

Nanaimo Historical Society
Annual General Meeting
March 10 2022

Minutes

1. Call to order
 - Meeting called to order by David Hill-Turner, President, at 7 PM
 - The Chair welcomed 21 members and guests to the meeting
 - The Chair also welcomed Leonard Krog, Mayor of Nanaimo
2. Declaration of Quorum
 - The Secretary declared that a quorum of members was present
3. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion – Agenda approved as distributed by email. Moved C. Hadfield, seconded D. Ohs, passed
4. Approval of the 2021 AGM Minutes (distributed by email)
 - Motion – Minutes of 2021 AGM minutes posted on the website be accepted. Moved S. Creba, seconded R. Prior, passed
5. Discussion of business arising out of the 2021 minutes
 - no discussion
6. Reports of the Officers and Committees (distributed by email prior to meeting)
 - President
 - D Hill Turner emphasized several of the points from his report
 - past 2 years have been difficult, thanked members and guests who have attended the digital meetings. Also thanked Directors and Committee members who have spend much time and effort to keep the Society alive.
 - this is our third year as a registered society... number of accomplishments. Thus far in 2002 1) received charitable status from CRA 2) website nearly ready for launch 3) Grant program underway
 - in the future, need to do more to recognize First Nations culture and heritage and continue to tell new and old stories about Nanaimo
 - Treasurer' / Finance Committee
 - T. Orchard made a quick review of the 2023 budget
 - reviewed several of the issues discussed in his report.
 - MOTION. Accept financial statements, moved T Orchard, seconded S Creba, passed
 - MOTION Reappoint Leakey & Lewicki as accountants. Moved T Orchard, seconded S Creba, passed

- Secretary's report
 - G Miller noted that the British Columbia Historical Federation changed its policy regarding bulk subscriptions. Consequently, the Board had been forced to drop subscriptions to *British Columbia history* magazine as part of the membership to the Society.
 - New dues structure was implemented.
 - \$10 personal membership
 - \$5 student membership
 - \$15 family membership
 - \$15 group membership
 - Membership renewals faltered during 2021. The Board hopes that with the return of in person meetings, that members will return to the Society

- Programme Committee
 - D Ohs thanked Society members for accepting the temporary use of ZOOM and YouTube to deliver the Society's programmes

- Communications Committee
 - S. Creba thanked the members of the Communications Committee (D Hill Turner and R. Prior). She also thanked C. Meutzner for her support in presenting YouTube and Facebook based information.
 - The committee's role is to promote Nanaimo Historical Society's activities.
 - Since June 2021, members of the Committee and the Board of Directors have been working with ARRAY (website designers) to develop a website for the Society.
 - S. Creba provided a brief internet based presentation showing the various features of the website.

- Governance Committee
 - G. Miller reported that the Committee continued to document Society policies and procedures.

- Grants Committee
 - Leynard Legacy Grant program initiated. This program will provide \$400-\$2000 grant to support research on the Nanaimo region

MOTION – accept reports of Officers and Committees. Moved S. Creba, seconded R. Prior, passed

7. Election of directors

- Chair noted that the Society's bylaws permitted up to 11 Directors. Consequently, there will be no election unless more than 11 members are nominated
- Chair reported that 5 of the Directors elected in 2020 had completed their term of office. (D Hill-Turner, G. Miller, D. Ohs, S. Garcia, T. Orchard)

- all of these Directors (Darrell Ohs, Gordon Miller, Tony Orchard,, David Hill-Turner, Susan Garcia) indicated that they would be willing to serve another term as Directors (i.e. self-nomination)
- Chair asked for additional nominations from the members attending.
 - Ted Lord was nominated by T. Orchard
 - no further nominations
- Chair declared that Ted Lord, David Hill-Turner, Gordon Miller, Darrell Ohs, Susan Garcia and Tony Orchard were elected Directors

8. New business

- no new business

9. President asked members if there was any further business

- No further business was raised

10. Adjourn – the formal part of the Annual general meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Speaker

The evening's special speaker, Susan Garcia, was introduced by Darrell Ohs.

Susan Garcia is of mixed European, Indigenous and Hawaiian heritage. Her initial interest in genealogy led her deeper into the general history of BC and to her current studies at Vancouver Island University, in History, Creative Writing and Indigenous Studies. Susan's publications include the article "Upriver Captain, Downriver Family Man" in British Columbia History (Summer, 2021) and two stories "Homestead Murder" and "My Mysterious Great-Great-Grandma" in The Trail of 1858: British Columbia's Gold Rush Past (2007) by Mark Forsythe and Greg Dickson. Susan has been mentored by generous historians for many years, and she is an active member of the Nanaimo Historical Society.

Susan's presentation was titled "**Murder on Mayne Island: What Did Justice look like in the Gulf Islands in the 1870's?**". The talk and visual presentation was recorded and posted on the YouTube / Nanaimo Historical Society channel.

The link to this video is https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sHpr_FZduHQ

Refreshments followed the presentation.