

ESQUIMALT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 2011 Annual General Meeting
Held at 6:45 pm, Monday, 14 November, 2011
In the EHS Theatre, 847 Colville Road, in Esquimalt.

Doors to the auditorium opened at 6:15 pm and prior to the meeting light refreshments were provided by the students from the school's Chef Training Programme. The school's 4-piece Jazz Combo and vocalist played old favourites on the theatre stage for the enjoyment of the alumni. In the foyer there was a new photographic display depicting EHS history, a loose-leaf with photos and information about the alumni and school participation in Remembrance Day ceremonies, and offered for sale were EHS T-shirts and Dockers scarves.

1. Call to Order at 7:00. Gary Moser, moderator for the meeting, called the meeting to order and thanked the Jazz Combo and the students from the Chef Training Programme for their contribution to the evening. He went on to describe the work of the Alumni Association and the bargain you get for your lifetime \$10 membership.

2. Welcome from School. Colin Roberts, in his third year as EHS Principal, welcomed the attendees to the school and expressed appreciation for the Alumni Association and for those attending the AGM. He said that although times have changes since the early EHS days the students still have the same spirit that existed then.

3. Approval of Agenda. Gary explained the legal requirements for maintaining our status under the government regulations. This AGM and its agenda will fulfill these requirements. The agenda was approved as distributed.

4. Approval of Minutes from 2010 AGM. The Secretary, John Carmichael, referred to the minutes of the AGM held on November 15, 2010, copies of which were available previous to the meeting in the foyer, and moved that they be adopted. The motion was seconded by Bryan Mee and was carried.

5. Scholarship Recipients. Gary Moser referred to the long history of EHS graduates, many of whom have gone on to fill key positions in our society. He then called on in turn two recent grad students to be recognized and receive their Alumni Scholarship cheques. The first was Carly Bamford who is now at UVic taking chemistry and math. During her time at EHS she was in the French Immersion programme and a member of several clubs including the Grad Committee, the Political Club, the Outdoor Club, the Sierra Club, the Western Wilderness Committee, and spent 6 weeks in Quebec for the YWCA. The second was Robin Wiggen who is also attending UVic now and taking biology and math. She is a member of the Grad Challenge program, and is also in French Immersion. She was a member of the Political club, was active on the Tree Committee, took part in workshops on the environment, was a counselor at Camp Thunderbird, was on the rowing team and is a life guard.

6. President's Report. Wes Umphrey made reference to the AGM invitation letter sent to Alumni in which the year's activities were outlined. He named and thanked those who attended our

display desk at the Buccaneer Days in June, and those who attended the October 8 Esquimalt Centennial kick-off function. He encouraged the attendees to view the new display and binders in the foyer. These have been prepared to highlight the history of Esquimalt and area schools, and some of the Alumni activities. The Association is also working to combine and catalogue the archives of the school and the Association. Next year the Esquimalt Municipality is celebrating its centennial and the Alumni Association is participating in the planning of the events. One of these will be a two-day reunion of all former EHS students and staff to be held on May 25 and 26.

7. Treasurer's Report. Dave Allen gave thanks to Wes Umphrey for his work during the year on several of the Association's projects. He then used a computer projector to display the pages of the treasurer's report prepared by our Treasurer, Myrna Bennett, who was unable to attend.

2010/11 Financial Statement and Audit. The statement for the current financial year detailed revenues of \$1,614.55 and expenses of \$1,976.94 reducing the Association's account balance from \$2,492.34 to \$2,129.95. The financial statement has been audited by William Emery who provided his written statement to say that he found it to be accurate and truthful.

2011/12 Budget, Signing Officers, and Auditors. A budget was provided detailing anticipated revenue of \$1,950.00 and anticipated expenses of \$2,050 leaving the balance at fiscal year-end, 2012, of \$2,029.00.

On behalf of the Treasurer, Dave presented and moved 5 motions for approval by the attending members. Each was seconded, put to a vote, and carried. The motions and their seconders were as follows.

1. Move that the Oct. 31, 2011 Financial Statement be received and recorded in minutes. Barry Scot seconded.
2. Move that the financial review and audit report by Bill Emery be accepted. Bryan Mee seconded.
3. Move that the proposed budget for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year be approved. Barb Jones seconded.
4. Move that the Association Executive be authorized to appoint the auditor for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year. Bryan Mee seconded.
5. Move that the society approve the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as signing officers (any 2 of 4 signatures required) of the society and the society continue to use Coast Capital for banking. Ryan Richard seconded.

8. Director Reports.

Membership. Dave reported that the Association now has 519 active members. This is an increase of about 130 over the last three years. Then he talked about two commercial alumni web pages which could be causing confusion to members and potential members. They are Alumniclass.com and Classmates.com (they may now be merging into a single business). Although they can be a useful source of reunion information they also charge \$10 for membership and sell various items with school information on them (for example they have used the EHS school team name, the Dockers). They have a list of about 4,000 former students from EHS and it is apparent that some of these people are not aware that they are listed or have joined the organization and not the Alumni Association (to be sure, look for the word "Association" which we use and which for legal reasons they can't use). They do not provide any funds to the school or our organization. Our web site is kept as a link on the school's web site to make it secure. It is still a work in progress. Dave asked people to spread the word about the difference between these commercial businesses and our Association.

Fundraising 2011/2012. Dave reported that there is almost \$18,000 in the Scholarship fund and details will be provided in the EHS Advancement of Education Funding Society meeting directly following this meeting. The Association will continue to ask for donations and raise funds for its scholarships and a set of choir risers.

Reunion Connected to Esquimalt Municipality's 100th Anniversary. Wes said a big reunion for all former EHS students and staff will be held on May 25 and 26, 2012, in recognition of the Esquimalt Municipality Centennial. About 750 people are expected to attend our two-night event. The first night will be on May 25 and includes a welcome, and available wine and cheese. The second night on May 26 will feature a dinner at the Esquimalt Curling Rink and include music, performing arts, the municipality's centennial slide show, items for sale and various displays. He called on members to volunteer to help with the planning and preparation for this event.

9. Election of Officers. John Carmichael described the 14 director membership positions and their two-year term. Meetings have been held 4 times a year. A nominating committee had been convened to provide nominations for the open positions. He then provided the nominating committee recommendation for each of the positions open at this time and called for further nominations from the floor. The results are listed below.

Membership Director. Committee nomination, Myrna Bennett, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

Heritage Director. No nomination by either the nominating committee or from the floor. Position left vacant for the Directors to make a later appointment.

Treasurer. Committee nomination, Bill Emery, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

First Director-at-Large. Committee nomination, David Allen, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

Second Director-at-Large. Committee nomination, Bryan Mee, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

Communications Director. Gary Moser has been filling this position on a temporary basis after the resignation of the incumbent and the committee nominated him for the next term, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

President. Committee nomination, Wes Umphrey for a second term, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

Vice President. Committee nomination, Paul Wickens for a second term, no further nominations, declared elected by acclamation.

Third Director-at-Large. No nomination by either the nominating committee or from the floor. Position left vacant for the Directors to make a later appointment.

10. Closing Remarks/ Adjournment. Gary Moser encouraged attendees to pick up some blank membership application forms and offer them to EHS grads that they know. He then thanked those who had attended for their participation and adjourned the meeting.