

# **ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting  
Held at 6:45 pm, Monday, 15 November, 2010  
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. Both before and after the meeting Ron Berod provided entertaining background music in the foyer. In the auditorium prior to the meeting attendees were entertained by a three-member combo from the EHS Jazz Club followed by The Village Squires quartet singing old favourites.

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

Bryan Mee, the moderator for the meetings, thanked the trio and the quartet for their entertainment. He mentioned that the Alumni Association was planning an entertainment night featuring the Village Squires for April 29. He then called the meeting to order at 7:15.

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

Bryan introduced the EHS Principal, Colin Roberts, who welcomed that attendees to the school and thanked the Alumni Association for its many contributions.

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

Bryan explained that two separate meetings would be held, the first of the EHS Alumni Association and following that a second meeting of the Advancement of Education Funding Society. He then asked for any additions or changes to the Alumni Association meeting agenda that was included in the recent mail-out to members. There being none the agenda was accepted.

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

Copies of the minutes from the 2009 AGM were provided to attendees. The Secretary, John Carmichael, moved that these minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and the members in attendance voted to accept the motion.

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

President, Wes Umphrey, outlined some of the accomplishments of the Alumni Association during the past year. On Remembrance Day Alumni Association member Barb Jones and recent graduate Ariel Hanson laid a wreath at the Esquimalt Cenotaph on behalf of the Alumni and the School. The Association put on a variety show to raise funds, provided two \$500 scholarships to deserving students, arranged for and sold T-shirts promoting EHS, provided support for class reunions and arranging for any excess funds they might have to be donated to the Alumni Association, saw the membership increase to about 500 members, set up and staffed a booth at Buccaneer Days, contributed to the EHS Leadership Class project of providing trees for planting along the east and south side of the sports field, began planning for the April 29 Variety Show, and enhanced the Alumni web page. He then described two projects requiring alumni volunteers. One is to organize and make an inventory of the school's archives and the other is to

organize and make an inventory of the school's stock of drama costumes. He then introduced Sheri Robinson and asked her to talk about the Esquimalt Municipality Centennial project being planned for 2012. Sheri described a project being planned to recognize the centennial. It is the replacement of the walkway around the Cenotaph and Memorial Park. The Municipality is selling commemorative pavement bricks for the walkway. Each will bear the individual or family name specified by its donor.

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

On behalf of the Association's Treasurer, Myrna Bennett, Bryan Mee presented the 2009/10 Financial Statement and audit certificate. Paul Wickens assisted by projecting the documents on a screen and reading from them. The documents are attached to these minutes for reference.

It was explained that the Association uses three separate accounts. One is a School Office account for short-term transactions. The second is a Coast Capital account for longer term use and finally there is the Scholarship Account kept by the School Board where the funds gain a good rate of interest.

Next, the budget for the coming year and the auditor's report were presented in the same manner. Copies are attached. At the end of these financial presentations Bryan made the following motions:

1. Move that the Oct. 31, 2010, Financial Statement be received and recorded in the minutes.
2. Move that the financial review and audit report by Bill Emery be accepted.
3. Move that the proposed budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year be approved.
4. Move that Bill Emery be appointed as auditor for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.
5. Move that the Association approve the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as signing officers (any 2 of 4 signatures required) of the Association and that the Association continue to use Coast Capital Savings for banking.

Each motion was duly seconded, put to a vote and carried.

#### **7. 2010 Scholarship Recipients.**

Helen Money reported on the award of two separate \$500 Alumni Scholarships for 2010, one to Vincent Hanlon, and the other to Stephanie Johansen. She outlined the accomplishments of these two outstanding students.

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

- **Membership:** Dave Allen reviewed the progress on membership growth. Membership has grown from about 200 in 2005 to about 500 this year. Many are from the earlier graduating years. He will focus on recruiting the more recent graduates as an opportunity for membership growth. The graduating classes are now numbering between about 160 to 200 students. He has set a target of 1,100 to 1,200 total memberships for the year 2012 and encouraged existing members to try to get their EHS friends and acquaintances to sign up. He also encouraged members to get involved in our alumni groups that are focused on special projects such as increasing membership and school archive and drama costume organization an inventorying.
- **Fundraising 2009/2010.** Dave reported that about \$2,900 had been raised by donations

and about \$2,500 from the spring Variety Show. Funds were used to improve the auditorium by repairing the seats, replacing the carpet, and improving the sound system. In addition a donation was made to the school's Leadership Class for its ongoing project of planting trees to enhance the school boundary. Anyone wishing to join the Alumni Association or make a donation was encouraged to visit the membership table in the foyer after the meeting.

### **9. Election of Officers.**

Bryan reported that seven of the 12 Director positions have another year to run. They are **President**, Wes Umphrey, **Vice President**, Paul Wickens, **Treasurer**, Myrna Bennett, **Membership**, Dave Allen, **Communications**, Sara Darling, and **two Director's-at-Large**, Janet Howard and Bryan Mee. Brian also reported that Sara wished to resign her position as Communications Director and also that the Directors had decided to add one additional Director at Large. This leaves the following positions to be filled. The Nominating Committee's recommendation is added where available.

Reunions. Cathy Praud

Secretary. John Carmichael

Heritage.

Communications. Louise Muir

Director at Large. George Copely

Director at Large. Helen Money

Director at Large. Dale Wood

Nominations for each of these positions were requested from the membership. There were no other nominations for the positions that had a Nominating Committee nomination and those people were elected by a vote of the members present. There being no nominations for the Director of Heritage nor for the 6<sup>th</sup> Director-at-Large, the Executive will seek candidates to fill these vacancies.

### **10. Adjourn.**

Bryan called for any further business. There being none he moved that the meeting be adjourned and the motion was carried.