

# ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting  
Held at 7:00 pm, Monday, 17 November, 2008  
In the EHS Theatre

Esquimalt High School students participated by greeting attendees at the door, staffing a membership table and handing out meeting documents in the foyer, and by providing refreshments after the meeting. An historical display with photos and school annuals was available for view.

## **1. Call to Order.**

Bill Broadley, moderator for the meeting, opened it at 7 pm and then called on the Esquimalt High School Principal, Deborah Courville, to welcome attendees to the school.

## **2. Welcome from the School.**

Deborah welcomed the attendees and expressed the school's appreciation for the existence of, and the work of, the Alumni Association which enriches the school and unites graduates from their many locations. She gave special recognition to Dave Allen, who has been student, teacher, Vice Principal, and Principal of the school and is now the Alumni President.

## **3. Approval of the Agenda.**

Bill Broadley referred to the agenda that was handed out at the entrance and asked the audience if there were any additions or changes. There being none it was moved by Rick Underwood, seconded by Marilyn Day, that the agenda be approved. Carried.

## **4. Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.**

Bill referred to the minutes of the November 19, 2007, AGM meeting handed out at the entrance and asked for comments or a motion to approve them. It was moved by Helen Money, seconded by Art Gamble, that the minutes be approved. Carried.

## **5. President's Report.**

Dave Allen began his report by thanking Bill Broadley for moderating our meetings for this, the fourth time. Then he welcomed the attending members and referred to the 5 executive meetings held during the past year and the 6 committee meetings. He asked the existing directors to stand and be recognized, and gave special thanks to Wes Umphrey and Bryan Mee for taking on extra duties during the year.

In listing the year's achievements he said three committees had been established, one to plan and organize the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and reunion, one to plan and raise funds for the refurbishing of the seats in the school theatre, and one to expand the association membership. On behalf of the association a wreath was presented at the cenotaph in Esquimalt on Remembrance Day by Brady Quaite, who Dave thanked along with Wes Umphrey for this service.

Dave then explained the need for a second society to meet federal government regulations and provide a charitable tax status entity for Alumni fund raising. This is required to permit the

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issuing of income tax receipts for any donations received. The establishment and inaugural meeting of the new society would take place immediately after this AGM.

Looking ahead to the coming year Dave outlined these objectives:

- The completion of the refurbishment of the theatre seats during the summer of 2009.
- The holding of a successful 93<sup>rd</sup> reunion in the school auditorium on March 7, 2009.
- The establishment of the new society to provide the required charitable tax status.
- The continuation of the \$1,000 annual scholarship award.
- The application of technology to up-date the Power Point photo history, up-date the web site system to make it easier to use and to up-date, and use E-mail to send reminders.
- The support of the community by continuing Buccaneer Days and Remembrance Day participation.
- The increase in Alumni membership.

Dave concluded this agenda item by extending thanks to Deborah Courville, her staff, the two school VPs, the school secretary, and school librarian, Geoff Orme, and asked that Deborah let them know their help is greatly appreciated.

### **6. Treasurer's Report.**

Bryan Mee, on behalf of Treasurer Myrna Bennett who is ill, displayed overheads of the handouts provided at the door as follows:

- Nov. 1, 2007 to Oct. 31, 2008 Financial Statement, indicating the funds in the three separate accounts used by the association, these being the bank account (\$2,088.92), the school account (\$44.58) and the investment account (\$13,503.45). It was moved by Art Gamble, seconded by Wes Umphrey that the Financial Statement be accepted. Carried.
- Nov. 1, 2008 to Oct. 31, 2009 Budget indicating anticipated revenue of \$500 and anticipated Expenses of \$950 plus estimated interest in the investment account of \$1,000 and the award of \$1,000 scholarship for a net change in that account of zero. It was moved by Bran Mee, seconded by Bill Emery, that the Budget be approved. Carried.
- 2007/08 Audit. It was moved by Wes Umphrey, seconded by Shirley Anderson, that the Audit Report be accepted. Carried.

### **7. 2008 Scholarship Recipient.**

Helen Money reported on the award of the \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship for 2008 to Rose Jang and listed her many achievements while she attended Esquimalt High. She was in the French Immersion and the 4C programmes, worked on the Year Book, played in the Jazz Band, was a member of Interact and Amnesty International, received the Kiwanis Cup and was on the Honour Role. She also participated in several community activities and is now attending the University of Victoria.

### **8. Committee Reports.**

- 93<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary and Reunion. Wes named the committee members that are planning this function. It will be a good practice and prelude for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The committee is anticipating about 400 to 500 attendees. Letters will be sent out shortly to former students that attended EHS between 1933 and 1955, but all former students and

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staff are welcomed as are friends, relatives, neighbours and supporters of the school. Posters, newspaper ads, and web site announcements will be used to solicit attendance. Featured at the event will be the unveiling of the Role of Honour listing Esquimalt students who lost their lives in military service to the country during World Wars 1 and 2, the unveiling of a plaque listing the various locations that EHS has occupied, music by the EHS Jazz Band and by the Victoria Village Squires and others, the Power Point historical photo display, and door prizes. Wes also asked if anyone could supply missing annuals for the years 1944-45, 1945-46, 1948-49 and 1978-79. He would like to receive cheques in the amount of 12 dollars for registration for the reunion by January 3, 2009, and they should be made out to either the alumni association or to the school. Net proceeds will go to the Theatre Refurbishing Fund.

- Theatre Fund Raising. Dave named the six-member committee working on this project and called for additional volunteers. He used an overhead to display a draft budget for the project. The project is anticipated to raise at least \$20,000. Revenues come from private donations (strong support is expected from Alumni members), fundraising, business and municipality donations, and service club support. Expenses are for advertising, printing and mailing, the repair of the theatre seats, replacement of the theatre carpet, upgrading of the theatre sound system and other refurbishing within the theatre. If a 2008 tax receipt is wanted he said donations should be sent in by December 15. Until the new society is in place cheques should be made out to “The Greater Victoria School District” and marked “For EHS Theatre Fund.

### **9. Election of Directors.**

Bryan Mee described the overlapping two-year terms for directors, referred to the nominations of the nominating committee and announced the following nominations.

- Secretary (2 years), John Carmichael nominated, no further nominations, declared elected.
- Director of Communications (1 year left), no nomination from the committee, called for nominations from the floor, received nomination for Sarah Darling, no other nominations, declared elected.
- Director of Reunions (2 years), Wes Umphrey nominated, no further nominations, declared elected.
- Director of Heritage (2 years), no nomination from the committee, called for nominations from the floor, none received. Position will be filled by the Directors at a later date.
- Director at Large (2 years), George Copley nominated, no further nominations, declared elected.
- Director at Large (2 years), Helen Money nominated, no further nominations, declared elected.
- Director at Large (2 years), Dale Wood nominated, no further nominations, declared elected.
- The other 5 directors still have one more year to serve.

As a conclusion to this election Bryan thanked the attendees for their participation and asked all of the directors elected to stand and be recognized.

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### **10. Closing Remarks.**

The President, Dave Allen, thanked those attending for their support and said that that support is essential to the work of the association. He suggested that attendees share with other EHS friends how important this work is and encourage their participation. Our association expects to give the school more support in the coming years toward continuing the school's high reputation. He then explained the need for a second meeting immediately following this one to establish the new "Esquimalt High School Advancement of Education Funding Society" and asked attendees to stay for it. He then adjourned the meeting of the Esquimalt High School Alumni Association.