

# ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting

**Held at 7:00pm Monday November 18, 2013  
In the EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road in Esquimalt**

The school was opened at 6:15pm with refreshments available to attendees. The Rhythm and Blues Band from the school's Music Program entertained from 6:30pm in their first ever public performance which was well received. There were displays of photos from the Reunion in May 2012 as well as showing the history of schools in the Esquimalt area since the late 1800's. School scarves and T-shirts were available for purchase along with Smile Cards from Thrifty's Foods.

**1. Call to Order:** The Moderator, Gary Moser, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. He explained that only members of the EHS Alumni Association were able to vote on motions. There were 29 people in attendance most of whom were members and the Moderator noted that a quorum was in attendance. He thanked the student musicians from the Rhythm and Blues Band and their teacher for the enjoyable entertainment. He also noted that there were two separate AGMs being held for both the Alumni Association and the associated Funding Society and briefly explained the difference between the two entities and the value to the school of the fundraising efforts of the Alumni Association.

**2. Welcome to the School:** Mr. Colin Roberts, the school's principal, welcomed the Alumni Association to the school and thanked the Alumni for their continued generous support for the students and for the various programs at the school. Specifically he pointed to the addition of a new lighting board for the theatre and called upon Carter Giesbrecht to demonstrate how the computer controlled lighting board worked.

**3. Approval of Agenda:** The Moderator moved a motion to accept the agenda as circulated. Seconded: Bryan Mee. Carried

**4. Approval of Minutes of 2012 AGM:** In the absence of John Carmichael, Secretary of the Alumni Association, the Moderator moved a motion to approve the minutes from the 2012 AGM as circulated. Seconded: Barry Scott. Carried

**5. Scholarship Recipients 2012:** In the absence of Helen Money, the Moderator introduced the two Alumni Association Scholarship winners, Zaineb and Kati, who will each receive a cheque for \$750.00. He went on to describe the scholastic accomplishments and community volunteer work of the two winners and noted that they were selected from a group of their peers who are also very capable and talented which demonstrated the extremely high standard of the two winners' accomplishments. Zaineb is going into pre-medicine at UVIC in the fall and Kati is going on to Dalhousie University to study International Affairs. Congratulations to you both, Zaineb and to Kati.

**6. President's Report:** The President of the Alumni Association, Wes Umphrey, gave the report. He began by recognizing and thanking a long list of named Alumni Association members for their specific activities in support of the Association throughout the year. Highlights from the President's report included mention of:

- The November 11 Remembrance Day ceremony in Esquimalt at which a student, Jamieson McGill, grade 11 EHS, and Wes, as in other years, laid a wreath on behalf of the school and the Alumni Association;
- Ribfest held on September 13, 14 and 15 in which Alumni Association members and students assisted and raised money for the school;
- The Reunion in September of the Class of 1963 at which a number of scarves and T-shirts were sold on behalf of the Association and the net proceeds from the Reunion were donated to the school;
- The 2015 centennial celebrations for the school and the preparations beginning to get underway; and
- Finally, Wes announced that Brian Mee, one of the Association's founding directors, was retiring from active participation with the executive and thanked him for his many services over the years, which he described, to the community, the school and the Alumni Association

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Bill Emery, Treasurer of the Alumni Association, presented the Treasurer's Report which consisted of 4 documents (appended as Attachment A, Attachment B, Attachment C and Attachment D to these Minutes):

- EHS Alumni Association 2012-2013 Financial Report
- Proposed Budget for EHS Alumni Association Society for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year
- Financial Review and Audit for Fiscal Year Ended October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013

- Annual General Meeting, November 18, 2013, Proposed Motions by the Treasurer.

Comments or questions were invited on each of the first 3 of these documents in turn with no response. The Treasurer then moved each of the 5 motions in the fourth document:

- That the September 30, 2013, Financial Statement be received and recorded in the minutes. Seconded George Copley. Carried.
- That the financial review and report by Art Gamble be accepted. Seconded Cathy Praud. Carried. Bill thanked Art for carrying out the audit.
- That the proposed budget for 2013-2014 fiscal year be approved. Seconded by Brian Mee. Carried
- That the Society appoint Art Gamble as Auditor for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Seconded by Wes Umphrey. Carried
- That the Society approve the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as signing officers (any two of four signatures required) of the Society and that the Society continue to use Coast Capital Saving for banking. Seconded Gary Moser. Carried.

## **8. Directors Reports:**

**Membership** – In the absence of the Membership Director, Myrna Bennett, Dave Allen reported on membership. There are over 600 names on the books but sadly a number of members have passed away and so the actual number of members is 557 which represents a slight increase of 4 members over last year's number. Dave emphasized the importance of the \$10 membership fee, a one-time cost, to the continuing fundraising efforts of the Association.

**Fundraising 2013/2014**-Dave Allen noted that the Association members have been asked again to contribute to the Scholarship Fund which is in a healthy condition and we hope to add a third and a fourth scholarship in the future. He also noted that the existing bus owned by the school and used for transporting students to athletic competitions, field trips and other outings is in poor shape and needs to be replaced at an estimated cost of \$65,000. While that appears to be a large sum and so difficult to raise, Dave detailed various fund raising initiatives, including a donation already pledged of \$25,000, that should make the goal of raising the money within a couple of years attainable.

**2015 Anniversary Celebration** – Wes Umphrey reported on the status of preparation for the school's centennial celebration in 2015. A long lead time is needed for such a major undertaking and the curling rink has been reserved for a

Friday night Meet and Greet and a Saturday night dinner and dance for the estimated 1,000 to 1,500 attendees. Other events may include a family pot-luck picnic at Gorge Park in the summer organized by PAC, open house events in the school organized by the Leadership Class, golf tournament in the fall at Gorge Vale Golf Club and a Variety Show similar to the one put on by the Association a couple of years ago. Also in the discussion stage are preparation of displays for the school foyer, postings on the Alumni or school websites, special edition of the school annual and a large commemorative centennial brick at Memorial Park. An EHS Centennial Committee will be set up with the first meeting of the committee being held on January 20, 2014. Volunteers are needed to participate on the Committee and in all of the planned activities and events.

**9. Election of Officers:** Bryan Mee superintended the election of officers and nominated the following members for 2 year positions on the board:

President – Wes Umphrey  
Vice President-Paul Wickens  
Treasurer-Bill Emery  
Membership Director-Cathy Praud  
Communication Director-Gary Moser  
Director at Large-Dave Allen

And nominated the following members for 1 year positions on the board:

Reunion Director- Trish Fortier  
Scholarship Director-Lorna Reid  
Director at Large-Myrna Bennett

After requesting any other nominations 3 times and none being brought forward, Brian Mee declared these members elected by acclamation.

Brian then invited nominations from the floor for 2 other positions:

Heritage Director- no nominations brought forward

Director at Large (1 year)- Patrick Floyd was nominated by Wes Umphrey

Brian noted that in the absence of a Heritage Director elected at the AGM the executive have the power under the Association's constitution to appoint a member to that position.

**10. Closing Remarks/Adjournment:** Gary Moser noted that the Alumni Association has three important purposes:

- To raise money;
- To spend it wisely for the school; and
- To enhance the image of the Alumni Association and EHS in the eyes of the larger community.

Each of those purposes is capable of being fulfilled with the generous and active support and participation of the members of the Association who come forward to assist in all sorts of ways and in many activities. He extended thanks on behalf of his colleagues on the executive to the members for this active support throughout the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.