

Minutes of the Fairbridge Chapel Heritage Society Annual General Meeting held on July 24, 2021 at 4791 Fairbridge Drive, Cowichan Station, B.C., at 11am.

Present: Erik Henriksen, President, Ron Smith, Secretary Treasurer, Pat Skidmore, Doreen Hagen, Robert Henriksen (by phone)

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:15 am.

Minutes: The corrected minutes of the January 30, 2021 Annual General Meeting for the 2019-20 fiscal year was distributed to all members at the meeting.

Moved: Doreen Hagen

Seconded: Ron Smith

That the minutes of the 2020-21 Annual General meeting be accepted as distributed.

CARRIED

Business Arising:

The Secretary mentioned that the 2019-2020 Annual Report was sent to the province and accepted. Also, the name plaque on the tea service tray was changed to reflect the correct "Mollie" and that with the Bank of Nova Scotia down to only three staff at the branch he was unable to get the necessary information to add Robert Henriksen as a signing officer.

Correspondence:

1. Revenue Canada has accepted our filing of the society information for this year.
2. Post Office returned mail indicating Fred Bishop had died.

New Business:

1. Annual Report:

The Annual Report was reviewed by those attending. It was noted that there were no weddings during the summer of 2020. However, two will take place in the summer of 2021.

Moved: Doreen Hagen

Seconded: Ron Smith

That the Annual Report be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

2. Financial Report

The Treasurer outlined some of the key expenses that occurred during the 2020-21 fiscal year. This included the money spent for general maintenance and labour, our insurance and the fact that Work Safe BC fee and the Annual Report filing fees were included under the Insurance/Legal section.

Moved: Ron Smith

Seconded: Erik Henriksen

That the Financial Report be accepted.

CARRIED

3. Maintenance & Restoration Report

The Secretary presented the Maintenance & Restoration Report. It was noted that only a few jobs were completed in the late summer and fall of 2020 due to the pandemic. In addition, a long list of jobs that will or could be tackled in 2021 was included. It was also mentioned that the Fairbridge Canada Association files were in the chapel and should be given back to the organization as soon as possible. Pat Skidmore said she would be willing to assist with this transfer.

Moved: Pat Skidmore
Seconded: Ron Smith

That Pat Skidmore and Ron Smith sort out the stored Fairbridge Canada Association material.

CARRIED

4. The Future of the Society

President Erik Henriksen informed those present that he and Ron Smith had met with Brian Farquhar, Parks Manager on June 10th regarding the possibility of returning the heritage site to the Cowichan Valley Regional District. It was pointed out that the CVRD had the first rights should there be a change of ownership/management of the site which includes the Fairbridge Chapel and adjacent school house.

The reason for the discussion was because of the very low membership in the society (only 16 now) and fact that many of the members, including the Board of Directors were all aged in their mid 60's to mid 80's now.

The President mentioned that indeed the CVRD may look favourably to the idea. Mr. Farquhar outlined some possibilities for its continued management which mentioning what was being done to assist other organizations in the Cowichan Valley.

Mr. Farquhar felt we should first contact Area E Board Director, Alison Nicholson to see if she would be in favour of this proposal and explain to her the importance of the heritage site and reasons for the Society approaching the CVRD at this time.

Moved: Erik Henriksen
Seconded: Pat Skidmore

That the President or Secretary arrange a meeting with Alison Nicholson to further explore the options for the CVRD to once again acquire the heritage site.

CARRIED

5. Other Business

There was no other business discussed at the meeting.

6. Election of Directors

It was agreed, given the fact that discussions with the CVRD is being arranged, that the present Board of Directors, who have served for a number of years should remain in their present positions for the next year.

Erik Henriksen, President
Ron Price
Karin Laurie
Jean Guy Quenneville

Ron Smith, Secretary Treasurer
Pat Skidmore
Robert Henriksen

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon