How can we best amplify what our members are doing in connection with the BC 150 celebrations?
 - i. Host some online, regionally-focused events? Engage singers, writers, etc.?
 - ii. Host an online roadshow? Or a series of events throughout the year?
 - iii. Produce a series of regional events, all linked to BC 150, and compile them into a single show?
 - iv. Take a GoPro and tour a historical site in your area?
 - d. ACTION: Bring this issue up at the AGM and see what our members are interested in doing.
10. Magazine (Shannon)
 - a. Mark is now doing his column virtually.
 - b. Everything is lining up nicely for the winter edition.
11. Communications, social media, projects (Mark)
 - a. We are still trying to feed material into Facebook.
 - b. Mark is working on a video with Michael Kluckner about his book, *Vanishing BC*.
12. Conference 2021 (Shannon)
 - a. The planning committee has met again.
 - b. Shannon Hall in Surrey has been tentatively booked.
 - c. We need to be prepared for in-person, online and hybrid scenarios.
 - d. Potential speakers to approach:
 - i. Baltej Dhillon
 - ii. Kyle Jackson
 - iii. Renée Saklikar
 - iv. Dr. Bonnie Henry
 - e. Considering assembling curated stories from members, submitted ahead of time, to provide some audience participation.
 - f. We should look at the History BC questionnaire for ideas about hosting online conferences / events.
 - g. Should we consider having more panels than individual speakers? That entails finding more speakers but provides shorter talks and people might be more amenable to participating.
 - h. Next planning committee meeting: Sep 26 at 11 AM.

New Business

14. Honorary members (Shannon)
 - a. We should defer this until 2021. Ask members at this year's AGM to start thinking about nominees.

15. UBC students (Shannon)
 - a. We have been contacted by a professor at UBC, teaching a 300 level sociology course, who is looking for volunteer placements for some students. Placements require 20 hours of work. The professor would like to place up to 5 students with the Federation in the fall term. Shannon and Jane are working on this.
 - b. Students could work on the magazine, communications, social media, video editing, writing etc.
 - c. Council members should let Shannon know if they are interested in working with a student.
16. Planning meeting 2020 (Shannon)
 - a. Council will devote their October meeting to year-ahead planning. We will have our new Council members in place by then.
17. Council positions (Shannon)
 - a. We are still looking for people to fill the Member Coordinator, Recognition / Awards and Vice President portfolios.
 - b. Jane is reaching out to likely volunteers.
18. AGM rehearsal
 - a. The rehearsal is scheduled for next week. We will run through the agenda and make sure everything works. All Council members are encouraged to attend the rehearsal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM